



Newsletter ~ December 2021

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Learning together, succeeding together

Dear Parents and Carers

This term has been so busy with a real buzz around the classrooms as children continue to enjoy their learning across the curriculum. There has been a strong focus across the school on reading, talking and kindness as we support pupils' development. As we learn from the knowledge rich curriculum, we find our pupils are keen to share their new found knowledge with anyone who will listen. So please take a look at the Knowledge Organisers on our websites and chat with your child about their learning and new vocabulary from this term. Areas of knowledge have been based on Diwali, weather and Guy Fawkes in EYFS, animals and their habitats, as well as discovering history in King's Lynn in KS1. Knowledge in KS2 has included, comparing locations around the world, the birth of the British Empire and the water cycle in science.

Our parent workshops on Fridays have continued this half term and have included Reading for Pleasure and Maths Mastery! Presentations are now on the school website so please take a look if you couldn't attend. Please remember to support your child with daily reading. This goes a long way!

The children have enjoyed a fantastic workshop with Classical Music Rocks this half term. Oak Class visited True's Yard and had a visit from Zoo Lab! Birch Class also visited Peterborough Mosque. Our Junior Leaders helped us learn about kindness during Anti Bullying Week and about UK Parliament Week. The children were also thrilled to dress up for Children In Need and with your generous donations we managed to raise £62.00 for this worthy cause.

So as we get closer to Christmas we are starting to feel the magic with the arrival of a beautiful tree ready for decoration. Each class will prepare and share a video of Christmas messages for you at home. These will go on Class Dojo and the website before the end of term.

Enjoy a well-deserved Christmas break and we cross fingers that we can look forward to welcoming you back into school in 2022!

Louise Jackson, Emma Hunt & Clare Enters



Lunch Menu

The winter menu is now on our website.

Vegan, Gluten/Dairy/Egg-free versions available on request. <https://www.snettishamprimary.co.uk>

Not bookable online



Term Dates:

Please note that our term dates are not the same as those published by Norfolk County Council.

Please see our website for further information.

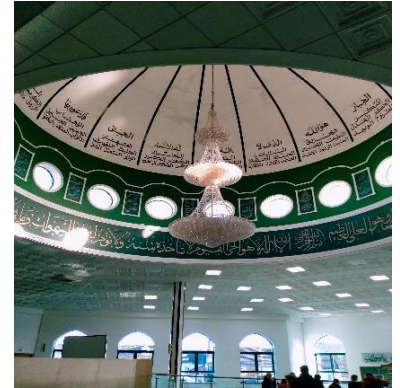
Last day of Term is Fri 17/12/21.

Children return on Wed 05/01/22.

Our Learning

Birch Class

We have been incredibly proud of the progress and resilience shown in Birch Class – especially during assessment week! A huge well done to all of them! We started the half term with UK Parliament week - we held a class debate and had a really informative and interesting Q&A session with our local MP, James Wild. From then on, our term has been jam-packed with learning; from the British Empire (we were extra fascinated by the fact that this week Barbados left its colonial past behind – living history!); to the mountain ranges of the world; to Africa and the Benin plaques, to fractions every which way; to atoms and molecules; to the magical portal of Narnia and finally a trip to the beautiful mosque in Peterborough – Phew! it really has been amazing! And all in time for Christmas!



Ash Class

Amazing Ash class are shining through the glum weather by completing a week of assessments to then round off their term with: a geography travel guide on Western Europe, a historical fact file on Ancient Greece (about philosophers and Alexander the Great), a scientific understanding of the water cycle, some rumblings in French, sewing a felted purse - using incredible running, back and over stitch, celebrating Jesus' birth in RE. Year 4 have been incredible picking up a new instrument and working well together in Recorders. Not to mention the times table knowledge in maths and writing their own wishing tale in English. Many cheeky Elf on the Shelf have appeared in their stories!



Our Learning (cont'd)

Oak Class

Oak class has been very busy this half term. In English the children have been learning how to write an information text and been finding out lots of fun facts about the North and South Pole. In maths Year 2 have been looking at money, multiplication and division. Year 1 shape and numbers to 20 and how they can successfully add and subtract.

In Science we have been learning all about animals and their needs. We were very lucky to have a visit from Zoolab. Chris brought in rats, snakes and even a tarantula for us to explore!. In Art we have been learning about different paintings and how artists have different styles. The children enjoyed creating their own cubism picture with their faces.

In history the children have been finding out about the past. They had great fun visiting Trues Yard and finding out all about Kings Lynn from a long time ago.

The standard of work continues to be high and I am extremely proud of you all!

Oak wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to even more fantastic learning in the new year.



Willow Class

Willow class have had a busy half term focusing on 'Light and Celebrations'. We have learnt about different types of weather, why we have day and night, the Hindu festival 'Diwali' and why we celebrate Bonfire Night. We carried out science investigations to test out materials for Teddy's new raincoat and also to find him a material for his new curtains that would block the light! We have been working hard with our phonics and know lots of our sounds. In maths we have been identifying one more and one less than a number and beginning to record our number sentences! We are excited for our last two weeks with a focus on Christmas!!



Sporting Events

Mrs. Wing wanted to congratulate all those that participated in the Cross Country Finals at Lynnsport. They did an amazing job running in the cold weather.



2021/2022

20/12/21 – Christmas Holiday (children return 5/1/22)

09/02/22 – Tag Rugby Y56 @ WNRFC

14/02/22 – Half-Term (children return 21/2/22)

01/03/21 – Kingswood Final balance payable in full

29/03/22 – Netball Y34 @ KES

31/03/22 – Tri-Golf @ HJS

04/04/22 – Easter Holiday (children return 20/4/22)

18/05/22 – Y56 Kingswood 3-day Residential Trip



West Norfolk Academies Trust is on easyfundraising. If you would like to help raise funds for the schools across the trust, every time you shop online, please take a look on

easyfundraising.com

Twitter Please follow us on twitter as we are using that social media platform more regularly than facebook



Health Support & Advice
for children and young people
<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>
0300 300 0123

This is a very helpful service provided by NHS and Norfolk Children's Services. If you need help and support with anything from pregnancy to child anxiety, child development and additional needs, Covid FAQ. Please visit the website or give them a call for support.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The school continues to encourage thorough hand washing and follows the guidelines laid out by Public Health England for schools.

The Government currently advises to self-isolate (stay at home) and **book a PCR test** if you have a 'new' persistent cough, a temperature or a loss of smell/taste. Lateral Flow Tests are for asymptomatic testing.

Please refer to the government website for the latest advice and updates

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>



We continue to use Class Dojo as our main communication tool to keep you informed and post homework etc. - it has proved to be very successful. If you would like a second parent to have access, please email their name along with their email address to office@snettishamprimary.co.uk and we will add them to your child's account. Please let us know if you have any problems connecting to ClassDojo.

School Events



CHRISTMAS LUNCH – WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER

The date to book a Christmas Lunch has now passed. If you did not book, please send a packed lunch with your child on this day as there are no other meals available to book on the day. Please wear non-uniform with a Christmas theme.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for your donations, we raised £62.00

Term Dates 2021-2022 – Trust Primary Schools



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If you have a matter you wish to discuss with our Headteacher Ms Jackson, or our Deputy Head, Mrs Hunt, please make a telephone or Zoom appointment with Mrs Rose in the school office and we will be very happy to chat to you. We want everyone to feel welcome in our school and also to ensure that the children's safety, learning and happiness are always our priority. 😊

Free School Meal Vouchers

If you are entitled to FSM, your vouchers will be issued for the Christmas holiday. Please check your inbox/spam as they will be emailed directly from Edenred. Many thanks!

Have your circumstances changed recently?

You may be eligible for Free School Meals.

The school receives funding for each child who comes under Pupil Premium (including free school meals), so it is worth applying even if you don't have school meals!! You can apply online

<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx/>

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk?fbclid=IwAR181hWbnsrWnVeC-KZ31j-HfjFmGLwKL7zsv9QVbkEfY1uKETvz0cDSIcQ>

Don't forget to let us know if any of your contact numbers or addresses change during the holidays. Please inform Vickie Rose or Claire Mann in the office, (office@snettishamprimary.co.uk) if your emergency contact information changes or if either parent moves house or changes phone numbers. It is very important that we are able to contact someone in case of an emergency.



Friends of SPS (PTA) NEWS

Christmas raffle on 14th December

Christmas disco on 16th December - £2.50, tickets can still be bought

Big thank you to the original factory shop
They gave us a cheque for £208.92

We made £62 from Fabulous Friday
Thank you everyone for your support.

Everyone can support the school further by buying a weekly ticket on Your school lottery

Rebecca Chilvers, Chair of PTA



WINTER COLOURING PAGE



MERRY CHRISTMAS



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PRESENTS
CHRISTMAS TREE
TOYS
STOCKING
SNOWMAN
CANDY CANE
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Christmas Rocky Road

Method

STEP 1

Butter and line a 20cm square tin, or use a 20cm square silicone mould. Break the biscuits into pieces – they need to be no smaller than a pea, but not too chunky or your rocky road won't hold together.

STEP 2

Halve any larger nuts either by snapping them or carefully cutting with a [knife](#), then combine them with the biscuits. Halve any large pieces of dried fruit and chop or snap sweets into smaller pieces, then add these to the bowl.

STEP 3

Melt 300g of the chocolate, the butter and the golden syrup carefully in a pan set over a low heat, stirring occasionally, then pour this over the biscuit and nut mixture and mix together so the chocolate covers everything.

STEP 4

Tip the mixture into the tin, then level the top – it doesn't need to be completely smooth. Melt the remaining chocolate in the [microwave](#) in short blasts, or in a heatproof bowl over a small pan of simmering water, then drizzle this over the top and sprinkle with the decorations. Chill for at least 3 hrs or overnight before cutting into squares. *Will keep in the fridge for three to four days.*

Ingredients

100g butter , cut into cubes, plus extra for the tin

250g Christmas biscuits , such as shortbread or chocolate biscuits

75g shelled nuts (use up a bag of whole nuts, or bits and bobs from the baking cupboard)

100g mixed dried fruit (such as raisins, cherries or glacé ginger)

75g Christmas sweets (candy canes, marshmallows or jelly sweets)

400g milk or plain chocolate (or a mixture of both), chopped

140g golden syrup (weigh this straight into the pan you will use for melting)

2 tbsp sprinkles , or more sweets, to decorate