



Newsletter

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Class 2 meet the Queen!

Much excitement was evident in Class 2 last week as they held a tea party to entertain Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen, in attendance, expected the highest standards of behaviour and politeness, and in preparation, Class 2 had practised their bowing and curtsying, polite conversation and the correct way to address Her Majesty.

Their current project is *Bright Lights, Big City* and they have been learning about the royal family, so it was particularly appropriate that Her Majesty should choose to drop by. I think she was impressed by the jam sandwiches the class had prepared. Thank you Ma'am.



An inspector calls...

Last week was busier than expected when we received the call on Tuesday that our Ofsted Inspection would be on the Wednesday and Thursday of that week.

With such little notice, we were really pleased that there were 50 responses to the ParentView survey of parents between our email going out in the afternoon and the following morning. This is a high level of response, comparatively, and I'd like to thank you for acting so promptly, as the information forms an important part of the inspection process.

Inspections are moderated rigorously by Ofsted to ensure that they are consistent between

schools and so I am unable to share any outcomes with you until the report is published in a few weeks' time.

Once we have a final report we will automatically send you all a copy.

School Values

As part of our work to embed our school values of care, ambition, determination, teamwork and confidence, there will be a day of team building activities organised through the School Sports' Partnership on **Monday 13th November**.

Children will need their PE kit on the day and we are hoping to be outside (weather permitting) so a warm jumper and jogging bottoms might be a useful addition to the week's PE kit.

Coffee Morning

You are all invited to stay for coffee in our school hall on Thursday morning (16th) next week after dropping off your children.

There will be an opportunity to meet PTFA members, but it isn't a fund raiser. We would like to simply extend a welcome to all our families, a thank you for all your support, and provide an opportunity for you meet and socialise with different people. I shall be there too, in case you have any questions or suggestions to improve our school.

Reminders

- Children need PE kit and warm clothes on Monday for a team building day.
- There is a PTFA Coffee Morning after drop-off on Thursday 16th November.
- The school library will be open after school on Thursday 16th November for children to change books with their families from 3pm – 4pm.
- There will be a cake sale after school on Friday 17th November in aid of Children in Need.
- Reception and Year 4 Flu Vaccinations are on Friday 17th November – if you haven't returned the form yet, please can we have these on Monday.

Open Evening

We will be holding an Open Evening for parents, prospective parents and members of the wider community on **Thursday 30th November** from **6pm to 7.30pm**. If you don't get into school very often, perhaps this would be a good opportunity to see the sorts of things that are happening in school at the moment. Please feel free to invite neighbours and friends to come along too.

Open Library

Mrs Anderson, one of our parent volunteer librarians, will be opening the school library on **Thursday 16th November** from **3pm to around 4pm**. Although children have a library session each week, this is a great opportunity to help your child change their library books together and see the range of books available in our school library. Thank you to Mrs Anderson for giving up her time in this way (and our other volunteer librarians too!).

Congratulations to...

- Holly (Class 4), who has moved from Brownies to Guides and got her new uniform this week.
- Charlie (Class 3) for winning player of the week with Norwich FC after only 6 weeks.
- Aston (Class 4) for his Level 4 Swimming Certificate presented in assembly this morning
- All of Year 6 for undertaking their Bikeability training this week. They had their badges and certificates presented in assembly this morning.

With best wishes,
Mr Philip Atkin
Headteacher

Children in Need

I have been speaking with School Council representatives about the charities that they would like to support this year and they have made a selection of local charities which they would like the school to fundraise for over the course of the whole year.



They would also like to fundraise for Children in Need next Friday, but thought a cake sale would be a good idea, rather than dressing up. Therefore, School Council children will be selling cakes at the end of the school day next Friday. Please can I ask you to bring a little change with you when you come to collect your children.

If your children go home by themselves, or use the school bus and you would like to send them with some change on Friday morning, please put this in a sealed, named envelope which teachers will collect to keep safe for the day.

If anyone is able to donate cakes for either the PTFA Coffee Morning, or the Children in Need cake sale, please send these to school on Thursday 16th November or Friday 17th November.

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 16th November, 8.40am	PTFA Coffee Morning
Friday 17th November, 3.00pm	Children in Need Cake Sale NEW
Tuesday 21st November, 7pm	Safer Internet Workshop
Wednesday 29th November	Class 1 visit to Royston Fire Station NEW
Wednesday 29th November, 7pm	PTFA Meeting
Thursday 30th November, 6pm – 7.30pm	Open Evening NEW Everyone welcome!
Friday 1st December, 8pm	PTFA Wine Tasting
Monday 4th December	Class 3 visit to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village NEW
Friday 8th December, 9.30am	KS1 and EYFS Production
Sunday 10th December, 2pm – 4.30pm	PTFA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 14th December	Whole-School Panto Visit
Friday 15th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 19th December	Last day of term
Wednesday 3rd January	INSET Day – School Closed
Thursday 4th January	First day of Spring Term