



# Friday Bulletin

14th  
December  
2018



Celebration Awards go to children who have been:  
**Reflective; Resourceful; Resilient; Collaborative; Creative and Curious**



We didn't hold a Celebration Assembly today due to the Christmas play later on. We will roll over and celebrate everyone's success on January 11<sup>th</sup> 2019.

## School Attendance by Class

(Our whole school target for 2018-19 is 97%)

Flamingos 93.1% Kingfishers 95.5% Jackdaws 94.6% Hummingbirds 92.8%

Whole School Attendance this week is **94%**

**Farewell Mrs Cox** All the staff and children would like to extend their thanks and best wishes to Mrs Cox who will be leaving us on Monday. However, she will be returning in due course as a supply teacher as and when we need her.

**Afterschool Club** There will be no paid afterschool club on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**Christmas School Lunch** Every year we join together as a school community to prepare a special Christmas Lunch. On this day, everyone in school will have a hot lunch; there will be no packed lunches. During the morning, your child will prepare his/her own vegetables and make a party hat and a personalised place mat, ready for the meal.

It is a very special morning in school and the classrooms always reverberate with the happy sounds of children's laughter and Christmas Carols. Please send your child into school on the 17<sup>th</sup> December with as many potatoes and vegetables as they would like to eat. Please also send in a clearly named potato peeler for use during the preparations; this should be handed to the class teacher for safekeeping first thing in the morning. School will provide the turkey, crackers, desserts and drinks. The cost is £2.20 per head as normal; there will be no charge for those receiving universal free school meals or free school meals.

School lunch will be followed by class parties. CD's of favourite music are welcomed; these should be clearly named and handed to the class teacher for safekeeping. Please note, the school is unable to accept responsibility for these items unless the aforementioned procedures are followed.

**Christmas Jumper Day** We will be participating in the Christmas Jumper Day on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December to raise funds for Save the Children. Please send in a £1.00 donation on the day in exchange for Christmas jumper themed non uniform.

**ParentMail Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs** are extremely popular, from January 2019; numbers will be limited to 20 places for both Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club for health and safety reasons. Please use Parentmail to book and pay for the sessions you need for breakfast club. Please complete the form from the office for afterschool club, detailing which dates and the times needed and return to the office for processing. You will be invoiced via Parentmail for the sessions. Those of you wishing to pay via childcare voucher this functionality still exists, please ask the office for more information.

If you are using the £1.00 breakfast club from 8.25 a.m. to 8.35 a.m. you must pay the £1.00 cash on the day. This will not be payable through ParentMail.

If you are experiencing problems with ParentMail, please contact the Office.

Hilltop Residential 2019 Year 5/6 - Please note that payments of any amount can be made at any time through ParentMail.

**Banking** we would just like to apologise for the delay in banking some of your cheques and for the timing of which to be so close to Christmas, I can understand how frustrating this is for you. One of the main reasons for the school purchasing ParentMail was so that we could become, as far as possible, a cashless school. Banking procedures as dictated by Norfolk County Council are somewhat challenging for a small school, for example, only people with business use insurance for their car are allowed to bank, any amount over £500 needs two people to take it to the bank, ideally you shouldn't go on the same day each week, or use the same bag... With these factors in mind it can be very difficult to get to the bank weekly as it would mean both myself and a member of the office will be out of school, which means the desk is unmanned. These factors coupled with my absence this half term has meant banking hasn't happened. Please continue to persevere with ParentMail, we are very aware that it is not working as we want it to but we will get there!

**Christmas Fair** An enormous THANK YOU to everyone for the tremendous support we received on Saturday at the Christmas Fayre. Special thanks go to the Friends for all the hard work which went into making the day so successful and to the children, families and staff who gave so generously of their time to help. Before expenses a tremendous amount of £1428 was taken. A great big thank you to everyone and especially the volunteers (including children) who helped us run stalls on the day. And a huge thanks to the Hummingbirds who raised over £37 on their stalls which is such a great effort and achievement.

**Christingle** The whole school attended the Christingle Service at Bawburgh Church on Thursday. The children had made their own Christingle in school and learnt about the symbolism of a Christingle. The orange represents the world, the red ribbon - the love and blood of Christ, the sweets - a symbol of God's creations, the lit candle symbolises Jesus, the light of the world.

**Bag2School** This is an opportunity to clear out your clutter and raise funds for the School. Bags will be issued in the Spring Term and can be brought into School from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January. They will accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE: Men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), handbags, hats, bags,

scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, household curtains, household towels, household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers). They **DO NOT** accept: Duvets and blankets, pillows and cushions, carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats), soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, School uniforms with and without logo, corporate clothing and workwear, textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

**Happy Christmas** The staff and I hope you have a wonderful Christmas holiday with your children and wish you all the best for 2019. Thank you for your support in 2018.

**Congratulations** to Mia Clarke who has achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award for Level 2. Well done Mia.

**Whole School Raffle** The Friends' will be holding a whole school Christmas chocolate raffle on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets will cost 50p. If your child wishes to purchase a ticket, could they bring the money in a named envelope. The tickets will be drawn after lunch on Monday.

**Head Lice** Cases of head lice have been reported in school. Please check your child regularly so we can eliminate these unwelcome visitors. Long hair should be tied up during the school day.

### **Dates for your Diary and Reminders**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December - School Open

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - School Closed

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - School Open for the Spring term

8<sup>th</sup> January - Open Tray morning

9<sup>th</sup> January - Years 3 and 4 swimming

Bag2School collection 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019