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# St John's Community Primary School and Nursery



## Monthly Newsletter November 2020

Dear Parents,

As we find ourselves in a second National Lockdown I want to thank you for your support and understanding during this time. Everyone has played a vital role in keeping our school as safe as possible and our community also. I recognise the wearing of face masks is now 'normal' for many but I do appreciate everyone doing as asked - it helps to make everyone feel a little safer.

We recognise this year is unusual and we cannot do some of our usual seasonal activities, however we have been working hard to plan some different Christmas treats and surprises both for the children and for everyone at home. All activities offered will be Covid risk-assessed and we will not offer anything that will place pupils or staff at risk; however we feel this year, more than ever, a bit of Christmas cheer is needed. Watch this space for updates and news.

Our amazing PTA have arranged the installation of a super large outdoor learning space in the woods that will eventually be used by all children in school during Forest School sessions. Currently Reception and Nursery children are loving it, so a massive thank you to the PTA for all of their hard work with this venture.

I am delighted to announce that we appointed Mrs Michelle Ratcliffe to the post of Inclusion and wellbeing mentor from the 7<sup>th</sup> December. Mrs Ratcliffe has a wealth of experience working with children and families and I have no doubt that she will be an asset to our team. I look forward to being able to introduce her to you once she has formally started with us in December. Details about her role and how to contact her will follow once she is in post.

Please can I remind everyone that communications will be mainly sent home via email or text. Please ensure you check your emails and texts daily so you are aware of any changes that may occur.

Despite the restrictions in place classrooms and learning spaces are looking really super in school. Please do keep checking the school website as pictures will be posted over the next few weeks sharing what we have been doing.

With warmest wishes

Rebecca Quinn

### Dates for your Diary

#### November

25th—Flu Vaccinations Years R—6

#### December

14th—Years R, 1 & 2 Christmas Lunch

15th—Years 3 & 4 Christmas Lunch

16th—Years 5 & 6 Christmas Lunch

18th—Christmas Jumper Day

18th—Last day of Term

#### January

4th—Children return to school

#### February

12th—Last day at school

15th—19th -Half Term

22nd—Children return to school

#### March

26th—Last day at school

29th—Easter Holidays

#### April

12th—Children return to school

## Swimming

Year 5 will continue to swim every week until **Monday 14th December**. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit, including a hat, a towel and a suitable coat to walk to and from Broadland High School for these sessions.



## Poppy Appeal Mufti Day

Monday 9th November

Thank you for all the donations on Monday 9th November. We raised a fantastic £240.00



This money will be divided equally between The Royal British Legion and School Funds.

## Children in Need

Friday 13th November

We have set up a just giving page for anyone to donate to this years Children in Need. Please follow the link to make a donation.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cin2020-0314863>



## Mini Nest Project at Norwich Castle Museum

This is some of the Mini Nest Project work which was displayed over the Half Term holiday at Norwich Castle Museum. Thank you to Bekah and Claire from The Nest Project for all their hard work. We look forward to working with them again in the New Year.



## Cross County Event

On Thursday 19th November Classes 1 - 6 will be taking part in a Cross-Country Event at St John's. Each class will participate in their class bubbles at an allotted time during the day. The times will then be entered into a virtual competition being run by Norwich Schools Sports Partnership. We will also use their times to have a virtual inter-school competition against Tunstead Primary with medals to be won. Please can all children come to school in their outdoor PE Kit including trainers for this event.



## Flu Vaccination

On Wednesday 25th November all pupils from Years R-6 who have given permission, will receive their Flu Immunisation in School. If you have not registered for your child and you would like them to be included, please call **0300 555 5055** by 17th November to register.

## Christmas Lunches

A letter has been sent home for your child to order their Christmas Lunch. Please complete the choices for all 3 days and hand back to Mrs Steele on the gate by Friday 27th November.

All lunches must be pre-ordered to enable the kitchen to order enough food.

If your child is in KS2 and pays for their meals please pay £2.30 by bank transfer to:

Account Name: Norfolk County Council St Johns C Primary School

Sort Code: 20-62-61

Account No: 80928259

## Christmas Jumper Day—Friday 18th December

On Friday 18th December we are having a Christmas Jumper Day at school for just a £1.00 donation. All money raised will go into School Funds. If you haven't got a Christmas jumper then you can still join in by decorating your own jumper with tinsel or Christmas pictures.

Please note: The rest of the children's clothes should be school uniform, this is not a casual clothes day. There will be a bucket on the gate for your donation.