



Aslacton Primary School - Newsletter Friday 30th November 2018

This term our Core Value is: Celebrate

In Owl class we have been looking at the changes in the seasons and have been thinking about what might happen in the Winter. In Kestrel class we have started writing poetry based on the story, Katie and the Starry Night. We have also planned our own puppet shows and designed puppets which we will be making next week. Eagles have been writing interview questions for our author visit next week and we have been converting decimal metric units in Maths .

Clubs

Please inform staff in advance if you are aware that your child will not be attending a club in a particular week. This will enable us to ensure that the club has enough participants to make it viable to run that week.

Mayan Hot Chocolate

Next week Eagle class will be preparing and tasting hot chocolate flavoured with chilli. The ingredients will be milk (a soya version will also be made), cocoa, ground cinnamon and a pinch of chilli. Please speak to the class teacher if your child has any allergies to these ingredients.

Christmas Tree Festival

We are once again entering a tree into the Long Stratton Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church. Our tree celebrates the carol 'While Shepherd's Watched their Flocks by Night'. We encourage you to go and visit and support this lovely event in our local parish church. The church is open between 11am and 5pm from 8th - 13th December.

Christmas Performances

We look forward to welcoming you next week to watch our performances and we politely ask that you do not bring younger siblings to the 6pm performance. If you would like to bring younger siblings to the dress rehearsal you are more than welcome to do so. We allow photography at performances but request that you only photograph your child and do not upload any photos or video to social media. Thank you for your support with this.

Please help your child to learn their lines for the play—please encourage them to say them loudly and slowly. Ask them to stand at the top of the stairs or in a different room and say them to you so that they get used to being heard and understood at a distance.

Sugar for Shelters

We are once again collecting sugar for the Sugar for Shelters campaign which supports the homeless and families in crisis across East Anglia. If you are able to donate a bag of sugar for this campaign, please bring it to the school office by 7th December.

Upcoming Dates:

Christmas Play— Dress rehearsal to the community 2pm 11th December

Performances 2pm and 6pm 13th December

Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 12th December—please return your order forms asap.

Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 14th December. School uniform with a Christmas jumper for a donation to charity.

Class Christmas parties: Monday 17th December.

Candlelight Carol Service: Tuesday 18th December at 9.15am in Church—all are welcome.

Autumn Term ends: Tuesday 18th December

Spring Term begins: Thursday 3rd January 2019

Whole school Pantomime trip: Monday 7th January.

Birthday Collective Worship:

To be held on Friday 7th December

We will celebrate all birthdays which fall between Sunday 2nd December and Saturday 8th December

SMILE: We aspire to unlock the full potential of every pupil by Stimulating, Motivating, Inspiring Learning and Enjoyment

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Archant— 'Books for Schools'

We currently have 440 tokens. We need at least 1000 tokens to get us £100 worth of books. Please help us to reach this target before December 12th.

Paving slabs

We are aware that there are some uneven paving slabs on the front path up to the main reception door. We have already engaged the services of our grounds people to assess and replace those that are uneven as soon as possible. In the meantime we ask that you and your children take extra care when walking up the path.

Pantomime

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the PTA last year we are able to take the whole school (oh yes we are!) to see the pantomime 'Aladdin' at the Theatre Royal in Norwich on Monday 7th January during the school day. Please watch out for a permission letter and more details in the next few weeks and return the forms asap as this trip is close to the start of the next term. Please note that all children will require a home packed lunch on this day.

EHCP Day

Do you have any questions about the support your child can/does receive for their Special Educational Needs or Disability (SEND)? Would you like more information about access to special educational needs support, Educational, health and Care Plans (EHCPs) and specialist educational provision?

Come and meet the Rebecca Mann, the Local Authority EHCP coordinator for Long Stratton cluster of schools. She will be available to meet parents in an open session at the Long Stratton Children's Centre on **Thursday 17th January 2019 between 9am and 11am.**

Please feel free to drop into the Long Stratton Children's Centre with any of your questions and she will be happy to answer them.

Author Visit next week

Author Mitch Johnson will be visiting Aslacton Primary School on Wednesday 5th December to talk to Eagle Class about his debut novel, Kick. Kick tells the story of twelve-year-old Budi, an Indonesian boy who works in a sweatshop and dreams of becoming a footballer. The novel is endorsed by Amnesty International UK for its portrayal of children's rights. Signed copies of Kick will be available for children to buy on the day for £6. If you would like your child to buy a copy, please send them in with the correct money if possible. Children from other classes are welcome to purchase the book too but please note that it is aimed at readers aged 9+. A signed book would make a fantastic Christmas Gift!

Cake Friday

This week's winner is Theo.

Attendance:

Whole school attendance for this week was 96%

Class attendance for this week:

Owl class: 98%

Kestrel class: 96%

Eagle class: 94%

If your child is unwell and unable to be in school, please ensure that you phone and leave a message to inform us before 9.30am. Absences not accounted for after this time will be recorded as unauthorised.

Headteacher's Award

Joscelin in Owl class for your fantastic version of our core story

Louie in Kestrel class for working really hard on your Big Write

George in Eagle class for your continued enthusiasm and attitude to learning.