



The Federation of North Walsham  
Junior, Infant School and Nursery

# Newsletter

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Don't Miss...

## **THIS WEEK!**

**W/C 4<sup>th</sup> December** –Final week for clubs

**6<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Swimming 3J/YR Celebration Assembly

2.30pm (parents welcome)

**7<sup>th</sup> Dec** –Bedtime with a Book NWJS Hall for YR and Elephants 4.30-5.30pm and Pandas, Lions and Y2 6-7pm

**8<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Nursery Nativity 10.45am and 2.15pm/NWJS Choir performing at Norwich Railway Station/PTA Christmas Fair 3.00pm in NWJS Hall

## **NEXT WEEK!**

**13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas lunch/ Christmas jumper day (£1 donation to Save the Children Fund)

**15<sup>th</sup> Dec** – EYFS/ KS1 Nativity at 9.30am/ KS2 Carol Concert at 1.45pm at St Nicholas' Church

## **FINAL WEEK OF TERM**

**18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Flu vaccination absentees Y1/2/3/4

**19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – EYFS/KS1 Christmas Parties/ KS2 Cube Afternoon

**19 Dec** - School Closes for Christmas Holidays

**Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New  
Year**



The run up to Christmas is always a magical time in school. The children will still be busy learning up to the very last day. The highlights in the last days of term are the special Christmas lunch/ Christmas jumper day (December 13<sup>th</sup>), the Nativity and Carol Service at St. Nicholas' Church, (December 15<sup>th</sup>) and the final party and celebration afternoons on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

As always, the Autumn term has been action-packed across both schools with the children having lots of opportunities to broaden their learning, enter competitions and join extra-curricular clubs. We are delighted to report that the introduction of the 5 Star Reader has meant that more children are reading more often than ever, thanks to your help at home.

**Free School Meals... We need your help!**



It is important to sign up for free school meals (FSM), even if your child doesn't want to eat them, as registering raises vital extra funding for our schools from central government.

This pays for valuable support like extra tuition, visitors and trips, teaching assistants and free after school clubs. Without this money, we wouldn't be able to do as much as we do for everyone.

We have just 'lost' over £15,000 in extra funding this year, because eligible parents have not filled in the forms.

We encourage all parents who are eligible, to claim free school meals; this will not affect any other benefits and no one will call at your home. We will **only** receive this money if parents actually claim their FSM entitlement. Please help us.

Even if you don't want your child to receive a free meal, we would encourage you to register for free school meals so that our schools receive as much funding as possible!

For Junior children- you will get a letter telling you when the FSM entitlement stops. Please remember you have to fill in the form again if you are still eligible or you will have to pay for your child's meals from that date. The school cannot fund the meals if we are informed by County Hall that your entitlement has run out and not been renewed by you.

## Diary

**3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2018**- INSET Day – schools closed  
**4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018**- Schools re-open  
Pupil Mentoring sessions with class teachers (Yr1-6) then Progress Record sent home  
**9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Y1 Road Safety lessons  
**9<sup>th</sup> Jan** - YR Road Safety lessons  
**10<sup>th</sup> Jan** - Swimming 3P  
**10<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Governors Meeting (Pupil and Learning Committee)  
**12<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Film Club – Frozen finishes 4.45pm  
**15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Jan** – YR vision and hearing checks  
**16<sup>th</sup> Jan** Y3 Maths Café  
**17<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Swimming 3P  
**18<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Special 'Paddington Bear Brunch'  
**18<sup>th</sup> Jan**- Y5 Maths Café  
**19<sup>th</sup> Jan** –YR Family Learning Event 9.15am and 10.30am  
**W/C 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan** – Spelling Bee Week  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Jan** – Individual school photographs  
**24<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Swimming 3P

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### Great ideas for stocking fillers for children

- Pack of playing cards
- Dice
- Paper, scissors, glue, string, paper-clips, pens, pencils, 30cm ruler
- Colouring in books
- Puzzle books
- Jigsaw puzzles
- Dot to dot

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### Keeping Children Safe

We have had a number of reports and concerns from members of the community concerning the safety of children before the start of the school day. We have had reports that parents are stopping their cars on the road and letting their children out. The children are running towards the school gate unaware of other traffic. We also have a number of children arriving at school very early (7.35am onwards) that are not coming in to breakfast club. The school is not responsible for their safety until school opens at 8.35am for NWJS and 8.45am for NWIS. Please help us to keep your children safe.

## Young Leaders



We are lucky to have so many dependable, trustworthy and honest children in our schools. We believe it is important to encourage the development of these personal qualities. We have School Council Representatives, Gold Badge Holders and Librarians. We are providing opportunities for them to take on responsibility and demonstrate independence. They are awesome!

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### Feedback from Parent Forum November 24<sup>th</sup> 2017

Thank you to all the parents/ carers who attended the meeting. A wide range of issues were discussed. Mrs Fletcher apologised for the breakdown of the school ovens, however the situation was really beyond the school's control, as we only knew if the ovens were functioning when they were turned on at 7.40am in the morning. The new part for the oven has been fitted. Mrs Fletcher praised the incredible efforts of the kitchen staff who worked tirelessly and relentlessly to provide the packed lunches. Kerry the Cook, even had to drive to Millfield School, bake 500 biscuits and carry them all back in her car!

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**Cold Weather** Please make sure that your child has adequate outdoor clothing. For the winter months they need: a warm coat, scarf, hat, gloves and a pair of wellington boots. In the event of snow, we will take the children out to play so that they can experience the delights of games in the snow. Please ensure all clothing is named so if lost can quickly be reunited with its owner. Thank you. ....

### Will your child be asking for any video games for Christmas?

At this time of year, children often have lots on their Christmas lists, including video games. We have just teamed up with the Video Standards Council to help parents and children understand what to watch out for when buying or playing age-restricted games. Staff have been trained as part of our duty to safeguard children and pupils in the juniors will be learning about what the age restrictions mean. The latest edition of 'Gamewise' sent out today is to help you explain to your children exactly why that 16-rated game really isn't appropriate for them! We know you will support our push to keep primary-age children safe and happy.

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Will your child be 3 years old in the coming months? We have Nursery places available from February 2018. If you would like any further information, please see Mrs Wyant or Mrs Seymour.