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**'Growing & Learning Together'**

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who attended our Bedtime Story Cafe on Wednesday night, the event seems to get more popular as the years go by.

We are now coming to a very busy period in our calendar. As you know this Friday was also a dress as you like day for the PTA. We have some great tombola prizes now so I hope you will join us at the Christmas Fayre on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 3.30pm – 5pm. A huge thank you to the PTA who do so much work for the school through these events.

Tickets will be on sale very soon for both KS1 and KS2 Christmas performances. Thank you for your support with helping children with words and songs. It's always a delight to see the children performing on the stage every year. As in previous years, the PTA will be supplying tea and coffee and the odd mince pie (donations welcome) after the afternoon performance so that you won't have to wait for the children in the cold. Money raised from the ticket sales go towards subsidising school trips, cookery ingredients, art supplies and much more. Can I please remind everyone that the evening performances are for adults only (over 16) and under 5s can be brought free to the afternoon performances? Dates for performances are on our calendar at the back.

Finally, we have, although it is at short notice, found someone who can take the Christingle Service in the absence of a rector at Watlington Church. We were determined to continue this tradition, but due to circumstances it will be in our school hall at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 29 November 2016. We appreciate that this is short notice, but KS1 parents please join us if you can.

I hope to see you all at one of the above events and wish everyone a safe and very merry Christmas.

Yours sincerely

*R McGlone*  
 Headteacher

**End of term**

**School closes on Friday 16 December at 3.15pm and reopens at 8.40am on Wednesday 4th January 2017 – please note that this is a different day to the Norfolk Schools Calendar as we are closed on 6 March 17 for a 2<sup>nd</sup> training day for our writing project.**

**Swimming – Year 4**

First session will be Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – please remember your swimming kit.

**Heritage Project**

This term year 5 have been taking part in a history project funded by the Heritage Lottery. They have been learning stories about the Fens and local traditional dances. This will culminate in a performance in June at the Corn Exchange with other schools taking part in the area. However, Year 5 parents can come and watch what they have been getting up to on 1 December 2016. More details will follow.

### Christmas Jumper Day – 16<sup>th</sup> December

The last day of term we will support Save the Children Fund through Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear their Christmas Jumpers and pay a £1 to go to the charity. This is optional and if children and adults do not wish to take part, please do not feel obliged to do so, please come in your normal school uniform.

### Achievement Assemblies

The following are dates set for Autumn Showcase assemblies. Please arrive @ 2.25pm to sign in.

2 Dec	KS1 singing
9 Dec	KS2 singing
16 Dec	Choir

### Photographs and use of mobile phones

Reminder – please turn off your mobile phones whilst in school. We do not allow photographs to be taken in assemblies by individuals as we do not have permission from all parents to allow others to take photos of their children.

### Achievement Certificates

Congratulations to all those children who have received Achievement Certificates since the beginning of term:

Acorn:	Finley Sparks, Lilly-Rose Garner, Lily Beeby, Millie Pearce, Marley Bellamy, Finlay Heaphey, Ella Rodwell.
Apple:	Kira Twomey, Callum Pearce, Poppy Hammond, Lexi Woods, Sophia Dudley, Junior Easterbrook, Declan Dillon, Alfie Butler.
Rowan:	Amia Gruneberg, Benjamin Buck, Erin-Ruby Cooke, Ollie Saw, Macy Jordan, Alfie Summers, Marley Pease, Jacob Turner.
Poplar:	Kelsey Stanley, Riley Jones, Emily Hooker, Aidan Priest, Lillie Hammond, Taylor Kelly, Ewan Murfitt, Bethan Dobson.
Beech:	Rishko Zach, Beech Class, Finlay Burry, Lilly-Jo Thompson, Harley Empson, Elizabeth Wilkins, Erin Nicol, Alfie Williams.
Willow:	Perry Williamson, Libby Collins, Lily Rolfe, Jack Carter, Caitlin Gagen, Keira Walker, Mia Bowles, Ivy Bunn.
Oak:	Kaiden Summers, Oak Class, Philip Bingham, Cydney Hutson, Harry Cook, Martha Elliott, Jessie Harvey.

### Parents Lunches next term:

Don't forget you can join us and eat lunch with your child on the following Wednesday after Christmas:

18 January 2017 – Year 3  
25 January 2017 – Year 6  
1 February 2017 – Year 5  
1 March 2017 – Year 1  
8 March 2017 – Year R  
15 March 2017 – Year 2  
22 March 2017 – Year 4

Due to it being a short term, there is only 1 session per year group. Meals costs £2.76 and **MUST** be booked by the Monday of the week you are joining us for lunch.

### Infant School Meals (Years R-2)

Reminder – your child is offered a free hot school meal or jacket potato every day. However, lunches are cooked to order and therefore **must** be booked in advance. A form is sent home on the Thursday to help you with your booking and this should be returned on Monday morning – complete with your child's name on it. If you haven't got a form – please write it on a piece of paper. Also, if there is any change to your order, please can you let us know? If you do not book a meal, then there may not be enough for your child. Also if you send in a packed lunch after booking a hot meal, please can you cancel the meal as this will be cooked for your child and will be wasted

### Reminder – Bicycles and Scooters

Children and adults **should not cycle anywhere** inside the school grounds before or after school. This includes on the other side of the roundabout to get to the bicycle sheds. You will be asked to dismount by a member of staff. This is for everyone's safety. I would ask that you support the school in ensuring your children follow these expectations. Thank you to those that are doing this.

# Our calendar is attached with dates for your diary.

## Please find a list of diary dates below

DATE		EVENT
<i>November</i>	29	Christingle for Key Stage 1 & Choir in school @ 2.30 pm. Parents welcome
<i>December</i>	1	Heritage Project performed to parents 9.30 am
	2	Achievement Assembly @ 2.40 – Key Stage 1 singing Christmas Fayre 3.30 – 5.00 pm
	5	KS 1 Dress Rehearsal
	7	KS1 Performance @ 2.00pm Choir to Luncheon Club @ 1.30 pm
	8	Choir to Riding for the Disabled @ 5.40 pm KS 1 Performance @ 6.00 pm
	9	Flu immunisation for Years 1,2 & 3 Achievement Assembly @ 2.40 pm KS 2 singing
	12	KS 2 Dress Rehearsal
	14	KS 2 Performance @ 2.00 pm
	15	Christmas Lunch KS2 Performance @ 6.00 pm
	16	Achievement Assembly @ 2.40 pm – Choir End of Term
<i>17 Dec 16 – 3 Jan 2017</i>		Christmas & New Year Holiday
<i>January</i>	4	Back to School
	9	Swimming lessons Year 4 Year 5 Heritage Project visit – information to follow shortly
	18	Parent Lunches – Year 3 ( <b>Please order &amp; pay for meals the week before</b> ). Cost £2.76 per adult
	25	Parent Lunches – Year 6 ( <b>Please order &amp; pay for meals the week before</b> ). Cost £2.76 per adult
<i>February</i>	1	Parent Lunches – Year 5 ( <b>Please order &amp; pay for meals the week before</b> ). Cost £2.76 per adult
<i>March</i>	1	Parent Lunches – Year 1 ( <b>Please order &amp; pay for meals the week before</b> ). Cost £2.76 per adult
	8	Parent Lunches – Year R ( <b>Please order &amp; pay for meals the week before</b> ). Cost £2.76 per adult
	15	Parent Lunches – Year 2 ( <b>Please order &amp; pay for meals the week before</b> ). Cost £2.76 per adult
	22	Parent Lunches – Year 4 ( <b>Please order &amp; pay for meals the week before</b> ). Cost £2.76 per adult

This is a list of diary dates confirmed on 25 November 2016 subject to amendments.

**Please note** – we do not text reminders for regular events, such as Parent lunches.

Please see the electronic board for any changes.