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November/December 2024 Newsletter

Merry Christmas

I do not know where this half term has gone! We have squeezed in Balafon sessions, a bake sale, Children in Need, a visit to a local monument, glow in the dark day, no pens day, a dentist visits and lots of Christmas activities, whilst still covering all of the learning in the curriculum. The children must be ready for a well-earned rest, I know the staff are!! Have a great Christmas and a fabulous New Year.

Diary Dates

Thursday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12th December – Christmas Dinner
Friday 13th December – Closing date for festive raffle entries
Monday 16th December – Festive hamper prize draw
Friday 20th December – Break up for Christmas

Spring Dates

Monday 6th January – School closed for staff training
Tuesday 7th January – Children return to school
Tuesday 14th January – 9.15am Reception Phonics live event
Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th January – Reception visit to the park
Wednesday 15th January – 9.15am Year 2 Phonics live event
WB 20th January – Reception vision and hearing check
Wednesday 22nd January – 9.15am Year 1 Phonics live event
Thursday 30th January – Family Support Drop in
Friday 31st January – Reception Dragon Dance (after drop off)
WB 3rd February – Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 4th February – 2.30 Year 2 Wellbeing Café
Wednesday 5th February – 2.30 EYFS and Year 1 Wellbeing Cafes
Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February – Reception visit to the shops.
Friday 14th February – Break up for half term



To help you to plan ahead, you can access our full calendar on the home page of our website: https://www.recreationroad.com/

Safe School Run Pledge

In October, I introduced the Norfolk Safer School Run Pledge in my newsletter. This has six promises for us all to make.

The first one is to keep our community safe by not parking in the staff car park at any time (unless authorised by the school). This includes the sports centre car park which is shared between Rec Road staff, Parkside staff and swimming instructors, as well as needing access for minibuses.

There have been a few near misses recently as this car park has become very congested at drop off and pick up. We understand that parking is tricky but for the safety of all, please find alternatives. Thank you.

Reminders and thanks



- A huge thank you to Navin Ghosh who ran the Dublin Marathon and raised £1,200 for the PTA. Thank you to those that sponsored him.
- A reminder that we are a **no nuts** school due to allergies. This also includes nut-based products such as peanut butter, Kinder Buenos and cereal bars. Thank you.



- Thank you for your support at the John Lewis singing. It was lovely to see such a great turn out.

PTA



It is not too late to contribute to or buy tickets for our Festive Hamper raffle. Tickets are on sale until Friday 13th and Santa will be announcing the winners live on Rec Road radio on Monday 16th!

Safeguarding



Safeguarding Awareness for Parents & Carers - England Football Learning

Safeguarding is about creating safe environments and preventing children from experiencing harm or abuse. Its core mission is comprised of the measure's institutions take to protect young people and children. Football is by far the most popular sport in the country, particularly among teenagers and children. England Football's learning faculty has designed a short safeguarding course for parents. The course is designed to help parents make an informed choice, about the footballing infrastructure in which children are enrolled. The course explains the vital role of safeguarding within the sporting sphere and is well worth a look. If interested in this e-seminar, please follow the link below:
https://learn.englandfootball.com/courses/safeguarding/safeguarding-awareness-for-parents-and-carers

50 Things

Year 1
Walk to a local landmark.
Year 1 enjoyed their visit to the local monument.





Year 2
Have swimming lessons in the school pool.
All of Year 2 have completed their first round of swimming lessons.

Reception
Meet someone from the emergency services.
Reception loved meeting a paramedic and finding out about their job.



What's New?

Communication

If a teacher is absent, we have begun emailing in the morning to advise of this to enable you to prepare your child for a change in the day.



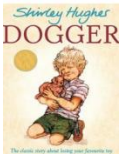
Playground Resources

We have introduced new playground equipment at lunchtime to promote positive, collaborative and safe play. The children have enjoyed these so much that we have invested our athlete visit sponsor money into buying more equipment. We will introduce this in the spring term when the weather improves.

Learner Value Champions

Reception
Leafman
Reception have been developing their **creative** skills.





Year 1
Dogger
Year 1 have learned to **solve problems** for Dogger.

Year 2
Inspirational organisation
Year 2 have learned about the very **caring** Mary Seacole.



Ready, Respectful, Safe

We have significantly reduced our school rules to help everybody to remember these. We are now all:

- **Ready** – This could be looking the right way, standing in line, or having equipment ready to learn.
- **Respectful** – This could be listening to each other, taking turns or sharing.
- **Safe** – This could be having legs crossed so as not to trip somebody, having safe hands, or positive play on the playground.

The children have learned the sign language for these three words – maybe they could teach these to family and friends at home.

If possible, it would be useful to reinforce these words at home to praise positive behaviour. This will help to embed our new rules, supporting all the children. Thank you in advance for your support with this.



Christmas Jumper Day

If you wish to make a donation to Christmas Jumper Day you can do so using this link. Donations are optional, all children are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper regardless.
https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/cjd240032396

