

Newsletter 12th November 2020

Dear Parents,

There has been some super work around the school this week. As part of their 'Stone Age Bone Age' topic, Barn Owls children have made some fantastic woolly mammoths and cave paintings. In Eagle Owls the children are gearing up for their 'Stargazing' evening next week as well as learning how to make some delicious mincemeat for Christmas. Snowy Owls have made some lovely habitat collages and Owlets firework pictures are also very impressive! There are pictures of some of these below.

Thank you all for the entries for the Christmas Card designs. The last day to return these to school is Monday 16th November. The online shop for ordering will close on Wednesday 18th November.

On Wednesday we held a 2 minute silence for Remembrance Day which the children observed well. Thank you all for your support with raising money for the Poppy Appeal. The collection was picked up on Tuesday afternoon, and I am sure that they will let us know how much was raised in due course.

Despite the restrictions, our Christmas preparations are underway. The staff have made lots of plans for activities that we can do in a Covid secure way- and there will be more information about some of these coming out over the next few weeks. One early piece of news, we would like to thank Norfolk Christmas Trees at Great Melton, for supporting us with a very generous deal for a 12-foot Christmas tree for the playground- arriving on December 1st! We have plans for children to make special Christmas decorations for the school tree, during the latter part of the term.

Finally, tomorrow is Children in Need day. Children are invited to wear non-uniform - suitable for PE if in Eagle Owls- and make a £1 donation. In addition, on Monday, as part of anti-bullying awareness, we are going to also hold our first ever 'Odd Socks Day'. There is a poster elsewhere in the newsletter, but the idea is that the children come to school wearing odd socks (on top of tights if necessary!) to highlight the idea that everyone is different but equal. As this is so close in timing to the Children in Need day, we will divide the £1 donations from Friday evenly between the two causes and so there is no need for any additional donations for Odd Socks day.

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/odd-socks-day/what-odd-socks-day>



Face Coverings

In light of the rising numbers of cases in Norfolk and the new restrictions of the national 'lockdown', we have decided that now is a sensible time to implement the discretionary DfE guidance to primary schools about 'face coverings'. In line with the guidance, from tomorrow, staff will wear face coverings in communal areas outside of classrooms.

As a further measure, we would also like now to encourage the use of face coverings for parents and carers collecting or dropping off children at the beginning and end of the school day, particularly where social distancing cannot easily be maintained.

Thank you all for your support through this challenging period.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every school day counts.

Last week's attendance was: 98.73%

Years R & 4 achieved 100% attendance

Attendance year to date is 97.25%



The recipient's of this week's Head Teacher awards are:

Seb—super art and design work at home
Thea—coding a 3D computer game at home on Purple Mash



Birthdays last week
Sophie age 9
Seth age 8

Birthdays this week
Annabel age 10
Sophie age 8
Thomas age 8
Charlie age 5
Leticia age 11



N.B. These dates/times could be subject to change.

Friday 13th November—Non-uniform day for Children in Need.

Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day

Monday 7th December - Christmas School Sugar Collection - details to follow

Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 16th December - Eats Christmas lunch

Christmas Holidays
Mon 21st Dec- Fri 1st Jan 2021

February Half Term
Mon 15th - Fri 19th February 2021

Easter Holidays
Mon 29th March - Fri 9th April 2021

Bank Holiday 3rd May 2021

May Half Term
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June 2021

Thursday 18th June - Eagle Owls dance showcase.
4—7p.m at St Andrews Hall, Norwich

Summer Holidays commence
Thurs 22nd July 2021



Gold book winners from
Friday 16th October & 6th November

Owlets - Oliver, Charlie, Harry & Lottie

Snowy Owls - Adam, Ellie, Trixie & Ollie

Barn Owls - Evie, Sammy, Sydney, Benji &
Autumn

Eagle Owls - Kodey, Alfie, Mollie, Annabel, Lily
Isobel, Aiesha,

Yours faithfully,

Mr A Pritchard
Headteacher

This **Anti-Bullying Week**
we are holding

ODD SOCKS DAY



on Monday 16th November 2020

Come to school wearing your odd socks
to celebrate what makes us all unique!



WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that you wear odd socks to work on Monday 16th November. Andy day (Cbeebies/cbbc) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, **The Kids Are United!**

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message that we should all be allowed to be ourselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.

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