



Newsletter 10th December 2020

Dear Parents,

The children are enjoying our Christmas activities in school. Today we have been recording Christmas carols in front of the tree outside. Many thanks to Adam and Thomas's Mum and Dad for all their superb work in getting the tree up and helping with the lights and making a star for the top! The children have also made some natural decorations in class too and they will be added to the tree over the next few days.

Earlier in the week all of the classes enjoyed the Strangers Hall Christmas through the ages Zoom. The museum used lots of different artefacts to demonstrate how Christmas traditions in the UK have changed and developed over the years. There is a picture of the Barn Owls Zoom later in the newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Christmas Sugar appeal. We collected an amazing 63 bags in total, to support the homeless in Norwich over Christmas.

A reminder that tomorrow is Christmas Jumper Day. Children should wear normal school trousers- or PE tracksuits if in Eagle Owls, but with a Christmas Jumper of their choice.



Enjoying the snow



Friends marvellous hampers—tickets still available



Sugar collection

Last day of term and Covid-19 Christmas holiday contact details

Many of you may have seen the DfE invitation for schools to close a day early and instead offer children home learning on the last day of term. We have decided **not to use this discretionary option** here, because we have Christmas events already planned for the children for the last day of term and also because we are mindful of the disruption a late change such as this can have on working parents. I do know that some schools have had to reluctantly close early because of staffing shortages actually caused by childcare issues resulting from this late change- but this is not the case here. School will therefore be open as planned on Friday December 18th.

The rationale behind the DfE change is to support school leaders with Coronavirus contact tracing responsibilities over the Christmas holiday, by effectively reducing by one day the time needed to be available. Here, I will be available by email head@littlemelton.norfolk.sch.uk throughout the Christmas holiday for any Covid-19 related issues that may arise. This is easier to offer as a small school. There is unfortunately the possibility that any positive test results received during the Christmas holiday, dependent on timing, still have an impact on the rest of the bubble - so please inform me so that I can make the necessary arrangements. Clearly, we all have our fingers crossed that this does not happen!

Around the classrooms:

For half-termly overviews, please see 'Termly Topics'
<http://www.littlemeltonprimaryschool.co.uk/school-information/curriculum/>

This week:			
<p>Owlets</p> 	 <p>Building with mud!</p>	<p>Barn</p> 	 <p>Christmas Through the Ages</p>
<p>Snowy</p> 	 <p>Making Christmas Baubles</p>	<p>Eagle</p> 	 <p>Elf on the Shelf</p>
Next week:			
<p>Owlets</p> 	<p>Christmas crafts Christmas phonics Christmas themed maths</p>	<p>Barn</p> 	<p>Christmas crafts Stone age necklaces Christmas maths</p>
<p>Snowy</p> 	<p>Christmas crafts Salt Dough Making Christingles</p>	<p>Eagle</p> 	<p>Mince pies Pirate game Making Christmas cakes</p>

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every school day counts.

Last week's attendance was: 99.04%
(excluding self-isolation)

Reception and Year 4 achieved 100% attendance

Attendance year to date is 95.54%



Birthdays w/c 6th December

Clementine age 10



**Gold book winners from
Friday 4th December**

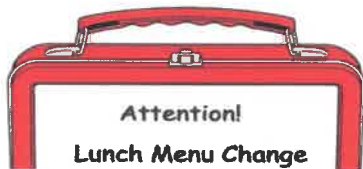
Owlets - Flora

Snowy Owls - Hugo & Edward

Barn Owls - Lily

Eagle Owls - Aiesha & Edward

All of Eagle Owls for home learning



Please note there will be a menu change for Thursday 17th December

Fish fingers or vegan nuggets
Chips & peas and/or beans

Fruit, yogurt or jelly



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

Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 16th December - Eats Christmas lunch (pre-ordered)

Wednesday 16th December - Rapunzel the Musical - Norfolk schools online collaborative performance

Thursday 17th December - Cinderella virtual pantomime

Friday 18th December - Bubble Christmas fun days & pizza lunch provided by The Friends

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

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

Monday 8th March - school photos (provisional)

**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**



The recipient of this week's Head Teacher award is:
Thomas G (snowy) - super attitude to learning

Yours faithfully,

**Mr A Pritchard
Headteacher**

GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS NOW!!

Thank you to everyone who will be donating items for our Christmas hampers.

Online tickets for the LMPS Friends Christmas Hamper Raffle are **NOW** available to buy!

Raffle tickets are £2 per ticket or 3 tickets for £5.
To make your purchase, can you please:

- 1.) Email impsfriends@gmail.com and confirm how many tickets you are buying, your mobile number, and the name you've used for your online transfer. This means we know how to contact you if you win and we can cross-reference against the payments we receive
- 2.) Make an online transfer to the LMPS Friends Bank Account to the value of the number of tickets you would like. Our account details are:
Friends of Little Melton
Account no. - 30342653
Sort code - 20-99-08
- 3.) Please get friends and family involved...all monies raised go towards enriching your child's school experience

We will email you back with your allocated raffle numbers.

Deadline for purchasing tickets is midnight on Monday 14th December. The prize draw will be made in school by the House Captains on Wednesday 16th December (officiated by Mr Pritchard).
Thank you for your continued support.

DOCTORFLU



Has your child missed their flu vaccination in school? If so, book a clinic appointment today!

CLINIC APPOINTMENTS FOR NASAL VACCINE AVAILABLE TO BOOK HERE: [HTTPS://IMMUNISATION-EOE.NHS.UK](https://immunisation-roe.nhs.uk)

IF YOUR CHILD CAN'T HAVE THE NASAL FLU VACCINE AND REQUIRES THE INJECTABLE VACCINE OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL AGE IMMUNISATION SERVICE ON:
0300 555 5055





FESTIVAL
TAKE PART



THE LANGUAGE OF BELLS

Are there sounds that mean something to you?
We want to hear them!

We're looking for families to submit **15 second videos** of their favourite bell-like noises, like the soft jingling of your cat's collar as it enters the room, or a stick rattling against the school railings

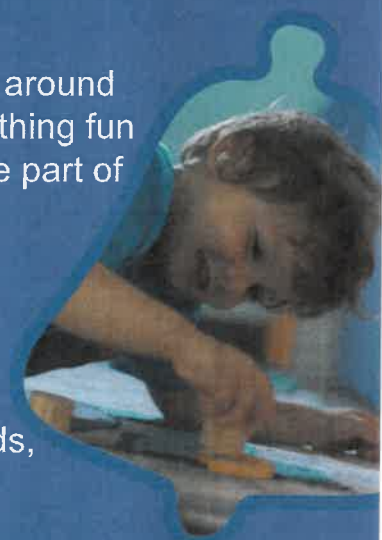
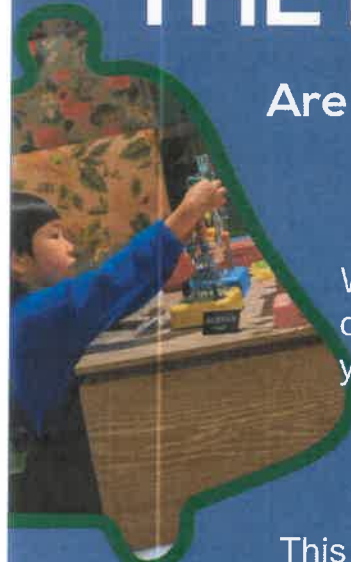
This is a great chance for children to explore the world around them through sounds, or for families to connect to something fun and creative that's happening across Norfolk and will be part of our Festival in May 2021.

Your videos will be added to the new Norfolk & Norwich Festival Sound Gallery - a place to collect, explore and share these sounds, and the tales they tell.

Find out more and submit your sound clips at
www.nnfestival.org.uk/the-language-of-bells

This sound gallery will be used as part of The Language of Bells, an exciting new project from Dame Evelyn Glennie, Dr Jill Jarman and the Chelys Consort of Viols.

Registered Charity No. 1164424





Finding this winter even harder because of Coronavirus?

We are here to help.

Norfolk County Council's Covid Winter Support scheme can help with:

- Day to day living costs including food & energy bills
- Daily essentials such as toiletries & nappies
- Food vouchers for school holidays

Find out more online or call us now

www.norfolk.gov.uk/covidwintersupport

0344 800 8020

Or visit your local library for help with applying



**Contact
us today**