

Newsletter 3rd December 2020

Dear Parents,

It's been great to welcome back the Eagle Owls children this week, after their two week period of isolation. We all have our fingers crossed that there are no further bubble closures over the remainder of the winter, with the disruption it causes, not just to learning and home life, but also the school itself, with significant numbers of staff unable to come into school to perform any of their roles. Despite the challenges, we were very pleased with lots of the home-learning that many of the children have completed in this time, and their return to school has come well in time to enjoy the Christmas activities in school. On this, you should have received a leaflet on Monday with details of all of these - this is also available on the school website.

In the newsletter today there is the launch of a new regular weekly feature called - 'This Week, Next Week'. It features photographs of learning and activities from each of the four classrooms each week, along with a short summary of intended learning for the week ahead.

Tomorrow we will be collecting food donations for the Friends Christmas hamper. The collection box will be visible at the front of the school.

Finally, as an attachment to this newsletter you will find details of a lovely village Christmas event for children- 'Santa's Little Melton Trail'. This has been organised by one of our families, and will no doubt raise some festive cheer. The attachment includes a map of the route, and I hope that some of you are able to take part.



Eagle Owls Stargazing



Owlets new reading arch



Barn Owls skeleton booklets



The tree has arrived

Rapunzel- A Special Collaborative Christmas Performance for Norfolk Schools

As you will have seen on the Christmas events list, our school will be joining many others in Norfolk in participating in the online 'Rapunzel Musical'.

On **Wednesday December 16th**, children from all of these different schools will log in and join in with the performance of the musical pantomime. The songs from the show are being practised in school, and could also be explored at home too. If you wish to do this with your child, the web link and password is below.


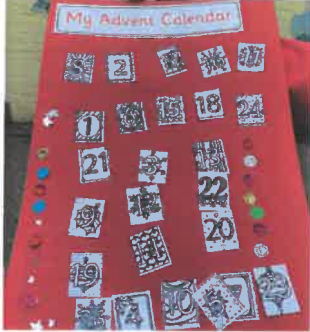










On the day itself, we will be inviting children to attend school dressed as either a pantomime character (any panto is fine!), or in party clothes. The organisers of the event- Norfolk Music Hub- are collecting images from around the different participating schools to share with parental consent.

<https://www.norfolkmusicHub.org.uk/site/rapunzel-resources/>

Password: RapunzelNorfolk

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>Making Advent Calendars</p>	<p>Barn</p> 	 <p>Stone Circle Fact Poster</p>
<p>Snowy</p> 	 <p>Hansel and Gretel Houses</p>	<p>Eagle</p> 	 <p>Stargazing</p>
Next week:			
<p>Owlets</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phonics - f and l tricky word - the Year 1- 2D and 3D shape Reception - one less than Making Christmas cards 	<p>Barn</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making Stone Age caves in a box! Sharing play scripts Christmas crafts
<p>Snowy</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using UK coins - pounds and pence Reading other fairy tales - Rapunzel Making fairy-tale felt puppets 	<p>Eagle</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making mosaics Writing eBooks about Mayans Area and Perimeter

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every school day counts.

Last week's attendance was: 97.09%
(excluding self-isolation)

Year 4 achieved 100% attendance

Attendance year to date is 97.03%



Birthdays w/c 15th November

Maya age 10
Oliver age 5
Sophie Age 10

Birthdays w/c 22nd November

No birthdays

Birthdays w/c 29th November

Benji age 8
Sophia age 8

Birthdays w/c 6th December

Clementine age 10



Gold book winners from
Friday 13th, 20th & 27th, November

Owlets - Thomas, Nola, Grace, Ethan, Joseph,
Alfie, Lewis, Oscar

Snowy Owls - James, Lottie, Ted, Lucas, Zac

Barn Owls - Seth, Seb, Sophie, Indi, Archie,
Sophie B, Seb, Sophie F, Sophia, Josh, Jamal,
Rose & Lily

Eagle Owls - Aiesha, Oliver

From our two fund-raising days, we raised £131.90
to be split between the
two charities.

Thank you to everyone
who donated.



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

Friday 4th December - non-uniform day. Donations
for Friends Christmas hamper

Monday 7th December - Christmas School Sugar
Collection

Monday 7th December - Norwich Castle
'Christmas through the Ages' online event for
Owlets & Snowy Owls.

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.

Christmas Holidays

Mon 21st Dec- Fri 1st Jan 2021

February Half Term

Mon 15th - Fri 19th February 2021

Monday 8th March - school photos

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

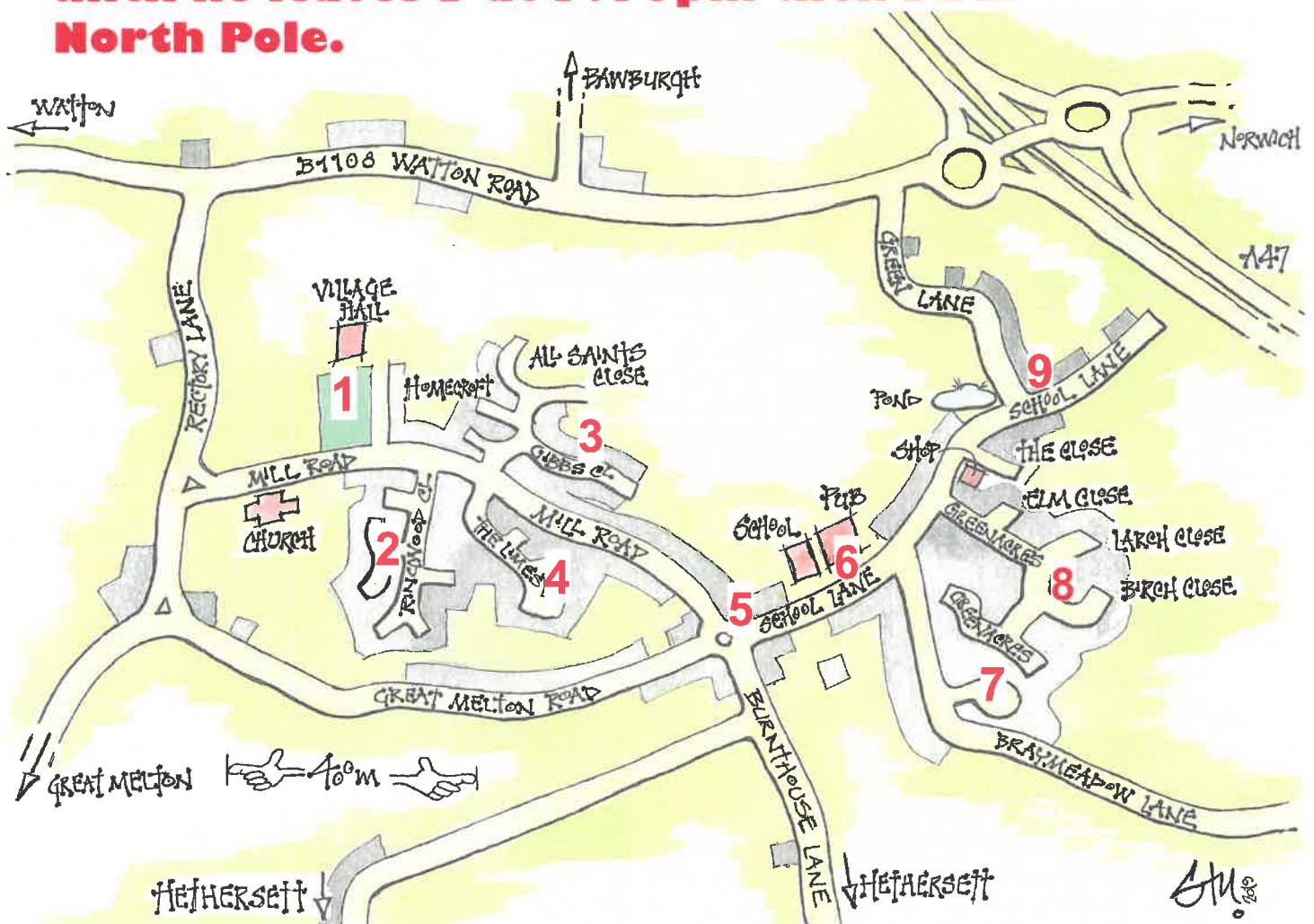
Yours faithfully,

Mr A Pritchard
Headteacher

Santa's 2020 Tour Of Little Melton

Saturday 12th December

Santa will leave the Village Hall at 4.30pm and you are welcome to come and wave him off. He will travel around the village to each number in order, he will leave each place in 20 minute intervals, leaving 2 at 4.50, 3 at 5.10 and so on until he leaves 9 at 7.10pm then back to the North Pole.



Santa's helpers will be giving out 'Covid Friendly' Christmas Goodie bags to all the children they meet and asking for the grown-ups to give a little help towards East Anglian Children's Hospice in return. Meet him at the stops or pop out and say hello as he passes.

CHRISTMAS RECYCLING

DID YOU KNOW...
we throw away
30% more rubbish
at Christmas?

Try our activities, enter the competition and reduce your waste this Christmas. For further information, top tips and ideas please visit www.norfolkrecycles.com



UNTANGLE THE LIGHTS AND SHOW THE ELVES HOW TO WASTE LESS THIS CHRISTMAS!



OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS

BATTERY OPERATED TOYS

LEFTOVER FOOD

SPROUT/VEG PEELINGS

WRAPPING PAPER

GIFTS

RECYCLE IT!

CHOOSE THINGS WITH LITTLE OR NO PACKAGING

POWER THEM WITH RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES

MAKE THEM INTO GIFT TAGS OR BUNTING

Christmas cards with **no glitter or foil** CAN be recycled. Just pop them in your home recycling bin!

SCRUNCH IT TO SORT IT.

Scrunch the wrapping paper in your hand - if it stays scrunched it can be recycled!

COMPOST THEM!

USE IT TO MAKE ANOTHER MEAL

USE UP YOUR LEFTOVERS

For recipe ideas visit www.foodsavvy.org.uk/savvy-recipes

WIN some eco-goodies!

Create an eye-catching poster with a 'top tip' to help people to waste less and recycle more this Christmas. Please email us a photo/copy of your entry to waste.management@norfolk.gov.uk by Monday 14th December 2020.

Some of the best entries will feature on our social media pages. One winner will be drawn at random to win an eco-hamper and craft set.

For full terms & conditions please visit www.norfolkrecycles.com

TOP TIPS



MAKE A PINE CONE CHRISTMAS TREE

STEP 1

Paint the pine cone.

STEP 2

Glue a milk bottle lid to the base and cover with ribbon.

STEP 3

Make garlands from wool.

STEP 4

Glue on spare buttons, scrunched paper or old sweet wrappers.





**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**