

Christmas Term Newsletter 2

Dear Parents,

Year 5 Hilltop Trip

This week, our Year 5 pupils enjoyed an exciting residential trip to Hilltop Outdoor Centre in Sheringham. They took part in a variety of confidence-building and teamwork activities, including bushcraft, archery, and the thrilling giant zipline. We've been following their adventures closely, and it's clear that everyone has had an amazing time! A big thank you to Katie and Ollie for making this trip possible and for generously giving their time to ensure that the children could enjoy this incredible experience.

Christmas Bauble Afternoon and Fayre

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the Christmas bauble-making and our Christmas Fayre! Your involvement made the afternoon truly special. We're so grateful to all the parents who came along and took part.

An extra big thank you goes to our incredible PTFA and the amazing team of volunteers for all their hard work in organising and running the Fayre. We couldn't have done it without you! The afternoon raised nearly £700 which will be used to fund activities and experiences for the children later in the year.

Additional Christmas Arrangements

Just a heads up for some events we have planned before the end of the Christmas term.

On **Wednesday 10th December**, we'll be serving a special Christmas lunch for all children. This year's menu features roast chicken with seasonal vegetables and a festive brownie for dessert. A vegetarian option will also be available for those who prefer. Children are welcome to come into school wearing Christmas jumpers if they wish.

On **Thursday 11th December** at 3:00pm we have our annual Christmas show for parents of children in Reception. Please arrive at school by 2:50pm so we can get you signed in and sat down.

Also on **Thursday 11th December**, children in Year 6 and some staff will be singing at John Lewis after school. This will take place after school in the Benugo café at 4:30pm.

Finally, on **Tuesday 16th December** children in Years 5 and 6 will be performing at Forum Atrium performance at 11:30am.

Keeping Your Child Safe While Enjoying Time in the Community – sent on behalf of the Norfolk Community Safety Partnership

Having fun and hanging out with friends is an important part of growing up. We want all children and young people in Norfolk to feel safe and confident about spending time in the community without parental/adult supervision when the time is right for them.

As parents and carers, it can feel challenging to give them independence while ensuring their wellbeing. Here are some helpful tips to consider:

- **Know the basics**: Do you know where your child is spending time and with who? Encourage them to stick together and look out for each other in a place they feel safe.

- **Spot the signs**: Talk about recognising red flags in other people's behaviour and what to do if something feels wrong. You can find out more on our dedicated website: Home | Know the Signs (https://knowthesigns.info/)

- **Plan for support**: Make sure they know how to seek help for themselves or a friend if needed. It is also important for you as a parent or carer to ensure that your child has safe transport to and from places, and if this is by public transport to make sure, they have enough money for their return trip.

- **Stay connected**: Is their mobile phone charged to ensure they could contact you if they needed any help? Consider using a location-sharing app like Life360 or check your phone provider's safety features.

- **Open conversations**: Regularly talk about online and offline risks, including grooming and exploitation, and reassure them they can come to you without fear of getting into trouble.

A little preparation goes a long way in helping your child enjoy their independence while staying safe. As a parent or carer, it is important for you to talk to your children about all potential risks that could be posed to them when out in the community, to ensure they are able to make informed choices around their own and their peers' safety.

Useful Dates:
Tuesday 2nd December – Years 1 and 2 trip
Friday 5th December – Reception trip
Wednesday 10th December – Christmas lunch
Thursday 11th December – 3:00pm Reception Children's Christmas Show
Thursday 11th December – 4:30pm Year 6 children singing at John Lewis
Tuesday 16th December – 11:30am Years 5 and 6 singing at the Forum

Kind regards,
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