



Christmas Term Newsletter 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Christmas term! This term, our main focus is Art and Geography. If you would like to know what your child will be learning this term please look at our website <https://www.freeschoolnorwich.org.uk/learning/our-curriculum>.

Alongside this are our preparations for Christmas, which are already underway!

Christmas Events

As mentioned in an email last week we have already started planning our Christmas events.

Firstly, our Christmas Bauble event will be on Wednesday 4th December between 2:00pm and 3:30pm. Come and help your child make a Christmas Bauble which will go on our tree. This was a lovely event last year and showcased some very creative parents! There will also be a Fayre in the hall run by the Friends of the Free School Norwich. You will be able to take your child home with you after the event if you wish.

At 2:45 on Wednesday 11th December, children from Reception will be performing their Christmas show in the main hall.

The whole school Christmas show will be during the afternoon on Monday 16th December at the Walter Roy Theatre at Hewett Academy. More details to follow.

Christmas Term PE for Years 3,4,5, and 6

PE this term will be outside for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

We would ask for all children to have coats, hats, gloves and outside shoes each week moving forward so they can do PE outside in all weathers.

Lost Property

Before the holidays we had a mountain of lost property which has now been sorted out. Everything that had a name on has been returned to its rightful owner. However, there were a lot of items which did not have names. **Please could you make sure that all items belonging to your child are named** and we can ensure that everyone goes home with the right clothing.

Breakfast Club and Starting the School Day

Just a reminder that the school opens for all children at 8:30am and doors close at 8:50am. If you would like your child to join our breakfast club, they can come into school at 8:15am. The cost of breakfast is £1.00.

We have had a few parents leaving their children alone at the front of the school before we open. Please note that your children are unsupervised until 8:30 (unless they are in Breakfast Club).

Parents are not permitted to drop off children by car on Surrey Street. This is part of our agreement with Norwich City Council and you may be challenged by parking attendants.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week has been Anti-Bullying week with the theme being "Choose Respect". We have all been thinking about what this means in our Snack and Chat times every day. It can sometimes be difficult for children to know what to do if they witness bullying in school so we have reminded them of our Anti-Bullying Code:

Our Anti-Bullying Code

If you see someone exhibiting bullying behaviours:

- DO NOT rush over and take them on;
- DO let a teacher or other staff member know;
- DO try to be a friend to the person being bullied;
- DO NOT be made to join in.

If you are a victim of bullying:

- TELL a teacher or another adult in school;
- TELL your family;
- TELL a friend if you are scared to tell someone by yourself;
- TELL people until someone listens;

DO NOT blame yourself for what has happened.

Wherever you are in school, you have the right to feel safe.

Nobody has the right to make you feel unhappy.

If someone is bullying you, it is important to remember that it is not your fault and there are people who can help you.

Premier Holiday Club

During the Harvest holiday, we had our first holiday club run by Premier, our PE providers. Initial feedback from this has been very positive with children being given the opportunity to do a range of sports activities in the morning and craft in the afternoon. In school on Thursday

28th November, we will be having a taster session where children will be given the opportunity to take part in Quidditch, street dance and Ultimate Frisbee (chosen by Year 6!). More details will follow.

PTFA of The Free School Norwich

We are excited to announce the Friends are now officially a PTFA (Parent Teacher Friend Association) of The Free School Norwich! The committee is made up of:

Chair - Beth Moseley

Secretary - Hannah El-Najjar

Treasurer - Michelle Clifford

Vice Treasurer - Eva Gutmane,

Non-official role as Fundraising Co-ordinator - Lucia Debieux

This term we will be running some exciting and fun fundraising activities. Alongside the bauble making on 4th December we will be hosting a Christmas Fayre in the school hall, between 2 pm - 3.30 pm. We need some support to staff the game stalls, please let Joe in the main office know if you have time to help us.

We will also be asking the children to take part in a non-school uniform day (colourful clothes encouraged) on Friday 29th November in return for an item in the colour allocated to their class below. Donations can be anything from sweets, cookies, candles, drinks, stationery, toiletries, books etc. We will be using the donations to make colourful rainbow hampers which we will be raffling off in the lead up to Christmas.

Reception - Red

Year 1 - Orange

Year 2 - Yellow

Year 3 - Green

Year 4 - Blue

Year 5 - Purple

Year 6 - Pink



Look out for us at the Christmas show as we will be selling refreshments and snacks.

There is also time to collect money via the ASDA Cashpot for Schools scheme. Just download and use the ASDA app. We get £1 for every person that links the school to the app and for each time you shop at Asda. So far we have raised over£120!

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

We have also raised £141 from everyone that bought a Christmas card - thank you!

Christmas Star

Stars of the Week

Reception

Last week, Star of the Week went to Maya for being a Fantastic Focus and trying her best with learning to read. This week it goes to Raffaella for always being a kind and enthusiastic team player in PE.

Year 1

Last week, Star of the Week went to Sophie for being an exceptional learner and a kind, supportive friend to everyone around her. This week it goes to Oren for putting in super effort into your learning all week! He has shown true dedication by giving everything his best try!

Year 2

Last week's Star of the Week went to Eve for always trying her best and seeking out challenges in all lessons. This week it is Swathi for always making a consistent effort to memorise and use new vocabulary in all subjects.

Finally, it is always nice to hear about things that children are doing outside of school. Amelia is very excited to be a part of SOUL Church Christmas production 'The Wonder' this year! She has the role of a supporting Elf and has 8 shows to be a part of. The Wonder is a free Christmas production at SOUL Church and is an incredible production but tickets are going fast!

Kind regards,
Darren

Useful Dates:

Thursday 28th November: Premier Holiday Club taster session (during the school day)

Wednesday 4th December: Christmas Bauble making event between 2:00pm and 3:30pm

Wednesday 11th December: Reception Christmas show at 2:45pm in the school hall

Monday 16th December: Whole school Christmas show at the Walter Roy Theatre at Hewett Academy

Year 3

Star of the week last week went to George for a stunning giraffe inspired by the Fauvist art movement. This week it is Ralph for being an excellent orator during class discussions, showing super speaking skills through his clear and thoughtful answers.

Year 4

Star of the Week for last week was Eli for his focus, hard work and contribution to all lessons. This week it goes to Lexi for making amazing progress in her reading and maths.

Year 5

Last week, Star of the Week went to Ellie for her fantastic start to the term and her positive attitude towards her work. This week it goes to Skye for showing incredible resilience and determination to succeed in swimming.

Year 6

Last week, Star of the week went to Alice for making a wonderful Richard Hamilton inspired collage in Art. This week it goes to Elise for showing great engagement in lessons, trying her hardest always

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