DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

8th November 2024

Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust

Executive Head

Welcome back! I hope you all had a nice half term. We have started this half term busily, already, during a walk around school you will almost certainly hear someone singing or humming a Christmas song. And I have been delighted to spot children in KS2 learning my favourite sport of hockey.

It was a pleasure to welcome you to parent's evening this week, we hope you found these helpful, please remember you can make an appointment to speak to the class teacher at other times if you need to.

Please do look out for dates during this half term where you can come and share in our learning and celebrations.

Mrs Brand

Robins

Welcome back to the start of a fun and busy term for Robins!

This week during our geography lessons we have been sorting pictures of animals living in hot and cold climates. We have also created our own imaginary animals, explaining how they have adapted in order to survive.

This week in maths we have been concentrating on addition- adding 1 more.

We have also had lots of fun tasting food during our science lessons this week! We discussed how sour or sweet each of the food items were before recording our results in a table.

During PE lessons we have been developing our dribbling and tracking skills, rolling a ball and collecting it.

We have also made a start on learning our lines for our Christmas Production- very exciting!

Barn Owls

This week we have jumped back into learning with great enthusiasm. We are now reading and thinking about a short report on a stickleback fish, our subtraction using the formal written method is really improving and in science we have investigated the differences and similarities between solids and liquids and how they behave. In PE we have started basketball and hockey, in Textiles we have begun planning our sewing project (a Christmas stocking) and in guided reading we have started new books - Year 3, Mr Penguin and Year 4, The Firework Maker's Daughter.

It was lovely to see you all at parents' evening, please do continue to read and discuss books at home, fill in the Reading Wings, do EdShed and complete TTRS... 🙂

Golden Eagles

Golden Eagles have been learning about World War 2. Some students are really keen to show World War 2 artefacts and so we are going to plan a special afternoon to give the children the opportunity to talk about and show these items to the rest of the class.

If your child has something they would like to bring in about World War 2, please can they do this on Friday 22nd November. We know that many of these items will be very precious and so we would like the children to bring these to the office at the beginning of the school day so that they be kept safe. Some of our children have also said that they have family members that could talk about life in the war. If you have a family member that is happy to talk about life in the Second World War and would like to come in on the afternoon of Friday 22nd November, please can you let the office know by Friday 15th November.

Parent Invites

- **11/12 - KS1 Play - Parents invited - Info to follow**
- **18/12 - Carol Service**

School Prayer

Mighty God from up high,

You are the Lord of the earth and sky,

We know we sometimes get things wrong,

We're sorry for those things we've done.

We thank you for our families, friends and school,

We thank you for loving us all.

Please can you let our lights shine, In all our work, including mine.

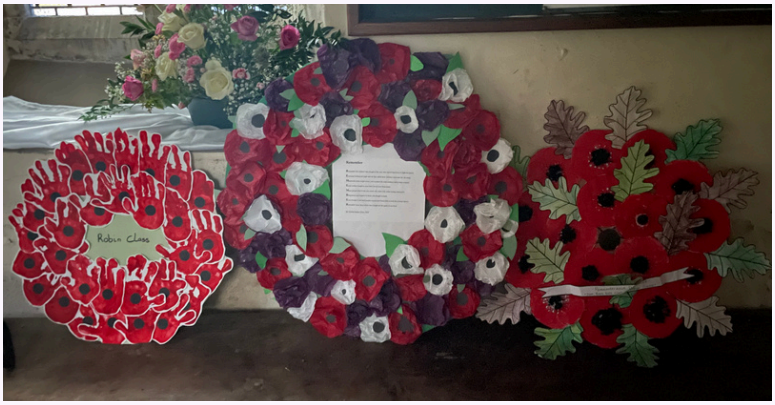
Amen

Flu Vaccinations

This year's flu vaccination is scheduled for Monday, November 11th. Consent forms have been sent home through email. Please be aware that if you do not complete the form, the vaccination clinic staff may reach out to you directly.

Remembrance Day

Our Poppy Wreaths have been brought to Ditchingham Church in honour of Remembrance Day. Lest we forget.



Whole School Attendance

Year to date

97.59%



SEN

You can find more information on our SEN provision here http://www.ditchingham.dneat.org/key-information/send/

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Helpful Information

School Website - https://www.ditchingham.dneat.org.org/

School Meals - https://www.ditchingham.dneat.org/our-school/school-meals/

School Calendar - https://www.ditchingham.dneat.org/calendar/

Term dates 2024 / 2025- https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/38151

Term dates 2025/2026 - https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/57134/Term-dates-and-school-holidays-2025-2026

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Congratulations

Reading Wings Award
This week
Robins

Maths Monster Award
This week
Robins

Attendance Award
This week
Robins

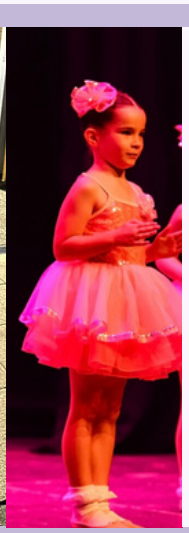
Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

- 11/11 - Flu Vaccination (Whole School)
- 11/11 - Barn Owls to visit Care Home
- 13/11 - Swimming Gala at Hobart (select pupils)
- **15/11 - Wear pyjamas and bring a bedtime story for Children In Need**
- 19/11 - Golden Eagles Flixton Trip
- 21/11 - Scholastic Book Fair (runs for 1 week)
- 04/12 - Golden Eagles walking to Broome Village Hall
- **11/12 - KS1 Play - Parents invited - Info to follow**
- 18/12 - Carol Service
- 20/12 - Rudolph Run
- 20/12 - Last day of Autumn Term 2
- 07/01 - First day of Spring Term 1
- 09/01 - Good News for You presenting New Testaments to Y6
- 10/02 - Barn Owls Norwich Castle Ancient Egyptians visit
- **14/02 - NSPCC Number Day**
- 14/02 - Last day of Spring Term 1
- 24/02 - First Day of Spring Term 2
- 04/04 - Last Day of Spring Term 2

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Celebrating Out of School Achievement

Savannah recently graced the stage in a mesmerizing ballet performance—bravo, Savannah!

Well done!

Events




SchooDoodle
Book Now
Friday Art Club
Brooke Village Hall
Year 1 +
08 • 15 • 22 • 29 Nov
QTS
£24 per child
16:00 - 17:00
Insured
4-Week Block
www.schoodoodle.co.uk
DBS Checked


Be a Star and donate a gift
Be a Star!
Could you help us make Christmas special for those who may have little or nothing under the tree on Christmas morning?
Suggested Gift List for Children and Young People
We believe every child deserves a new gift at Christmas, so we are unable to take used or second-hand items for the Christmas Present Appeal.
0-3 years: dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, puzzles
3-5: dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles
5-9: educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords
9-12: games and toys, stationery, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats
13-16: books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers
Drop Off Points
By Friday 13th December
The Original Factory Shop, 40 Street Marys St Bungay, NR35 1AX
Tesco Superstore George Westwood Way, Beccles NR34 9EJ
THE SALVATION ARMY
Beccles Salvation Army, Blyburgate, Beccles NR34 9TQ
Beccles@salvationarmy.org.uk
01502 716881


SWIM ASSESSMENT EVENING
NOVEMBER 15TH
17:00-18:15
Join us for a Free Swimming Assessment with our Swim Manager Kirsty.
Contact us to get booked in now:
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01986 895014


THE PLAYER PATHWAY ACADEMY
EST 2024
CHRISTMAS CRACKER
MONDAY, 23 DECEMBER 2024
10AM TO 12NOON
FOR ALL FOOTBALL LOVING BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-13
SCAN ME

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CHILDREN IN NEED

PYJAMA DAY

Wear your Pyjamas and bring your favourite bedtime story



FRI
15
NOV



Bring your favourite bedtime story, donate via link

https://www.justgiving.com/page/dpscin

