DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

22nd November 2024

Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust

Executive Head

What a change in the weather this week! With the sounds of Christmas from singing rehearsals and light flurries of snow, winter has most definitely arrived. Well done to all of the children for keeping focussed on their learning, it has been very pleasing to hear and observe such hard work across all areas of the curriculum.

Mrs Brand

Fond Farewell

After a full working life, Mr and Mrs Pilgrim will be taking their very well earned retirement at the end of this month. We will miss both of them very much and thank them for their care for all within our school.



Robins

During computing this week we have been exploring the different tools that can be used in word processors to change the look of text. We have focused on the caps lock key as well as the use of the bold, italic and underline key.

For PSHE this Week we have discussed the importance of sun safety and how to stay safe in the sun. We had fun working in small groups to make an item of clothing such as to cover and hide important body parts from the sun.

Our geography focus this week has been writing a postcard home. We have been imagining that we have visited a hot or cold place and are writing home to tell their friends all about it! We also added our own illustrations to the front of the postcard, picking out key features of the place to draw.

During Christmas Production rehearsals this week - our focus has been on learning our stage directions and responding to transitions following scenes!

Barn Owls

This week Barn Owls have been writing a version of the Stickleback report all together, looking at the language and the layout of factual reports. In maths we have been looking at area and that this is measured in squares. In science we continued to investigate solids, liquids and gasses, finding definitions for all three after careful research and discussion. In geography we have looked at the Amazon river running through the Amazon rainforest and have started to think about the wide range of life that lives there. In computing we have looked at different types of website, in PSHE we have written Boasting poems to remind ourselves of all the things we are good at and in PE we had a whole afternoon playing team games.

Golden Eagles

We had an amazing trip to Flixton Air Museum on Tuesday, if a little cold! The children behaved impeccably and were a real credit to yourselves and the school. We learnt more about WW2 and enjoyed the experience of being in an Anderson Shelter with bombs dropping around us. We experienced being onboard a plane and tested out artefacts from the Second world war such as trying on pilot hats and testing air raid warden sirens – they were really loud!

In maths, we have continued with our fraction topic and have begun to add and subtract mixed numbers (when a whole number is with a fraction such as 3 ¾ + 4 ½ =). We are also focusing on knowing all our multiplication facts up to 12x12 at lightning speed so that we can use these facts to simplify fractions.

In DT we continued with creating our advent calendars. We began to sew our pockets onto the background. We developed a range of skills including sewing on buttons as well as attempting backstitch and running stitch.

Parent Invites

- **03/12 - Christmas Craft 9am - 10am**
- **11/12 - KS1 Play - Parents invited - Info to follow**
- **18/12 - Carol Service 2.15pm St. Marys Church**

Christmas Craft

We're excited to welcome you to Christmas Craft on December 3, 2024. Children will be grouped by their house teams, ensuring that siblings can enjoy the event together!

Carol Service

We look forward to your presence at our Carol Service, taking place at St. Mary's Church in Ditchingham on December 18, 2024. Please remember to fill out the consent form - click here.

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

SEN

For additional details regarding our SEN provision, please visit: http://www.ditchingham.dneat.org/key-information/send/
You can also find links and resources to support children and families here: https://padlet.com/senco134/kingfisher-federation-6tczryp0bt0pjcu7

Whole School Attendance

Year to date

97.97%



Scholastic Book Fair

We have a Scholastic Book fair which started yesterday, Your child will be bringing home a wishlist that they have completed at school. If you wish to purchase these books payment information is available on the slip. Once paid please return the slip to the school office.
The book fair will be open from 8.50am - 9.00am each morning so you will be able to have a look with younger siblings.

Golden Eagles

Golden Eagles Horstead Residential has been booked for Monday 30th June - Wednesday 2nd July 2025. Please check your emails for deposit and payment information.

MSA Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant. For more information, and to apply please **click here.**

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
Office email - ditchinghamoffice@kingfisherpartnership.org
Office Phone - 01986 893 277

Weather

As we enter the winter months, please make sure your child is dressed suitably for the cold weather, particularly on PE days when we aim to take advantage of dry conditions for outdoor activities.

If you need to verify whether the school has closed for any emergency reasons, you can use the following link: http://disruptions.norfolk.gov.uk/nccclosures_schools.html

Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

- **28/11 - Golden Eagles WW2 Visitor**
- **03/12 - Christmas Craft in House Teams (Parents invited)**
- **04/12 - Golden Eagles walking to Broome Village Hall**
- **11/12 - KS1 Play - Parents invited - Info to follow**
- **16/12 - GE to singing at All Hallows**
- **18/12 - Pupils Christmas Dinner**
- **18/12 - Carol Service 2.15pm St. Mary's Church Ditchingham**
- **20/12 - Rudolph Run**
- **20/12 - Visit from Mother Christmas (with a little help from the Bungay Lions, and the DAFS)**
- **20/12 - Extra special Christmas Guest visiting children**
- **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**
- **04/03 - Last Day of Spring Term 2**
- **04/04 - First Day of Summer Term 1**

Sports Equipment For Schools

We are still collecting tokens for 'Sports Equipment for Schools', if we collect 1000 tokens we will win an activity pack for the school!

185 out of 1000



Reading Wings Award

This week

Barn Owls

Attendance Award

This week

Golden Eagles

Events




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
Beccles Salvation Army, Blyburgate, Beccles NR34 9TQ
Beccles@salvationarmy.org.uk
01502 716881


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


Tiny Tots Stay & Play
Indoor carboot
Looking for a bargain? or some extra Christmas gifts? Then Tiny Tot's Indoor carboot is the place to be! Lots of sellers, and goodies to be had!
Buyers to arrive from 10.00am!
We have over 20 sellers
in the side room and main hall!
Please be cautious when parking at the hall not to block the road and bus stops
Thank you Tiny Tot's Team
Hot and cold Refreshments available
SUN 24 NOV
Ditchingham Village Hall
10am - 1pm
Free Entry


earthwake
Saturday Nov 23
ART Club
ART Evolution
10.30am - 12 noon
age 5 - 9
1pm - 3.30pm
age 10 - 16
Christmas
Wreaths & Crafts
inspired by nature
& with time outdoors
£5/C inc snacks/hot choc
Subsidised by Bungay Town Council
TO BOOK& INFO:
lornaearthwake@gmail.com
TEXT 07825 097732
VENUE
Riverside Centre NR35 1BF
Off Staithe Road Bungay


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



KEY DATES

Sunday 24th November: KS2 Christmas Choir sign-up CLOSES. Also the deadline for the Order of Service Front Cover Design Competition.

Friday 13th December: 4.30pm Dress Rehearsal at St Mary's church, Bungay, for KS2 Christmas Choir singers

S**unday 15th Decembe**r: Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Bungay with Choir performance by KS2 singers