



Nightingale Infant and Nursery School

Weekly Newsletter

02.12.2022

Dear Nightingale Families,

December is finally here and with that brings all of the joys of Christmas in school. Firstly, we'd like to say an enormous thank you to the Nightingale Friends for the fantastic Christmas Fayre which took place on Saturday. It cannot be underestimated how much work goes into these events and we are so grateful to everyone who gave up their time to make it the success that it was. Thank you to everyone who came along, it was lovely to see so many enjoying the delicious treats, winning lots of prizes and of course, seeing the Christmas unicorn! The Friends will soon begin planning events for next term including the summer fete. If you would like to get involved, please see Mrs Thorpe, the chair of our friends or pop into the office to express your interest and this can be passed on.

Christmas Jumper Day – Change of Date

We have changed our Christmas jumper day from Wednesday 14th December to Friday 9th December. This is to ensure this doesn't impact the Year 1 and Year 2 children's costumes and performance at the church.

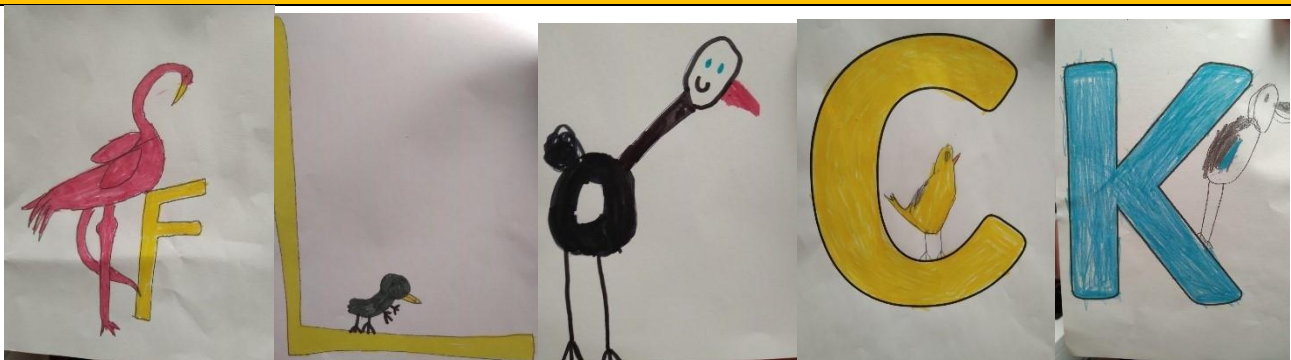
As you can imagine, staff and children are extremely busy in school at the moment, rehearsing for Christmas performances alongside day-to-day teaching and learning. Individual readers and book changes won't be happening in the usual way for the last 2 weeks due to timetable changes. If your child does require a book change, please speak to the class teacher.

The wrap around team is busy planning after school clubs for next term. For the remainder of this term, they are offering festive film and craft evenings which may help with any last-minute Christmas shopping and organising you may need to do. Full details regarding dates, times, cost and booking can be found below.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Hutt, Mrs Boyce & The Nightingale Team

FLOCK STARS OF THE WEEK



This week's Flockstars won their awards because they **keep trying**.



Pastoral Support

Mrs Dobson, our family liaison advisor, oversees and is able to support with attendance matters, routines and behaviour, family support or is always happy to listen and support with any concerns you or your child may have.

If you would like to make an appointment to meet with her, please contact her directly on the email address below.

Ldobson@istnorfolk.co.uk

Weduc

If you have not yet registered with Weduc, please do so as soon as possible. Previous enrolment codes have already been sent to all parents/carers but these do expire after one week. Please do not hesitate to email the school office if you would like another one.

Weduc will be our main system for communication. All information is now available via Weduc. We will send messages directly to parents/carers via Weduc ('Messages') instead of emailing, the newsletter is uploaded weekly to the Newsfeed and the calendar is up to date with current events. Year 1 and Year 2 home learning is also available here. Reception will continue to use Tapestry instead but a link for this can be accessed from 'The Hub' in Weduc.

Please use the 'Absence Reporting' function to report your child absent. (or call the office and leave a message rather than email please)

You can use the message function (envelope icon) to send messages/emails to the main office.

Any questions or support, please refer to the Parent Support link:

WEDUC

<https://www.weduc.com/parent-support>

Tel: 01509 221349

How to Book Your EYFS Nativity Tickets:

To book your tickets for the Early Years Christmas Nativity (Kingfisher and Nuthatch). These can be ordered through Weduc as follows:

- Login to the Weduc app

- Select Payments
- Select your child
- Offers
- Reception Christmas Nativity

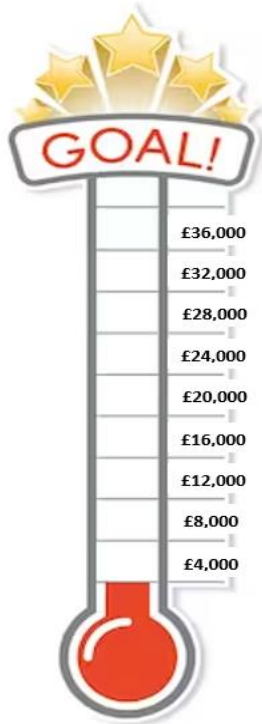
You will add them to your basket to check out but the price is £0.00 ☺

Please note that tickets are limited to two per child!

CHRISTMAS AT CONKER CLUB



Minibus Fundraising



Progress so far:

- Application put in for £10,000 grant from the National Lottery. We will find out if we are successful in 12 weeks.
- Plans for a sponsored event in Summer Term
- Discussion with our Friends Committees to support our fundraising goal
- Letters are getting ready for issue to our local companies to see if they can support

If any parents/carers work for companies who may be able to help us with match funding for this venture, we would be very grateful if you would let us know!

We will keep you updated with our progress!

Active Future Norwich

The holidays are coming, and the Festive Big Norfolk Holiday Fun scheme is back! Active Future Norwich are excited to be offering a range of fun sports and crafts activities in Taverham as well as lunch for six days across the Christmas break. We have funded and unfunded spaces available for children aged 5-11. Spaces are limited, use this link or message us on 077523777636 to sign your kids up to Active Future Norwich's winter camp:

https://www.everymove.uk/providers/121fff25-acff-425c-ac6b-fb12b7a00b14/activities/active-future-taverham-drayton-big-norfolk-holiday-fun-activity-camp?preview=c36c27bcba74dd15315db29e59e8224e&fbclid=IwAR2xr5I5UeWCnMufb89gqilgFapD4YjprSMr_OgrDyfVFUFwbfvTOtu04y0

Tots2Teens

They are still taking bookings for Tots2Teens activities taking place in the Winter school holidays. Some of the sessions are already full, however they do have some places on many of the sessions. I have attached a poster for sessions that are nearby.

Broadland
District Council
Community at heart

CELEBRATING 30 years

tots2teens club

Big Norfolk
Holiday Fun

SPORTS: Multisports
Hellesdon High School
Tuesday 20 December, 10am - 3pm
5 - 10 years
£31 (funded places available)

Come and make friends at our multisports activity day and have loads of fun too! Practice your skills in fencing, gymnastics, hockey and athletics. Please wear comfortable clothing that you can move easily in and trainers.

For children living or attending school in the
Broadland District Council area
Free lunch and snacks for all children
BOOK NOW
www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/t2t or on the
telephone: 01603 430625

They are a Big Norfolk Holiday Fun (BNHF) provider meaning that children and young people who are eligible for means-tested free school meals can attend the sessions this Winter for FREE. Parents or carers who have children who are eligible just need to give us a call on 01603 430525 to register and book. Families who are already Tots2Teens members can book BNHF funded places via [email](#), [online](#) or over the phone.

Paid places are available at the prices detailed for families not eligible for a discount.

A free lunch and snacks will be included for all children attending any of the sessions.

Job Vacancy

We are looking for a cleaner to join the Drayton team.

For more information, please visit the following link.

<https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/vfjobs/cleaner-211/?fromSearchPage=true>

Learning taking place in our classes this week & key messages!

EYFS



It has certainly been a magical week this week as the children prepare for their Nativity performance next week! In preparation the children have explored the nativity story through books and small world resources. They have had a go at building a stable for Mary and Joseph, and created their own nativity pictures using natural resources and paint. We have sequenced the events that took place in Bethlehem on that very special night and put up our own nativity scenes in the classroom. On Thursday we celebrated the start of Advent by putting up our class Christmas tree and sharing a special story. We would love to see your Christmas decorations at home, if you are putting your tree up this weekend please share a photograph on Tapestry! The children love sharing these special moments with their friends in school. If you have not yet done so, please do log on to Weduc to acquire your Nativity ticket, these are free, up to 2 tickets are allocated per child. The children have been rehearsing every day and are so excited to perform for you!

Kingfisher Messages: Please send your child into school on Thursday wearing black leggings or joggers with their coloured t-shirt. This information was sent home last week, if you have lost your costume letter and are not sure what your child needs to wear, please speak to an EYFS member of staff at the end of the day. The children have made their own costumes and accessories in school which they will wear over the top of their t-shirts.

Nuthatch Messages:

Key Stage 1



In key stage one this week we have continued to base our English lessons around the book *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers. First the children sequenced the story using pictures from the book. Next, the children re-told the story using the pictures to help them. We discussed that a good story needed to have capital letters, finger spaces, full stops, adjectives, conjunctions (but, so, because) and feeling words. It is a lot to remember what you have to think about when you are also trying to form your letters correctly and write in an appropriate size.

In maths this week we have been learning about division. We discussed how to share an amount equally. We did this practically first by using two plates and a pot of cubes (concrete), then we moved on to doing this by drawing plates or a bar model (pictorially), finally we tried solving division word problems (abstract).

You should have received a letter about your child's costume for the Christmas performance at the church. **Please send the costume into school by Thursday 8th December** in a named bag, thank you.

Dates for the diary

December 2022		
Tuesday	06.12.2022	Flu vaccinations – second visit
Thursday	08.12.2022 2.30-3.00	Reception Nativity – Parents welcome
Friday	09.12.2022	Decoration Day Christmas Jumper Day (DATE CHANGE FROM 14.12)
Friday	09.12.2022	The Gruffalo – Festive Film Friday at Conker Club
Wednesday	14.12.2022	Christmas dinner
Wednesday	14.12.2022 2.00-2.45	Year 1 & 2 Carols at St Edmunds Church – Parents welcome
Thursday	15.12.2022	Stickman – Festive Film at Conker Club
Friday	16.12.2022	Zog – Festive Film Friday at Conker Club
Friday	16.12.2022	School closes for Christmas Holiday
January 2023		
Wednesday	04.01.2023	School re-opens for Spring term
February 2023		
Friday	10.02.2023	School closes for half term
Monday	20.02.2023	School re-opens
Wednesday	22.02.2023	Year 2 Speed Stacking Festival (10 children attending)
Monday	27.02.2023	KS1 Cricket Festival (20 children attending)
March 2023		
Thursday	30.03.2023	KS1 Cross Country (16 children attending)
Friday	31.03.2023	School closes for Easter holiday
April 2023		
Tuesday	18.04.2023	School re-opens for Summer term
Thursday	27.04.2023	KS1 Tri Golf (10 children attending)
May 2023		

Friday	26.05.2023	School closes for half term
June 2023		
Monday	05.06.2023	School re-opens
Monday	05.06.2023	Year R – vision and hearing screening
Tuesday	06.06.2023	Year R – vision and hearing screening
Thursday	08.06.2023	Vancols – Group School Photos
Friday	30.06.2023	KS1 Athletics (10 children attending)
July 2023		
Thursday	06.07.2023	EYFS Tennis Multiskills Festival (10 children attending)
Friday	21.07.2023	School closes for summer holiday

