



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers

We have settled into another busy half term, and have started on our Christmas celebration preparations. Just to keep you up to date:

**EYFS** will be performing their 'Christmas Cracker' to their parents and carers on Tuesday 13th December. This will be at 9:30am and again at 2:30pm in our main hall. Audience members will enter through the main office, we would ask you to wait by the front doors as entry will be by pre-booking only - this will be through Parentmail and available for you to book very soon.

**Years 1 & 2** have started rehearsals for 'The First Christmas', which will be performed on Wednesday 14th December to parents and carers in our main hall. Once again, performances are at 9:30am and 2:30pm - there will not be any evening performances. The reason for this is that in the past we have found that the children are very tired by the evening, especially at this time of year with so many other activities taking place. You will shortly be able to choose which performance you want to attend on Parentmail.

For both of the above productions, parents/carers will be able to choose a maximum of 2 tickets per child/family. This means that where you have more than one child in the performance you will be able to book your tickets through the elder child's name. As all children will be in both productions, you will see the same performance whichever time you attend. Entry will be by pre-booked ticket, these will be virtual tickets, and entry will be verified as you enter via the main office.

When booking your tickets you will be able to choose your performance (subject to availability) for a maximum of 2 tickets. You can have two for the morning or two for the afternoon, or one ticket at each show.

The reason we have limited tickets is to ensure that every child has the opportunity to have two adults come to see them perform, whilst still adhering to fire and safety regulations. We acknowledge that some families may wish to invite grandparents etc. but sadly, we have to have a limit. However, we will open a waiting list, for a maximum of one additional ticket. Any spare tickets will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis and will be only available from unclaimed or returned tickets. Please contact the main office if you wish for your name to be added to the waiting list.

**Years 3, 4, 5 & 6** are celebrating Christmas with a Carol Service, being held at St Mary's Church, Walton on Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th or Wednesday 14th December. A Parentmail message has already been sent to advise you of which service your child(ren) will be taking part in. Children in KS2 are also busy working on their 'enterprise' projects, designing, planning and making Christmas themed products, which will be available to purchase at the end of the services. By the end of each evening, we hope that everyone will be in festive spirit!

Tickets for the services will be sent home a week beforehand. Seating is limited within the church and therefore, entry will strictly be by ticket only.

There will be collections at all of our Christmas performances and services. We understand how difficult things are at present and what an expensive time of year it is, but if you would like to donate, please be advised that our collections be in favour of our chosen charity for this year, St Elizabeth's Hospice. The collections from the carol services will split between the hospice and the church.

Finally, as with all the Christmas celebrations, if you do not require your tickets, please return them to the office so that they can be allocated to those on the waiting list - we like to ensure that our children have a full audience to perform to.

Naturally, lessons will still be taking place around the Christmas celebrations so children will still need to bring their bookbags etc with them.

### **Christmas Cards**

We are not quite into the advent month, but we know that very soon some of our children may wish to give Christmas cards. Can we please ask that children give their cards before/after school directly to the recipient. In the past, we have tried to operate post boxes etc. but we find that as envelopes are not clearly marked, they do not reach the intended person or get lost. In order to reduce lost items or big piles of undeliverable cards, children can pass the cards on to their friends themselves.

### **Christmas Day in School - Friday 16th December**

On the last day of school children do not need to wear school uniform, they can wear Christmas jumpers, hats, socks etc. as we celebrate together in school. We have put our request in to the very special man of the moment and our amazing PTA have confirmed that he will be taking some time out of his busy schedule to join us in the afternoon. We would like to thank the PTA members for helping Santa with some of his gift-wrapping.

### **Years 5 & 6 Visit to London**

As soon as we return to school after the Christmas break, our Years 5 & 6 children are travelling to London's West End to see a production of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' - a fantastic opportunity to see a big production. Please remember to check the recent Parentmail for all information - as we go on the second day of spring term, there is very little time after the Christmas break to sort any queries. If you do have any questions, please contact the main office now.

If your child needs medication to be taken whilst on this trip, don't forget to speak to Mrs Filby in the main office before the end of term.

Also, just a quick reminder that the full balance for the trip should be paid by 5th December.

### **Website**

As you may have seen, the company that ran the platform for our website has recently stopped offering its services. Luckily, Miss Rowe was already working hard on re-styling our site and we are pleased to say that the new look site has been built. We are now busy adding information and hope that it will be launched very soon. A basic site will be available shortly and we will continue to add documents etc. as quickly as possible.

### **Our Trimley Facebook Page**

It appears that our new social media pages are a big success, we have a large number of subscribers, which is still growing, and plenty of 'likes' which is fantastic. We are hoping that by adding this form of contact to our existing Parentmail, we can keep all our community informed on life in school.

We would like to thank you for the positive response we have had to this new venture.

### **Forest Schools**

This term we have introduced 'Forest Schools Learning' to all year groups, and thanks to the amazing lessons

with Mrs Bennett, they appear to have been enjoyed by everyone (even the days when it's been a little damp recently!).

We are looking forward to continuing these sessions in the spring term and we will send a Parentmail with a confirmation of dates before the end of term.

### **Realise Futures Courses**

Thank you to the parents and carers who have been taking part in the Realise Future courses this term - they have been very successful with a good uptake. We hope that everyone who has taken part has enjoyed them and has found them useful.

Due to the success of these, we have asked Realise Futures to run a further two courses over the spring term. Starting on Monday 16th January for 6 weeks, we are hosting their maths course, which will be followed by a course up until Easter on basic ICT skills and will include internet safety and awareness social media and advice for keeping children safe online. Details will be sent out soon on how to book places.

### **Book Fair**

Thank you to everyone who has joined us at the Book Fair over the last few days, we hope that you have found some bargains! The fair has another two days to run so there is still time to pop in on Monday or Tuesday after school to browse the selection.

### **BBC Children in Need**

The children have enjoyed the non-uniform day today and we would like to thank you for your very kind donations to the charity. We are pleased to say that to date our school has raised £237

### **Free School Meals**

If your circumstances have recently changed and you think you may be able to claim Free School Meals (FSM), please visit Suffolk County Council's site to apply, or contact the main office in school.

Even if your child does not have our school dinners, if you are eligible to claim FSM the school may be able to offer additional support and/or put you in touch with agencies that we work with.

### **Young Carers**

If, like many of our families, you have a child in your family who has a parent or sibling with an additional health, medical or mental health need we may be able to put you in touch with Suffolk Young Carers. This is a charitable organisation that offers children support, helps them to understand the parent/siblings condition and a chance to speak to other children in similar situations. We have worked with SYC for many years and they have supported many of our families - even through the pandemic they came in and worked with this group of children as well as individuals.

### **Christmas Support**

Christmas can be a very expensive time for everyone, and when budgets are tight, it can be very daunting. If you think that you may need some support with the Christmas festivities in the form of food parcels and presents, please speak to us to see whether we can put you in touch with an agency that may be able to provide some support.

If you would like any further information on this, Free School Meals or Suffolk Young Carers, please contact Mrs Barkworth in the main office. All calls will be treated in the strictest of confidence.



## Trimley St Mary Primary School Calendar of Events

Weds. 16 <sup>th</sup> – Tues. 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Book Fair – After School Yr5 Area or Main Hall
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	BBC Children in Need – Non Uniform
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Celebrations St Mary's Church, Walton 6pm, entry by ticket only
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Festive Fun 9:30am & 2:30pm, Main Hall
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Yrs1 & 2 – Nativity Story 9:30am & 2:30pm, Main Hall
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Christmas Day in School – Non Uniform & Christmas Lunch Last Day of Autumn Term
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023	Non Pupil Day
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	First Day of Spring Term
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Yrs 5 & 6 Proposed Visit to London's West End 'The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe'
<b>Week Commencing 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Half Term</b>	
Mon. 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs. 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Bikeability – Groups 1 & 2
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	3N & 4M – Regent Theatre 'Demon Dentist' by David Walliams
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	3V & 4T – Regent Theatre 'Demon Dentist' by David Walliams
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023	Bikeability – Groups 3 & 4
Week Commencing Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Yr6 – Thorpe Woodlands Residential Visit Group 1 Mon – Weds, Group 2 Weds – Fri
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Last Day of Spring Term
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays</b>	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023	May Day Bank Holiday
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Class & Yr6 year Book Photos
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Non Pupil Day
<b>Week Commencing 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Half Term</b>	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of Summer Term

