



# WINTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT ACADEMY HEAD

As we approach the end of our first half-term of the new academic year, we can look back with pride and say what a fantastic first 7 weeks our children have had. Walking around the school, there is a real buzz of productivity coming from every classroom; in addition, there are children who are excited to share their learning and who are proud of what they have produced.

After half-term, we are looking forward to introducing you to the learning characteristics that we believe every child should have the opportunity to develop whilst at our school. Development towards these learning characteristics will be recorded on our new learning platform, Learning Pi - more information to follow via email soon.

As many of you will have heard, after over 30 years working at Winterton Primary School, Mrs Massingham has decided to take a well deserved retirement at the end of this half-term. A huge thank you to Mrs Massingham for the dedication and loyalty she has shown us as a school and her tireless efforts to provide the very best for the children she has taught. Please join us in wishing her all the best for her retirement.

For the rest of this academic year, the Seal Class will be taught by myself every day, other than a Wednesday, when Mr Smout will teach the class. Mr Smout will also teach the class on a Monday and a Thursday afternoon when I have my management time out of the classroom.

When we come back to school after half-term, the children will be coming straight into the classroom at 8:30 when they arrive at school, rather than onto the playground like they do currently. This means that all children will now enter the school through the main front door and head straight to their classrooms.

Please remember to send your child to school with a warm waterproof coat and wellies to ensure they can enjoy breaktime and lunchtime outside, whatever the weather. Also, please remember to send in an old large adult sized t-shirt or shirt for your child to use as a painting apron.

You should have received a letter about parents' evening asking you to select if you would prefer to attend on Tuesday 9th or Tuesday 16th November, and which time slot suits you best. If you haven't already returned this, please do so as soon as possible, as Mrs Saunders will start allocating and informing people of appointments straight after half-term.

We are busy planning some exciting events for you and your children to enjoy during the build-up to Christmas, we will email out the dates of these as soon as possible so you can get them in the diary and save the date.

Please remember that school is not open to children on Friday 22nd October as the staff have a planned Professional Development (PD) day. This is one of 6 allocated PD days during the academic year which are shown on our school calendar which is attached to this email. We hope you have a wonderful half-term with your friends and family and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 1st November.

Mrs H Waters  
Assistant Academy Head



This half term, the Starfish class has hit the ground running settling into our new class together. The theme for this term has been learning about 'Friendships' and how to be a good friend. Our children have listened to and explored many books around 'Personal Social and Emotional development'. This has given us some of the tools to be the best friend possible, especially when communicating with others. We have enjoyed many activities indoors and out; from blasting into space, to the freezing wastelands of Antarctica and now we are mounted on our brooms preparing for the spooky season ahead. In PE we have learnt playground games to play with our friends and danced to Music that we all enjoy. However the highlight of the first few weeks was our trip to see Dippy the Dinosaur and the exciting puppet show at the Puppet Theatre.

In Phonics, we have been using our letter knowledge to learn sounds through rhyme, formation and writing. We are now beginning to squash and blend sounds together to make real words we can understand. In Mathematics, the children have learnt the order of numbers 0 to 10 and can articulate number facts about each one. Their number knowledge has also broadened through subitising formations of numbers whether it is in numeral or patterned form. This means that when the children see a numeral or pattern of dots like on a die, they can instantly recognise its value.

In the first two weeks of school we took small steps to settle in and one giant leap into our story 'How to Catch a Star.' This book helped us to initiate the friendships we made by standing in the shoes of someone who conquered their desperate need to share their fun and games. This book also taught us to look after ourselves by making our own lunches and become resilient individuals who keep on trying even when the going gets tough.

Our next book began with a Penguin at our front door who looked very lost and lonely, so it was our job to make sure it was well looked after. The book was called 'Lost and Found' and it delved into ways we can look out for each other when our friends are sad. Our 'Understanding of the World' grew as we compared Winterton to the South Pole, discovering that this is where the Penguin is from.

We are now reading Room on the Broom as many of us are beginning to get excited for tricks, treats and other Halloween festivities. We will follow the storyline as well as the children's interests which are always endless in possibilities.

As we look to the wetter winter months ahead I would like to remind parents to make sure children have extra clothes in their bags to keep them warm and dry according to the weather. It is also suggested that children bring in big old shirts that could be used as painting aprons for the children.







Over the last three weeks we have been listening to poems, reciting and performing them with expression and actions. We've enjoyed creating mimes to some of the poems by Shirley Hughes including "Fire" and "Cold" and last week for World Poetry day we split into our year groups and performed our poems to each other. We've also been very busy writing our own poems about Harvest and Autumn and are learning how to use adjectives to give description to nouns and also include verb words to give visual imagery, as poems are really "painting with words".

You can listen to some of our work at our Harvest festival in the church and read some of our work below.

This is a poem composed by the year ones who adapted the poem "Cold" by changing the adjectives (describing words) and nouns. They thought very carefully about the words they chose to create Winter images.

### Cold

Freezing fingers,  
Freezing toes,  
Sunset sky,  
Blue nose.  
Rock solid ground,  
Naked trees,  
Twigs snap,  
Ponds freeze.  
Snow white,  
Bonfire red,  
Hot room,  
Cosy bed.

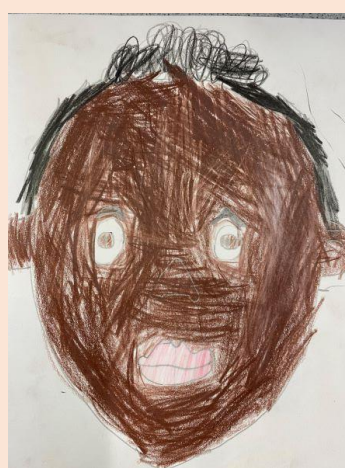
In History we've been researching all about castles, who built them, the special features of castles and how they were attacked and defended. Hopefully we will be able to experience being in a real castle when Norwich castle has completed its refurbishment.

In our art lessons we've been learning how to sketch self-portraits, including faces and whole body poses. Can you recognise any Seal class members from their self portraits? We were really pleased with how they turned out.



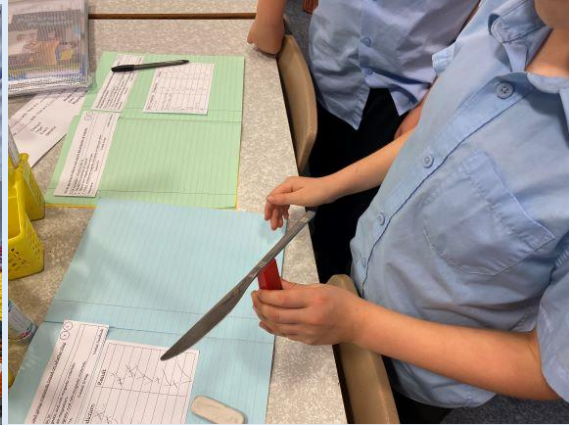


## SEAL CLASS

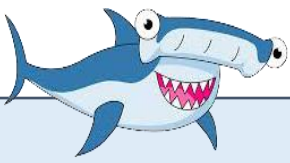




Sharks have been investigating magnets this term. Using 2 magnets, they explored what happens when the two poles – north and south – are placed near each other. The children discovered that placing the same poles together produced a pushing force which we call repelling. They also found that placing the opposite poles together created a pulling force called attraction. We have also investigated the different materials that are attracted to magnets. We tested all sorts of materials including cutlery made from stainless steel, gold, wood, fabric and brass. The conclusion of investigation was that all magnetic material is metal but not all metals are magnetic!







### **Football club**

What a great start to the year, the club is going from strength to strength. We have looked at passing and moving, shooting and being a goalkeeper. The children have all worked extremely hard.

### **Construction club**

Wow, what can we say. Week in week out the children have given it their all even if some of the challenges have been a little tricky.

What we have done; let your imagination run wild (Lego and knex), tallest tower (limited resources of newspaper, Sellotape), make something that is useful (Lego) and build a bridge (limited resources of long spaghetti, mini marshmallows and strawberry laces) we have some great builders.



### **Arts and crafts club**

What better way to end the week than with arts and crafts, we have been designing and making Halloween pinata, we used papier mache, paints and anything else we could. But if one project was not enough, we entered the scarecrow competition at Wroxham barns.





### **Bikeability**

The Year 6 children were lucky enough to take part in the Bikeability course this year. They completed the Level 1 and Level 2 course. They all now have a greater understanding of the road and using their bikes safely. The children worked extremely hard for the two days they were out. Well done!



### **Cluster sports**

We have been to our first cluster sports event this year. The Year 3/4 boys travelled to Hemsby for a football tournament. They played really well and should be very pleased. We finished joint second winning two games, drawing one and losing one. Well done!



### **Wroxham Barns School Scarecrow Competition**

Our scarecrow will be displayed during the annual pumpkin festival and all visitors can vote on the best one.



## ATTENDANCE DATA

Attendance for this half term:

Seahorses: 86.3%

Starfish: 89.2%

Seals: 91.3%

Sharks: 90.7%

Whole School: 90.8%

National Average: 96.1%

### Attendance Facts

- Attendance of 95% for the year equals 10 days that your child has been absent, that is 2 full school weeks of your child's learning missed for that year.
- Attendance of 90% for the year equals 19 days that your child has been absent, that is almost 4 school weeks missed.
- Attendance of 85% for the year equals 29 days that your child has been absent, that is almost 6 school weeks missed.
- Attendance of 80% for the year equals 38 days absent per year that is over 7 school weeks missed.

## PE Days

On your child's PE day, as listed below, please ensure they come to school dressed in clothing suitable for PE. Lessons may be indoors or outdoors so please send warm clothing with a t-shirt or shorts underneath in case they get hot. Children must wear suitable footwear such as trainers and have separate shoes for indoors, such as plimsolls, if they do not have wellies to wear outside at playtime. Please ensure that long hair is tied up and all jewellery is removed before coming to school.

**Seal Class – Monday**

**Shark Class – Tuesday**

**Starfish Class - Thursday**




## Rockpool After School Clubs

From September all curriculum enrichment after school clubs will be free of charge, but we would like the children to book for the half term if possible as we will be completing projects throughout the sessions. If childcare is needed after 16:30 please contact the office as this is available and we will organise this for you.

These clubs will be running from September.

Please book your child's space on Arbor.

	After School Clubs	
<b>Monday</b> 3:30PM – 4:30PM	<b>Running Club</b> With Mr D’Rosario and Mr Smout <b>Cost:£0</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b> 3:30pm – 4:30PM	<b>Boogie Bounce</b> With Mrs Jones and Jump Warehouse <b>Cost: £21 for 7 Sessions</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b> 3:30PM – 4:30PM	<b>Drama Club</b> With Mr Smouth, Mrs Jones and Mrs Green <b>Cost: £0</b>	
<b>Thursday</b> 3:30PM – 4:30PM	<b>DT Club</b> With Mrs Waters and Mrs Jones <b>£0</b>	
<b>Friday</b> 3:30PM – 4:30PM	<b>Arts and Crafts Club</b> With Mr Smout and Mrs Herod <b>Cost:£0</b>	

### Club Descriptions

Monday – Running Club – Cross Country and sprints

Tuesday – Boogie Bounce – Led by Jump Warehouse – There is a cost for this club, all 7 sessions will need to be paid for when you book.

Wednesday – Drama Club – Acting, Singing and making Props for the Christmas Panto

Thursday – DT Club – Making wooden lanterns and Christmas decorations

Friday – Arts and Crafts Club – Christmas Themed arts and crafts

### Rockpool Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will run daily from 8:00 – 8:30am. There will be a standard charge of £2.50 for the first child and £1.00 for each sibling attending on the same day. A healthy breakfast will be provided.

## Little Nippers

We are pleased to announce that our Little Nippers toddler group will be restarting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November after half term break at 9.45am-11am in the school hall. The group will be led by Mrs Nicholas. When you arrive for the session, please enter through the hall doors in the car park.

You will need to pre-book your space at Little Nippers by contacting Mrs Saunders in the school office on 01493 393218 or by emailing her at [office@wintertonprimary.org](mailto:office@wintertonprimary.org). If you know you would like to attend every week, then you can book your space for the whole half-term to save you phoning each week - just please let us know if you cannot attend for any reason. The cost of the session each week is £2.50 which you can pay cash for weekly or you can pay upfront for the seven weeks in one go with a payment of £17.50; this cost will include a drink and a snack for each child and a hot drink for every adult. Additional children will be charged at £1 per child.



## Diary dates

Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	-	3.30pm	-	Break up for Half Term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	-	08:30am	-	Back to School
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	-	13:30 pm	-	Friends meeting New Members welcome
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	-		-	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	-	All Day	-	Christmas Jumper Day £1 Donation to Friends
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	-	10:30am	-	Christmas Outing
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	-	3:30pm	-	Break up for Christmas
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	-	08:30am	-	Back to School



## Reading Buddies

Say Hello to our new Reading Buddies!

Reading Buddies are volunteers who listen to younger children read. After signing a contract, a short training session is given before working under the direction of the class teachers. The younger readers enjoy being paired with a Buddy and this gives them additional opportunities for them to practise their reading.



Please help us to win some new books for our school library by collecting the Books for Schools vouchers in the following newspapers:

- Eastern Daily Press
- Great Yarmouth Mercury
- Norwich Evening News
- Lowestoft Journal
- Beccles & Bungay Journal
- Dereham & Fakenham Times
- North Norfolk News

There will be collection boxes in the school office or in Winterton Post Office. Please pass this message onto any friends or family you may have in other parts of Norfolk too as the vouchers can come from any of the above publications. Thank you for your support.



**HELP US WIN A  
SHARE OF £20,000  
WORTH OF NEW  
BOOKS FOR OUR  
SCHOOL**



# Academic Calendar 2021/22

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July 2022						
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## PD DAYS

01/09/21 Education Conference  
 02/09/21 School Directed  
 22/10/21 Statutory Training  
 04/01/22 School Directed  
 03/05/22 Trust Directed  
 06/06/22 Wellbeing