



WINTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY NEWSLETTER

18th December 2020

NEWS FROM THE ACADEMY HEAD

Welcome to our final school newsletter of 2020 and my last Academy Head entry. It certainly has been a challenging year for everyone and I know the staff, children and families are keen to start their Christmas holiday later today. I'd like to take this opportunity to say a massive *thank you* to all the staff at Winterton who have worked tirelessly to ensure the children have been able to enjoy some of our usual Christmas traditions at this end of this term, but in a Covid secure way. I hope you've had an opportunity to watch the class performances on Google Classroom. What a treat!

In other news... Recently the Trust has carried out a staffing review and a number of Senior Teachers have been promoted to 'Assistant Academy Head' positions. Included in this enhancement is our Senior Teacher, Mrs Hannah Waters. Mrs Waters will continue to have a teaching commitment in Seal Classroom as well as working with Mr Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne to deliver on the vision and values of the Trust from January. I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating Mrs Waters on this fantastic achievement.

I hope you enjoy looking through this final newsletter at all the fantastic learning opportunities your children have experienced in the last few weeks. I feel incredibly proud of what we are able to achieve in our small village school and I shall miss being part of the Winterton family. I wish you all a very merry and healthy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you sometime in the future when I visit the school as part of my Head of Service role.

Best wishes,

Caroline Richardson
Academy Head



What do you get when you cross a Starfish with Christmas?

Loose parts Christmas creations.

Ninja gingerbread biscuits.

And some angelic singing.

The Early Years team have had a fabulous autumn term learning with our youngest children. As we welcome more friends to our class in January and the arrival of Mrs Banham, we are very excited for the learning opportunities ahead. See you in 2021!





Over the last couple of weeks the Seal Class have been working on a number of Christmas projects and they are very proud of the finished results.

Wooden Christmas Trees

Firstly, we learnt how to make a standing wooden Christmas tree decoration using an instruction video that Mrs Waters had made for us. However, there were some problems - the first video was without sound so we had to try and work out what Mrs Waters was showing us and in the second the video, the video clips were all in the wrong order so it was really difficult to follow. This taught us the importance of giving clear, concise instructions and the necessity for the instructions to be in chronological order. Next, we used our maths lesson to measure out the pieces of wood so they were exactly the correct size and then we drew a scale drawing of our tree. After learning how to make the tree, we practised our woodwork skills using a range of different tools. This included using a saw to cut the wood, sandpaper to sand the rough edges, a hand drill to drill holes for the nails and finally a hammer to hammer in the nails. Once the tree was made, we decorated it with wooden stars, paint and glitter.

Wooden Christmas Decorations

We then continued our woodwork topic and made some wooden slice Christmas tree decorations by drilling holes in the slice and then decorating as either a penguin, snowman or Father Christmas.

Stencilled Christmas Cards

Whilst we were decorating our trees with gold and silver spray paint, we created some accidental stencilling and as the children were really interested in this, we made some stencilled Christmas cards for all the adults in school who have helped us throughout the year.

Christmas Nativity Performance

Finally, we have been working very hard to create our first ever virtual Christmas nativity performance of An Angel, A Star and A Stable. The children have been practising their lines, developing their acting skills and singing the songs for the last few weeks and we cannot wait to share our performance with you on Google Classroom and some highlights on our Facebook page. Look out for some cameo roles by our teaching assistants! Thank you to all the parents for their support with costumes and helping the children to learn their lines. Happy Christmas to you all!



SEAL CLASS





SHARK CLASS

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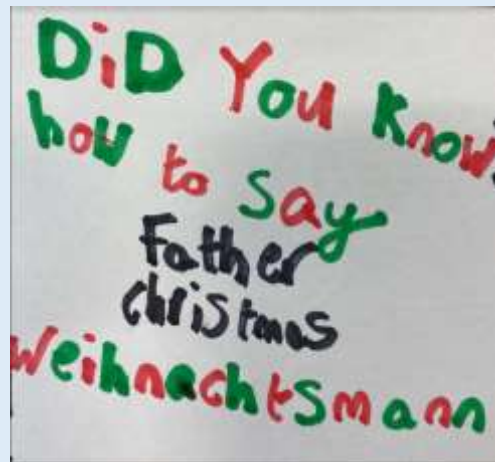
Merry Christmas from Sharks! This week, Sharks have been learning about the way Christmas is celebrated in Germany.

We have learned about the Christmas traditions in Germany such as the creation of advent calendars, St Nicholas Day - where children leave their shoes out to be filled with chocolates - and opening presents on Christmas Eve!

We have also been learning new vocabulary and, as always, the Shark children have been amazing me with their ability to learn and use new German phrases. We have focused on words associated with Christmas - such as Schneeflocken (can you guess what that is?) - and also started to learn how to read, write and pronounce the colours. Our class Elves have also been trying to brush up on their Christmas vocabulary in German; unfortunately, they have been less successful!

After finding out about German Christmas markets and their specialties, we made and iced gingerbread biscuits and the children enjoyed traditional, German lebkuchen biscuits with hot chocolate and Christmas music as if we were at our very own, Shark, Christmas market.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
from Miss Bane, Mrs Green and all of our Sharks





SHARK CLASS



Diary dates

Friday 18 th December	-	3:30PM	-	End of Term – Merry Christmas
Monday 4 th January	-	All Day	-	Staff Training Day – School Closed to pupils
Tuesday 5 th January	-	8:30AM	-	Return to School
Tuesday 5 th January	-	3:30PM	-	No Rockpool due to staff training
Friday 12 th February	-	3:30PM	-	Break up for Half Term
Monday 22 nd February	-	08:30AM	-	Return to School

Norfolk Libraries

A message from Norfolk Library Service

We are pleased to have been able to reopen our libraries on December 2nd under the tier 2 restrictions. We are really looking forward to welcoming you back to the library in the run up to Christmas and we hope our book collections can see everybody through the holiday period. We very much hope to see you back in the library again soon!

You will find the same measures to keep you safe as before:

- The library has limited capacity for customers allowed in to make sure we can maintain social distance. This means you may be asked to queue outside before we can allow you in
- We are taking test and trace details on entry and we have a QR code on display outside if you would rather use that.
- You will be asked to wear your face covering and sanitise your hands on entry and then follow the one-way system inside.
- All our staff are wearing masks and are frequently washing and sanitising their hands too.
- When books are returned, we are quarantining them for 72 hours so that they are safe for our customers to borrow.
- All our touch points and self-service machines are kept clean throughout the day.

Before your visit, please make sure you check our opening hours as these may well have changed since you came in last. You can do this online by visiting: www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries

We still have grab and go bags available if you would like to borrow books but would rather not browse in the library.

If you're interested in finding out what's on offer online please visit our website; we're planning our next group of online coding clubs for January (children aged 9-11) so if you have a child who would be interested in attending please email libraries.icconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

For more information about any of the above, or for any other **public library queries** please contact: libraries@norfolk.gov.uk

Wellies and wet weather clothing

All children need access to wellies for playtime, please bring these in a named carrier bag. This would be beneficial to all the children now the weather has changed. Thank you

Primary wellbeing Parent Toolkit

Wellbeing is about feeling good and doing good. Research shows that children, who are more fulfilled, learn better and achieve more. These resources are to help families support their children's wellbeing and build on the foundations that have been taught at school.

Please have a look at the resources in the webpage below:

https://fdslive.oup.com/www.oup.com/oxed/Wellbeing/Primary_Wellbeing_Parent_Toolkit.pdf?region=uk

A Big 'Thank you'

All the children and staff would like to send a big thank you to the Friends who supplied the treats and selection boxes for our Christmas party and to Santa for visiting.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The uptake for our clubs increases each week with more children having opportunities to develop new skills or enjoy a movie. We are really pleased they have been popular with the children.

As a school we have high expectations for behaviour and these expectations continue at our clubs particularly where it is essential to ensure children are safe when participating in archery or cookery for instance.



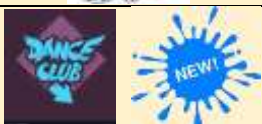


Should a child find they are unable to behave we will firstly advise you verbally after the session.

Should it occur a second time we will send a letter in writing. If poor behaviour continues for a third time, your child will be asked not to attend for the foreseeable future.

We appreciate this may have childcare implications for some families, however teachers who give their time freely to run clubs and organise exciting and new activities need to be able to deliver them in a positive environment.

Thank you for your understanding.

There will be no after school club on Tuesday 5th January due to staff training.

	After School Clubs	
Monday 3:30PM – 4:30PM	Design Technology With Mrs Waters, Mrs Johnson and Mr Smout Cost: £3.00	
Tuesday 3:30pm – 4:30PM	KS1 – DodgeBall * With Mrs Johnson and Mr Smout Cost: £3.00	
Wednesday 3:30PM – 4:30PM	Dance Club With Mrs Bramwell and Mrs Johnson Cost: £3.00	
Thursday 3:30PM – 5PM	Movie Club With Mrs Johnson and Mrs Waters Cost: £3.50	
Friday 3:30PM – 4:30PM	KS2 – DodgeBall * With Mrs Johnson and Mr Smout Cost: £3.00	

* Please let us know if you need your child to stay for after school club and they are not in the named Key Stage, as we can accommodate if necessary.

Movie Club Films

Please find the list of the movies we will be showing in the next couple of weeks:

Thursday January 7th: **Disney Mulan live action**

Thursday January 14th: **Incredibles 2**

Thursday January 21st: **Big hero 6**