

Wells-next-the-Sea Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Friends,

Christmas is almost upon us and the end of term is here. We have recently had the Ofsted Inspectors in for two days, although the official report has not yet been received, we were pleased with the outcome. You will receive a copy of the final report as soon as we receive it.

As to the appointment of a new Headteacher, the Governors have set a timetable and our advertisement for a new head will be placed in January 2010.

May you all have a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year

Mike McGill - chair of Governors

Parent Teacher Consultation

Thank you to all parents who attended the Parent/teacher consultation evenings. Your support in your children's learning is much appreciated.

Librarian Visit

Debbie Crown Librarian visited our Nursery, France and Germany classes on Wednesday 4th November to read to the children from the books which have been nominated for the Norfolk Children's Book Awards. On **Saturday 19th**

December Wells Library will be hosting Christmas Stories and activities between 10.30 -11.30am. Families are welcome, but children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult please.

Energy Buster

Switch Off and Keep Cool

Stuart Medland from Energy Busters visited Norway class, teaching the children about sustainable sources of energy. The children acted as mentors during Switch Off Keep Cool Week, checking that lights and projectors had been turned off and doors and windows had been closed. Our gas and electricity readings showed that a lot of energy had been saved in the week with the creation of a lot less pollution. We are going to be more careful about our energy consumption.

PFA

On Thursday our PFA held yet another very successful cake stall. Thank you to all parents who baked and donated cakes. The PFA Disco was another roaring success.

Members of our PFA went around the classrooms and held an after-school workshop with all manner of crafty bits to make decorations for our Christmas Tree which was displayed in the Congregational Church during Christmas Tide.

The Christmas Fair raised the sum of £175.00. Thank you again for all your donations. The PFA still have tea cloths and calendars for sale in The Crusty Crab Café. Our grateful thanks are extended to our hardworking PFA who raise money for all our 'extras'.

France & Germany Classes Visit to the Playhouse, Norwich.

The children, and accompanying adults, had a wonderful time when they went to see We're Going on a Bear Hunt. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience of visiting a theatre and seeing this well known story acted by professional actors.

Children in Need

We raised £36.98 towards the children in need appeal. Thank you to all who kindly bought balloons and made donations.

Macbeth

Norway class visited the Corn Exchange King's Lynn. The performance was thrilling and kept the class captivated. The class assembly was as spine-chilling as the performance! Thank you Norway class for sharing your experience with us.

Anti-bullying Week

Anti-bullying week helped the children to know how to deal with bullying of all kinds. The older children in particular, were made aware of how to deal with cyber-bullying.

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Football Matches

The football team won the match against Blenheim Park 6-1, but lost against Brancaster.

Christmas Productions

Wow, what a wonderful success our Christmas plays were again this year! Our F/KS1 production of 'It's a Baby' certainly got us into the Christmas spirit. 'Silent Night'; our KS2 play was truly moving, the singing was wonderful. Thank you to all the staff who make these productions such a success, thank you to the parents who attended and thank you to the children, who are the real stars.

Choir

Our choir was in much demand this year, We sang to a full house in the Congregational Church during Christmas Tide, at the Wednesday Club Christmas luncheon at the Maltings, at Scarborough House and the Town Christmas Concert at St. Nicholas. Well done choir!

PE

We regularly remind children and parents' the necessity for PE kit to be at school during the week. I must stress that PE is part of the national curriculum and is **not optional**. If your child forgets then a phone call home will be made with the expectation that you will bring to school the missing items. During the winter months your child will need to bring into school warmer kit ie tracksuit bottoms. The children need plimsolls for indoor work and trainers for use on the field. Please send a polythene bag in which muddy trainers can be stored.

After School Dance Club Yrs 3/4/5/6

Dance club starts on Thursday 14th January 2010 from 4.30 – 5.30pm in the school hall

Dinner Money

KS1 dinner money is to be paid on a Monday with the money placed in a sealed envelope with your child's name and the days you require lunch clearly printed.

Winter Weather

If snow is forecast and you are unsure as to whether the school is open please listen to Norfolk Radio and/or check www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk. If our school is not listed then we are open.

Diary Dates

4 th January	INSET Day
5 th January	Children return to school
5 th February	Samba, African Drum and singing games workshops.
w/b 8 th Feb	Maths Week
12 th February	Open afternoon
11 th February	Germany Class Assembly
12 th February	Break up for half term
22 nd February	Children return to school
1 st April	Break-up for Easter
19 th April	INSET Day
20 th April	Children return to school
3 rd May	School closed – May Day
28 th May	Break up for half-term
7 th June	Children return to school
23 rd July	Break up for Summer Holidays

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year