



# Hemblington Primary School Newsletter

December 10th 2021  
Values for December  
KINDNESS, CARING & SHARING



## Headteacher Message

This week has been our Christmas craft week where the children have created some amazing decorations. Some classes have chosen to do this at school and some classes have chosen to send a pack home so that you can do this with your child. There are lots of pictures of the crafts at the end of the newsletter. The children had lots of fun, learnt some new art skills and have created some wonderful decorations.

Today we have been invited to Hemblington Church to celebrate Christmas by performing some of our songs and hanging stars on the tree. We hope to be able to share some photographs of this next week.

It is wonderful to see all the children (and staff) in their Christmas jumpers today and helping us to raise money for Save The Children. We will share with you how much we have raised next week.



This evening is our FRIENDS Christmas Community Singalong event which starts at 5pm until 6pm. So please wrap up warm and bring your family and friends down to the school playground for some festive fun. All money raised will go to the FRIENDS of the school.



## New staff for January 2022

Welcome to our two new teachers Miss Todd (Year 2 Class Teacher) and Mr Suckling (Year 5 Class Teacher), who will be joining us in the New Year.



Hello! My name is Miss Todd and I'm so pleased to be joining your school. I'm really looking forward to learning with you and getting to know you all. There are many things I like to do, see and experience. I love singing and I sing all the time, especially songs from Mary Poppins and Disney films! One of my favourite things to do is to get lost in a good book; adventuring to mystical places with the characters. I can't wait to meet you all and start the New Year together.



Hello Everyone! My name is Mr Suckling and I am very excited to be teaching Kestrel Class from January. I am in school today to get to know the children and hope to meet some of the parents at the end of the day in the playground. Please come and say hello.

## After School Art Club Starting January 2022

Our After School Art Club will be held in the school hall on a Monday after school and will run for 1hr. This will be for years 1 - 6. The sessions cost £5 each session and are payable at the beginning of each half term to help fund buying in materials ready for the following half term. We try to include a range of art and craft activities, giving a child the opportunity to work using a range of art materials. The details are as follows if you would like to book a place.

Message Di on mobile 07432766883 to book a place giving the name of their child and class year they are currently in, any medical, dietary, or any allergies your child has (as there will be biscuits at each session). Many Thanks Di

## Girls Football Football Fun Factory Norwich East

Within the new year we are looking to add to our current sessions by adding a girls only Football Fun and Development session for girls aged 4-12 at Acle Recreation Centre on Thursdays between 4:30-5:30 pm

We at Football Fun Factory are very keen to increase female participation and provide a safe, exciting and fun environment where girls are able to enjoy



themselves and never feel any pressure to develop their skills.

We Value developing the person over developing the player.

The box can be wrapped but keeping the lid wrapped separately so that it can be opened.

Items to include

Adults: toiletries, other hygiene items, gloves, scarves, treats. Please no alcohol or tobacco.

Children: gloves, scarves, treats, small toys, school items.

**GIRLS FOOTBALL FUN AND DEVELOPMENT in ACLE**

**Would You be interested?**

FOR GIRLS OF ALL ABILITIES  
AGED 4-12 YEARS OLD  
INCLUSIVE, FUN, THRILLING AND  
EXCITING GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

HOPEFULLY STARTING IN THE NEW YEAR  
AT ACLE RECREATION CENTRE ON  
THURSDAY EVENINGS 4:30-5:30

If you are interested and would like to register your interest please email me:  
[mark@thefootballfunfactory.co.uk](mailto:mark@thefootballfunfactory.co.uk)

Alternatively, you can donate individual items that we can then use to create the shoe box at school.

If you have any spare shoe boxes, gifts or wrapping paper that you can donate to school, we would be very grateful. Please bring items to the school office by the end of term. Thank you to those who have already generously donated.

## Christmas Shoe Box Appeal



We are still collecting shoe boxes of gifts labelled with who the gifts are suitable for, e.g. adult female, teenage male, or child with an indication of age range until Thursday 16th December.

## Books for Schools Reminder

Just a couple of weeks left of the Books To Schools promotion. The paper will also publish bonus tokens each day from December 18 through to December 31.

All tokens should be returned to school no later than January 21, 2022. Thank you.

## Hemblington Pre School Jumble Sale Appeal

Hemblington preschool are holding their annual January Jumble sale on Saturday 15th January at Heathlands. Please start collecting any unwanted clothes/toys/Bric



a brace/Books etc to donate. More details to follow in the New Year. Thank you for your help, Pre School Committee.

## Financial Support For Families

There is support available for families who are facing hardship and need support. **Note:** We have [attached a Norfolk Assistance Scheme \(NAS\) information leaflet](#) for schools to share with their families. This may be sent electronically with e-bulletins or printed off for those families that are not able to access news electronically.

Anyone experiencing hardship may be able to receive support through the NAS, which may be able to provide support for food, fuel, clothes and other essential household items to families experiencing hardship. Wider support from a range of partners can then also be made available with NAS working alongside the Children's Services Community and Partnerships service.

Families may get in touch with NAS via their dedicated website which includes an online application form at [Norfolk Assistance Scheme - Norfolk County Council](#) or if they cannot access the internet, they can call 0344 800 8020.



Norfolk  
Assistance Scheme

### Are you worried about getting through the winter financially?

We can help you get support and financial assistance for food, energy, water and other essentials.

**Do you fall into any of these groups?**

- Reduced income
- Redundant – reduced working hours
- Unexpected expenditure
- Recently lost employment
- Struggling with utility bill arrears
- Need transport to get back to work



The fastest way to apply is online: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/NAS](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/NAS)  
If you do not have internet access, call **0344 800 8020**  
To discuss an open application, call **01603 223392 OPTION 5**

## Holiday Activities FREE for families on Free School Meals

Broadland District Council's Tots2Teens Holiday Activities are running over the Christmas break this year. All the sessions (other than theatre tickets) are part of the Norfolk Holiday Fun Programme and therefore families who are eligible for free school meals will have been sent an email with a HAF code which will enable them to book their child onto the club for FREE. All children attending will get a healthy lunch provided too.

The sessions will be running over Christmas, from 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> December. This includes a Christmas Cookery Class, Festive Decoration Making, Painting our GoGoDiscover T-Rex and a 4 day course making and filming robots!



## A Snapshot of Learning This Week

There is also a Robots Takeover course which will be run in partnership with Laboratory Media Education. These sessions are appropriate for those children who might struggle in other classes or workshop situations because they have needs that require a calmer setting and a slower paced session. There will be 3 adults to a maximum of 12 children and the SEND Coordinator should have received an email from Norfolk County Council about these sessions too.

Families can book by calling on 01603 430525 or visiting our website; <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/communities/tots-2-teens>

The Big Norfolk Festive Holiday Fun activity programme provides holiday activities for children and young people aged 5-16 (or 4 if your child is slightly younger but in school) in Norfolk.

This winter, the majority of sessions will take place 20-23 December across the county, with a few exceptions taking place the following week.

All children may take part in Big Norfolk Festive Holiday Fun activities. Some activities are reserved for those with a code, while others have a mix of paid spaces and free spaces. The free spaces are reserved for children who are eligible for means-tested free school meals. Children who do not receive means-tested free school meals can still sign up to many exciting activities for a small fee.

Families should visit Big Norfolk Holiday Fun - Active Norfolk to search and book activities.

Edward in Cygnets class loves colouring and has enjoyed colouring in the Harrison the Bear's Colouring Competition Sheet. Please can we have any more entries by the end of today.





The Swans have been thinking about seasonal changes and looking particularly at how apple trees change through the seasons. They worked really carefully with watercolour paints to make a beautiful picture.



Robins used their learning about materials to design a waterproof coat for some furry friends.

Robins have also been learning about money, and have been busy sorting out the different coins.





On Monday this week, we had our Christmas craft session in Kingfisher class. The children created some Father Christmas tree decorations using toilet roll tubes. They look great! We have hung them on our tree in the classroom. Miss Moore has also sent some packs home for the children so that they can create an elf or a snowman decoration with an adult at home.





Swallow class playing hand made panpipes.



Swallow class playing multiplication games as part of a maths carousel.

For our Christmas Craft Activity, Kestrel Class upcycled glass ramekin dishes to make beautiful tea lights for those cold winter nights. The children had fun using different mediums to decorate and make their light special and unique.





For their craft, Eagles created a Christmas decoration: a folded paper tree. It is to be used with a battery tealight. A pack is also being sent home so those that didn't quite work out can be created.





## Dates for your diary

Christmas Events: Many of these events are now online recordings due to the uncertainty of the Omicron variant.



Friday 10th December Christmas FRIENDS Christmas Fair 5-6pm  
Outdoor event-All Welcome

Monday 13th December 2-3pm  
Christmas Performance Year 4,5,6  
(Recorded for parents)

Tuesday 14th December  
Reception Class Nativity 9-10 am  
Christmas Performance Year 1,2,3  
2-3pm (Recorded for parents)

Wednesday 15th December  
Reindeer Hunt 9-12 am  
School Christmas Lunch  
Xmas Parties

Thursday 16th December  
1:30pm Online Panto Jack and The Beanstalk

Friday 17th December  
Special Santa Visit for all classes  
End of Term Celebration Assemblies

Friday 17th December 2021  
End of Autumn Term: Finish 1:30pm

Tuesday 14th December Year 5 and 6  
Nasal Flu Vaccine

Year 6 Swimming  
7th Jan 22-11th Feb

Year 3 Swimming  
25th Feb 22-1st April 22

Acle Academy Summer Transition Dates:  
STEM - Wednesday 29th June - Year 5  
Taster Day - Monday 4th July - Year 6  
(Transitioning students with a place only)  
Taster Day - Tuesday 5th July - Year 6  
(Transitioning students with a place only)

## Term Dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term  
Begins: Monday 6 September 2021  
Ends: Friday 17 December 2021

Spring Term  
Begins: Wednesday 5 January 2022  
Ends: Friday 1 April 2022

Half-term holiday  
Monday 14 February-Friday 18 February  
2022

Summer Term  
Begins: Wednesday 20 April 2022  
Ends: Friday 22 July 2022

May half-term holiday  
Monday 30 May -Friday 3 June 2022

Staff INSET Days  
Thursday 2 September 2021  
Friday 3 September 2021  
Friday October 22 2021  
Tuesday 4 January 2022  
Monday 25 July 2022



## Premier Sport Breakfast & After School Clubs

Just a reminder about our breakfast and after school clubs.

Breakfast club is daily from 07:45-08:45 and can be booked via the Premier Sport website.

Art Club Mondays NEW 15:15-16:15  
(Book by calling Di on 07432766883)

Tuesdays 15:15-16:15 (Archery Jan-April)

Dancing Wednesdays 15:15-16:00

Performing Arts Thursdays 15:15-16:15

Football Fridays 15:15-16:15

Please sign up via the Premier Sport website and search for the school [www.premier-education.com/parents](http://www.premier-education.com/parents) for Breakfast Club, Tennis, Performing Arts and Football. To sign up for the Wednesday dance club email Caroline at [dancingdimensionsuk@gmail.com](mailto:dancingdimensionsuk@gmail.com).

