



## December Newsletter

### **Christmas with FOSPINS**

Thank you so much to FOSPINS for organising such a fantastic Christmas Fayre and Bake Sale this year. They raised over £600. All proceeds go towards funding coaches for our school trips and other much needed resources.

### **Christmas Performances**

Well done to everyone that took part in the Christmas performances. We hope you all enjoyed the shows as much as we did. Thank you for your kind donations, we raised £200 for NSPCC.

Our Reception classes and Nursery really enjoyed *The Greatest Fairytale Ever Told*, a performance based on traditional tales.

It has also been an exciting month for Y2 and Y1 who have been out on school trips to Sheringham Little Theatre and Strangers Hall. They watched amazing performances and I think we can all recognise just how much of a benefit it was for the children.

### **Nurture**

We are delighted to be implementing a Nurture group in January.

Nurture groups are a short-term, focused intervention for children with particular social, emotional and behavioural difficulties which are creating a barrier to learning within a mainstream class.

Each group consists of between 6 to 10 children, from Year R to 2, led by a nurture group teacher and classroom assistant. Children attending the nurture group remain

an active part of their main class, spending appropriate times within the nurture group according to their need. Nurture groups assess learning and social and emotional needs and give help that is needed to remove the barriers to learning. The relationship between the two nurture staff is always nurturing and supportive, providing a role model for children. Food is shared at 'breakfast' or 'snack time' with much opportunity for social learning, helping children to attend to the needs of others, with time to listen and be listened to.

As the children learn academically and socially they develop confidence, become responsive to others, learn self-respect and take pride in behaving well and in achieving.

Nurture support is not limited to the nurture group, as all schools will embed the nurturing principles and practice at a whole school level, providing appropriate support for all pupils attending the school.

### **Rocksteady**

Well done to the children who have created 3 rock bands. Children are progressing well with their new skills ably led by James from Rocksteady. We are looking forward to a performance for parents before February half-term.



### **Christmas Recycling Challenge**

This Christmas, Norfolk Recycles is asking families to give their wrapping paper the Scrunch Test.

A fun game to play after presents have been opened, you just need to scrunch up wrapping paper into a ball in your hands. If you let go and it stays scrunched, it can be recycled. If you let go and it bounces back, it can't and needs to go in the rubbish bin. Please don't put anything with glitter or too much sticky tape in the recycling bin either.

### **Safeguarding**

As a school we teach children e-safety and have filters in place to ensure internet content is appropriate. If you need help keeping your children safe online at home there is a dedicated number you call for advice on parental controls, privacy settings, social networks and more. This number is supported by O2 and NSPCC 0808 800 5002

### **Sickness policy**

All children must have 48 hours off after the last time they are sick or have diarrhoea this is a change from the previous 72 hours for under 5's.

### **SCHOOL CLOSURE (DUE TO BAD WEATHER OR OTHER EMERGENCIES)**

If the school needs to close for any reason, procedures are in place for information to reach you via local radio, school answer phone and text if possible. Any decision to close the school is not taken lightly and is done in consultation with our campus schools, taking into account advice available at the time.

### **CONTACTS**

It is essential we have your correct mobile phone numbers in order to contact you. If you have not been receiving regular texts

from school, please check your number with our secretary in the office.

### **REMINDERS**

If you have any concerns about your child or anything else within school, please make an appointment with your child's teacher either before or after school.

### **Merry Christmas**

We would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and wonderful break over the festive period. We look forward to your children returning to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

### **Dates for the diary**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January - INSET Day

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Children return to school

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January - Safer Internet Day

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> - Fri 8<sup>th</sup> February - Multicultural Week - China

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> & Tues 5<sup>th</sup> February - Vision & Hearing Screening YR

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Comic Relief Day

Additional dates will be added and we will let you know by text or email.

### **SCHOOL OFFICE**

You can email the school office directly at: [office@suffieldpark.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@suffieldpark.norfolk.sch.uk)

**If your child is absent please call the office on the first day of the absence on 01263 513296.**