

## Christmas Holiday Dates



School closes on Friday 19th December 2008 -  
Children are back to School on Tuesday 6th January 2009



## Thank You :-



- ⇒ to all our dads, grandads, uncles and friends of our school for supporting "Men's Day" reading . We had a really successful morning, thoroughly enjoyed by the children and staff alike.
- ⇒ everyone for dressing up on "Book Character Day" The costumes were amazing this year and we had lots of fun.
- ⇒ Tina Swift (Parent) and Tony Wilson (Building Supervisor) for all their help with the 20p Book Sale. We sold over 400 books!!! This is a phenomenal number, please bring any books (children or adult) to school anytime at all, in readiness for our next 20p sale.
- ⇒ all Key Stage 1 children and staff for dressing up in pyjamas and slippers for "Book at Bedtime" sessions on the bed in the studio. Reading a story at bedtime is one of the best ways that parents can really help their children to develop a love of books.
- ⇒ all the children who visited "The Octagon Centre" for the Roald Dahl event or Weston Park Museum. These children were a credit to themselves, their parents and the School, it was a pleasure to take them out.



Remember.... **Keeeeeep Reading!!**



## To All Parents/Carers

We will be saying good bye to one of our teachers at the end of this term after many years at Norfolk Community Primary School. Mrs Pleasance is retiring, we wish her a very long and happy retirement. The new teacher is Miss Murphy. She will be visiting school and working with Mrs Pleasance over the coming weeks so she can get to know the children before taking the class in January.

The governors thank Mrs Pleasance for all she has done for the school, its children and families, and wish her all the best for the future.

## WHATS HAPPENING/HAPPENED IN SCHOOL

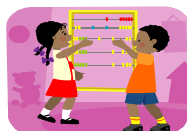


### Foundation Stage 1

This term we have been focusing on "Ourselves and our Families" which will finish with the Christmas Story thinking about Jesus and his family. We look forward to welcoming you to our concerts on Tuesday 16th December. There will be more information nearer the time. This has been an exciting half term as we have watched our new adventure playground develop. We are sure it will provide hours of fun and pleasure for our children and support their gross motor development. I think the staff are as excited as the children about it. Our Extended Day provision has been very busy and once again we have been able to support parents who want to return to work or further their careers. We will be starting our Christmas raffle at the beginning of December in the nursery. This is a magical time for our youngest children. Sadly this term we will say goodbye to some of our oldest children who will be transferring to a new school in January. We will also miss our oldest children who are transferring into school. We hope all these children will be really happy as they progress with their learning. We will miss, Miss Goodgrove's support in our unit when she returns to teaching our Foundation Stage 2 children full time in January. The children have enjoyed this time, and are well prepared for the next stage of their learning. Thank you to everyone for your continued support which is always appreciated.

### Foundation 2

In the coming weeks we are going to be practising for our Christmas performance of "Ralph the Reindeer". Your child may be bringing home some words to learn, your support in this would be greatly appreciated. We



had a very successful trip to the park, and thoroughly enjoyed looking at the wildlife. Please could you send your child with a hat and gloves for outdoor play. Thanks again for your continued support.



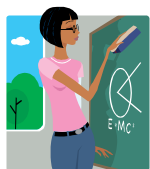
### Year 1

We are busy rehearsing for our Christmas play. Your child may soon be bringing some words to learn, please help them to learn their words. This half term's topic is light and dark. We have been learning about different light sources comparing brightness and thinking about how we can stay safe in the dark. In literacy we are focussing on poetry and rhyme. Please practice nursery/number rhymes with your child. We have been continuing learning about counting especially counting forwards and backwards in steps of 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's. Please ensure that your child is reading their book at home and returning it daily. Thank you to those children's parents and carers who are regularly completing and returning homework, this supports your child's learning.

### Year 2



In year 2 we have been learning about the Great Fire of London and we are hoping to make a tapestry linked to this topic. Thank you to those parents who have already donated some fabric, however we still need some more, so if you have any unwanted material at home please let us know. We have begun to practice our Christmas performance of "Born in a Barn" we will be baking in the next few weeks, please give 50p to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Please continue to read each night with your child and try to share a book at bedtime.



### Year 3

We were pleased to see so many parents supporting their children at the Y3 class assemblies. The children really enjoyed performing for everyone. We hope that they will do as well in the Christmas concert at the end of term. We shall be writing to you about help with costumes. Please encourage your child to learn the words for the songs when we send them home. For outdoor games your child needs a pair of trainers, a warm old jumper and some joggers or track suit bottoms. Some pupils do not have correct indoor and outdoor kit. Please check your child's peg. Please complete the Home Reading record when your child reads to you at home and make sure that the book is in school each day. Homework should be returned promptly.



### Year 4

Year 4 had an excellent trip to Eden Camp and all of the children had a fantastic time learning all about World War 2. Over the next few weeks we will be carrying on with this topic and following up the work we did on the trip. Year 4 are also starting a 6 weeks poetry project as part of the Sheffield writing project. The children will be writing and reading a variety of poems. We are really looking forward to the Christmas production at the end of the term. We will be preparing a dance and practicing our songs over the coming weeks.

### Year 5

Although Christmas is getting nearer, we have all been working extremely hard in Year 5. We are all really enjoying our new geography topics. Miss Tayler's class are learning about Shanghai and Miss Howell's class are learning about Auckland. We have thought about what it would be like to live



in these places and how they are different to Sheffield. Would you like to live there? In Science we will get to do lots of experiments like melting chocolate, cooling down hot drinks and hanging washing lines! If you ask us we can tell you why there is water on the bathroom mirror or what happens when you boil a kettle. In Literacy we have been learning about persuasion. We really enjoyed writing "The True Story of Little Red Riding Hood". Do you think the wolf was really big and bad? We don't! Ask us about our stories and maybe we can persuade you to think the same. In ICT this term we get to design our "Dream Playground" and a new layout for the classroom. We are going to be using Microsoft Word to do this. We are learning about how to place objects in a document, move them and layer them. We could even re-design our bedrooms! We would like to remind you that we need to do our spellings, reading and times tables or division facts every night. Year 5 spelling homework needs to be in on Fridays and math's needs to be in on

### Year 6



This term we have been looking at the animal kingdom in science and how it is split into 8 different groups. We have been looking at grouping animals using keys. We have been looking at all the different parts of a plant in Science and Literacy to identify their purpose. We have also looked at the Lifecycle of a plant and written diary entries about seeds. In Geography we have been looking at maps and identifying where we live. Each Friday the Year 6's are going downstairs to read with the Year 2's to try and help with their reading. Just a reminder, it is our Christmas production this month so please come and watch us! This article was written by Jaegen Bower, Holly Gratton, Brendon Shore, Natalie Day & Ethan Russon

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Dear Parents,

Last week we did not get Green Flag Award because there was litter around where children come out of school. We think this might be because people drop litter in school. All the children are doing their best to put litter in the bins. Can you please make sure you put your litter in the bins too. We want to get Green Flag Status this year because we have been working hard for 2 years to improve our environment.



Thank you,  
School Council



### **Message from the Inclusion Team**

A big thank you to the parents group for all their help creating props and scenery for our Production of Aladdin's Lump.

### **Morrison's Vouchers Wow !**

We have collected approximately 3,800 vouchers, which will get the school 2 Portable Greenhouses, a Water Butt to collect rain water, a Potato Barrel which has a clear window, so the children will be able to see the potatoes growing and if we have enough left we hope to be able to get some seeds.

### **8th - 19th December 2008**

Parents will be selling Craft items, Cards and Christmas Confectionary in Breakfast Club to raise money for the School Fund.

### **New Parent Pupil Cookery Classes**

Starting in January if you are interested contact Jo Squires for details.

### **Parents Group 9:15am - 10.15am Tuesday**

EVERYONE WELCOME TO JOIN US.

Contact Jo Squires for details

### **Credit Union 8:00am - 9:00am Friday In Breakfast Club**