



Neatishead News

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"Our school is a happy & safe Community where everyone shares a love of learning" Our Christian values of respect, responsibility, trust, courage, compassion and perseverance are at its heart"



As we come to the end of the Autumn Term, I would like to thank pupils, staff, parents, governors and friends for all they have done to make the school 'a happy and safe community where everyone can share a love of learning'. We have had a very busy and productive term during which the children have worked and played with infectious enthusiasm. They are a delight but having worked so hard all term, they are ready for the Christmas break and need time to recharge their batteries (whilst wearing yours out, no doubt) We have as you know a fantastic team of staff at Neatishead. Small but perfectly formed. I would like to especially thank them for all they do to support the children's education. Only a few 'big sleeps' before the stockings get hung up. As the excitement grows, I hope you can take time to enjoy being with family and friends. Wishing you a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.
Julie Church

Neatishead & Barton Pre-School

Don't forget to visit their website
www.nbps.org.uk



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Dates for your Diary

4 th January 2017	Staff inset day
5 th January 2017	First day of Spring Term
12 th January 2017	Nelson's Journey Training (more information to follow)
10 th February 2017	Break up
20 th February 2017	Children back to school

Parking around schools

This is always a problem near schools at drop off and pick up time. Please could all parents use the car park situated beside the playing field to avoid parking on the road. This not only causes problems for other vehicles trying to drive up or down School Road but also puts our pupils at risk as they try to cross the road. This also restricts access for emergency vehicles. There have been several complaints from local residents who at times have been unable to access their own drive ways. A leaflet is attached to this newsletter which should answer any questions you may have.



Singing with the Wherry Academy
Brass Band

Friday 2nd December



We had so much fun performing alongside the brass band. We sang and danced some of our Christmas production music and joined the band to sing Christmas carols. The children were impeccably behaved and their singing was absolutely beautiful. We are so proud of you.

Mrs Davies

Red Skippers

Christmas in school is such an exciting time! The Skippers have completed their topic work on "Fairy Tales and Castles", producing some beautiful topic books full of interesting writing, information and drawings. In the build up to Christmas we have been learning some fabulous songs and dances, which all the children have loved practising. Our classroom is beginning to feel very festive, with paper chains, a Nativity role play area and glitter everywhere! We have had an amazing term. An especially big well done to the Reception children who have settled brilliantly and are such a happy and vibrant part of our class and school.

Happy Christmas from Mrs Davies and The Red Skippers

PE

Please could all children have their PE kit in school every Tuesday. Pupils will also need something warm to put on for when they go outside during the winter months.



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Peacock Class



From Neatishead to Australia...

Last academic year Peacock Class posted a GPS tracking device to our partnership school in South Australia...



We are pleased to report that this package was returned to us by Mr Foote. We recorded its journey. It was transported via car, train and aeroplane – stopping once to re-fuel in Malaysia.



Next term, pupils in Peacock Class will present this data using media editing software during computer lessons.



Gingerbread Go!



Our *Gingerbread Go* 'Madam Butterfly' is complete! Pupils decorated her with tessellated butterflies inspired by artist MC Escher. We hope you like it.



Below, receiving replies from our **pen-pals** in Zimbabwe...



Thank you to Cody for letting us meet her pet **Guinea Pig**. We might have a pet in school soon...



School Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for the kindness you show to those in need. Thank you for looking after my family and thank you for giving me hope.

Written by a pupil at Neatishead C of E Primary School.

Our website is currently unavailable due to maintenance but should be back up and running soon.

Family Challenge...From Ms Church

1. Which movie character's famous catchphrase is 'Bah Humbug'?
2. Can you unscramble the following word to reveal a famous Christmas song: NIJGEL LSELB?
3. Which of the following gifts did the 3 wise men not present to baby Jesus: a) Myrrh b) Silver c) Gold?
4. Traditionally, candy canes are white with what colour stripes?
5. How many points does a snowflake have?
6. In which popular kids Christmas movie does Santa's son come to the rescue when Santa forgets to give a gift to a young girl?
7. In what language is Santa known as Pere Noel?
8. Which famous Christmas carol includes the lyrics: 'Star of Wonder, Star of night, Start with royal beauty bright'?
9. True or false: Christmas crackers were invented by a sweet maker from London called Tom Smith?
10. What guided the 3 wise men to Bethlehem to visit baby Jesus in a manger?
11. In the 12 Days of Christmas Song, what were the 10 lords doing?
12. Can you unscramble the following word to reveal the region where Santa Claus comes from: PANDALL?
13. What part of a Christingle represents the world?
14. Which of the following plants is not associated with Christmas: a) Mistletoe b) Holly c) Daffodil?
15. What is the missing word from the 'Let it Snow' Christmas song lyrics: 'Oh the weather outside is ...'?

Book recommendations
For an exciting list of Festive Books for children, please visit www.booktrust.org.uk



Attendance

As a whole school we aim to reach a target of 96%. Our overall school attendance (Sept-Dec 2016) is

94%.

For more information about school attendance and absence please visit www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/overview

High attendance is linked to high achievers.

Parent Views

Please have your say about Neatishead C of E Primary School by visiting <http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> or by emailing head@neatishead.norfolk.sch.uk

Your view really does matter to us and help us take actions to make school improvements.



This year we supported this event by wearing something spotty. We raised an amazing £64.50 so a HUGE thanks goes to all the children who were so generous.

LIGHTS, CAMEL, ACTION – IT'S STRICTLY THE NATIVITY



Fun singing with the Wherry Academy Brass Band

