

# Neatishead News

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



I would like to thank the children, staff, parents, carers, governors and those members of the community I have met for the wonderfully warm welcome you have given me. I look forward to celebrating the achievements of our children as we move through the year.

Let us know what you think about the new format for the newsletter and please remember you can contribute your ideas to future issues.

Have a lovely half term however you choose to spend it.

Just think we will have all the excitement of the run up to Christmas when we return to school!

Julie Church

## Neatishead & Barton Pre-School

Don't forget to visit their website

[www.nbps.org.uk](http://www.nbps.org.uk)



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## Dates for your Diary

24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 October	<b>Half Term</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> October 10-3pm	Sports Club with Mr Ward
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct – 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Families week</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> November 1pm	Individual school photo's
9 <sup>th</sup> November 2-5pm	Parents' afternoon
18 <sup>th</sup> November 6-8pm	School disco
2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2pm	Christingle service at school
8 <sup>th</sup> December 10am	Singing at the Baptist Church for Friends & Neighbours
8 <sup>th</sup> December 5pm	Christmas production at Barton Church
9 <sup>th</sup> December	FONS Christmas Fayre
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school trip to the Hippodrome Circus
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	First day of Spring Term

## Library Revamp

The children discussed how they would like their library to look during a 'Circle Assembly' with Mr Murphy. Like us they wanted it to be a bright and cosy space to relax around books. They also had ideas for titles they would like to find on the shelves. We are having a look for some new library shelving and seating at the moment. We may need some support raising money to help fund any purchases but more about that later. A HUGE thankyou to Teresa Chapman who has painstakingly worked her way through the fiction section and culled our books to ensure we present our children with quality not quantity. Thanks to FONS who feel able to support the purchase of some new books.

Great teamwork!



Check Out a Library Book

## ➤ Red Skippers



- What an exciting half term we have had! Our new reception children have settled in brilliantly and are already writing by themselves! We have enjoyed sharing lots of fairy stories. It was especially exciting when the Gingerbread Man came to visit and set us a challenge to follow his clues around the school. We also baked some very delicious gingerbread men.



We have all enjoyed learning about castles, especially finding out about different types of castles and the jobs people had to do. We have been very busy with so much learning happening - well done, Skippers!

Mrs Davies

## Christmas shoe box appeal

Please start collecting bits and pieces for the shoe boxes which we will be filling on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November.



## CIRCUS FERREL

What a fun week! It was so exciting to have a circus camping on our school field, to take part in circus workshops and to take part in a real circus show! We all learnt lots of new skills and laughed a lot at Marty the clown.



## Norwich Theatre Royal

Goldilocks & The Three Bears are coming to the Theatre Royal, Norwich on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. It would be great if anyone was able to go to compliment our Fairytale theme.

## Peacock Class



Peacock Class recently enjoyed a back stage tour of Theatre Royal Norwich. Pupils learned how to control the spotlights, whilst developing understanding of dressing rooms and stage directions. The class have appreciated other art forms; including designing t-shirts for the performance. Each design has been inspired by 'Madama Butterfly' and workshops hosted by professional composers, stage directors, opera singers and pianists. Videos diaries are available on our website.



Last academic year Peacock Class entered EDP Young Poets' Competition. Congratulations to Eloise – she is the runner up! *The competition was open to all primary schools in the region – this emphasises her outstanding achievement. As a runner up, Eloise will receive a copy of the main judge, Jess French's book Chimp Rescue and partake in an awards presentation at The Millennium Library. Please find a copy of her poem below.*

Mr Murphy

### The Charging Of The Rhino

Frantically, the rhino charges,  
DU-DUM-DU-DUM-DU-DUM,  
Menacingly, the lion roars,  
RROOARRR,  
Finally, the duel begins,  
From the cawing of the raven,  
Interested, the animals gather.

Batting with his big furry paws,  
He knocks the rhino to the ground,  
The strength of the of the lion is amazing,  
Majestically, he struts the fighting ground,

Struggling to his feet,  
The rhino is not to be out-done,  
His rough, sandy side smashes into the lion,  
Like a Kung-Fu master, the lion jumps to the left,  
Landing neatly on his velvety pads,  
The rhino is fuming.

They have been covered by a dark, starry cape,  
Marvellous night has fallen once again,  
The lion's eyes glow amber,  
In the light of the milky moon,  
Like fireworks in the winter- night sky,

Unsurprisingly, the rhino seeks malicious, vicious  
revenge,  
How dangerous is the rhino?  
Pushing the royal lion into the unsuspecting crowd,  
Steadily, the lion seeks control of his enormous,  
glamorous body again,  
He is not used to defeat,  
It is obvious the battle then becomes more serious.

The lion swats,  
Coldly, the rhino shoulder shoves,  
Animals surrounding them step back,  
As blood trickles down the lion's face.

Suddenly, the rhino moans,  
Hideous blood splashes down his knobbly knees,  
There and then the fight ends,  
Wounded, hurt the animals turn to go,  
The assortment of animal crowd cheer and jeer,  
tHUUURRAAGGtH-tHtHtHtHtHtHtH-  
tHUUURRAAGGtH,  
The sun comes out and once again the safari is bare.



## Attendance for week ending 14/10/16

Classes	AM In (Out)	PM In (Out)	% last wk
Peacocks (25 pupils)	19 (6)	0 (6)	92.92%
Red Skippers (18 pupils)	14 (3)	0 (2)	94.87% *
<b>Total (43 pupils)</b>	<b>33 (9)</b>	<b>0 (8)</b>	<b>93.9%</b>

Don't forget to check out our website for the latest photos and videos.

## Governors

Salhouse and Neatishead Schools have a joint Governing Body. We have a newly appointed Chair of Governors, Mr Steve Powles who is also a busy dad. We may be looking for new parent governors shortly and I know some of you showed an interest recently. Watch this space!

## Family Challenge...From Ms Church

**Maths is fun! Visit <http://nrich.maths.org>**

Tom and Sophie have to get to work at 9am. To be on time they have to catch the bus at 8am; so they have to reach the bus stop 2/3 minutes before 8am. Tom's watch is 10 minutes fast but he thinks it is 5 mins slow. Sophie's watch is 5 mins slow but she thinks its 10 minutes fast. Will they get to work on time?!

## The Curriculum

*Do you want to find out more about the National Curriculum?*

[www.foundationyears.org.uk](http://www.foundationyears.org.uk)  
[www.risingstars-uk.com](http://www.risingstars-uk.com)

*FONS* have a fun-filled half-term coming up: There's a school disco on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, our annual Christmas Fair on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December and we are fundraising on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November by selling teas and coffees and cakes at a Christmas fair.

*FONS* are always looking for new members – it's a great way to meet people and get involved in the school, and you can help as much or as little as you wish. We meet down the White Horse Pub in the evenings, and the next meeting will be after half- term- details to follow.



*Take part this year by wearing something spotty to school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016. We would like to ask children to donate £1 instead of wearing their uniform. We will also be selling wrist bands for £1 at the beginning of that week.*

Thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket for our Harvest Festival boxes. We raised a magnificent £32.00 which has been donated to

**Nelson's Journey**  
bringing back smiles to bereaved children