



Neatishead News

December 2017

"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"



Top Primary Schools

Neatishead was 3rd in the top 10 school league tables for children's achievements in the 2017 SATS taken last May. Well done to the pupils and thank you to the teachers and classroom assistants.

Message from Julie

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter, it has been a busy and happy term and it is lovely to be reminded of all the special moments we have enjoyed together. Neatishead may be small but it is perfectly formed! Your children are a real credit to you. Thank you for all the cards, gifts and festive wishes; they are all very much appreciated by all of us. Best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Children and staff return to school on Thursday 4th January 2018

Julie Church

Neatishead & Barton Pre-School

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



We currently have 67 followers.

Contact us on:
Tel 01692 630241

Perseverance

This is the core value we will focus on next half term



Luke 21 "Stand firm, and you will win life"

CLUBS

Our two after school clubs will continue to run after Christmas
Performing Arts – Tuesday 3.05pm – 4.05pm

Premier Sports – Wednesday 3.05pm – 4.05pm

"I just wanted to say a massive 'THANK YOU' for all your support with the Premier Show on Friday.

The day was filled with laughter, smiles and talent. I hope you all had a lovely day/ evening and once again thank you for taking the time to support your students and Premier.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Liberty Grimmer

Premier Arts/ Holiday Camp Coordinator



Meet a governor

'I am privileged to be elected chair of governors of Neatishead and Salhouse School Federation. As strategic leaders, we as governors are accountable to parents, children, staff and indeed Ofsted and SIAMS for how well the school does. Heavy responsibility? Perhaps, but seeing our children learning and succeeding in class, or enjoying performing in their Christmas Play, makes it all worthwhile.

Richard Barker'



Getting to school on time gives children the best possible start to the day.

Learning begins in both classes at 8.40. Now that all the children are settled into their morning routines at school, we need to ask parents/carers to say their goodbyes to children when they line up on the playground in the morning. If the children need any help in the cloakrooms, there is always a member of staff to help them. The teachers know this will get the learning off to a better start each day and need your support.



We have to say "goodbye" to Hugh McGill, Revd Sandy Dutton and Pat Bond who have recently stepped down from the governing body. Their knowledge and skills will be missed.

We would however like to welcome two new governors to the governing body, Revd David Smith and Mr Nick Drew. We hope they enjoy their time being part of the Neatishead & Salhouse Federation.



Music

We are just so lucky to have such talented singers in our school. In the Red Skippers we have learnt some songs about life in Ancient Egypt, some of which were rather gruesome! All the children are enjoying the preparation for our Christmas carol service, learning lots of words and tunes!

Next year the Peacocks will be joining hundreds of children from across the country in a South Asian Fusion project. We have already been to Acle Academy where we learnt to sing in Bangladeshi! Early next year we will rehearse at Norwich Theatre Royal and then take part in a huge concert at the Open (a wonderful concert venue) in Norwich. Alongside our singers there will be Asian dancers and musicians.

Music lessons with Karen Smith will start again in January 2018.



Peacock's Class

Bravely, we entered the realms of 1859 earlier in the term. Despite the strict nature of Victorian Times; pupils in Peacock Class thrived under such conditions. While taking the photograph below, smiling was not allowed – you will notice some of us couldn't resist! Learning centred on characteristics of the past, including attitudes to men, women and children. We discussed the diary of Maggie Johnson – historical fiction based within a Victorian school.



Democracy in play!

We've completed our Gingerbread Go! Have you seen him recently? The children listed all their ideas for the design, then voted on their preferred topic 'stationery.' This theme, along with the poet Michael Rosen, provided inspiration.



SATS WEEK

Key Stage 2 tests are due to take place the week beginning Monday 13th May 2018.

SATS club will start up in the New Year for all Year 6 pupils.

The Romans are here! Learning about words such as dictator, chief and tribe – we have studied the Romans' invasion of Britain. We discussed the differences between Britain and nearby European countries in 55BC. A fun game of hot-seating' allowed the children to play the part of Julius Caesar as they interviewed the army general.

A stormy invasion...

When Caesar came to Britain, he wasn't prepared for the British weather. He was born near the **Mediterranean Sea**, which is mostly calm and only has a small change in **tides**. When he arrived in the **English Channel** the storms and high tides battered his ships.

Another problem was that Caesar's ships were big and heavy. They had to anchor in deep water away from the shoreline.

*What is the Roman soldier doing in this picture?
How do you think he felt?*



Neatishead playing field update

The Big Society Fund has awarded the village £10,200 to purchase new play equipment in the New Year. The total raised to date is over £18,000.

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated in any way.

Look out for fund raising events which are due to take place next year.

Friendly Reminder:

E - Safety

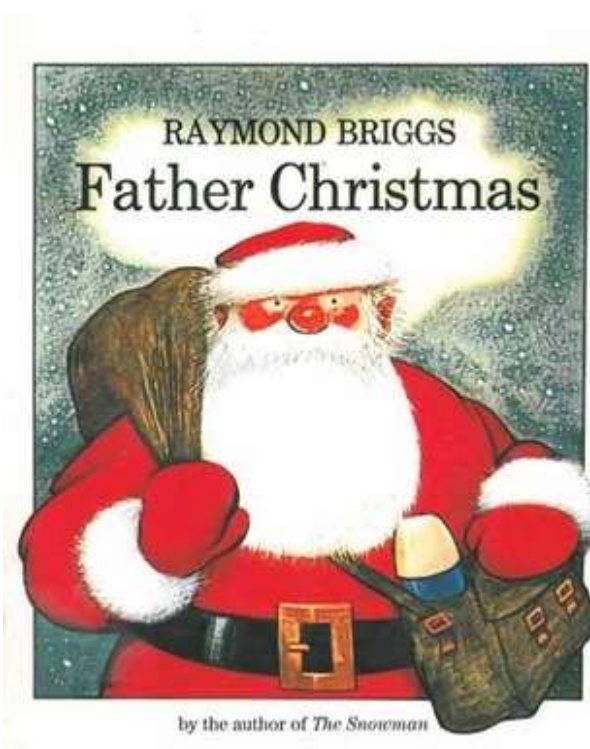
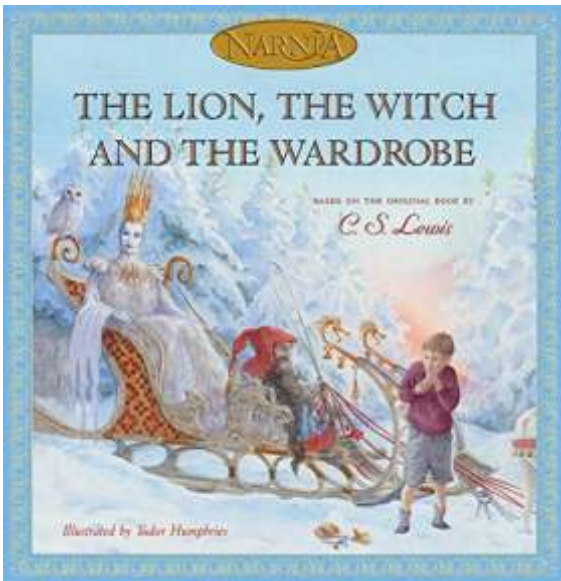
Please do not post pictures of children on social media sites without the permission of their parents/carers.

Christmas Quiz

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. What two colours are candy canes?
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 Père Noël?
8. Which famous Christmas carol includes the lyrics: 'Star of Wonder, Star of night, Star with royal beauty bright'?
9. True or false: Christmas crackers were invented by a sweet maker from London called Tom Smith?
10. In which town, beginning with the letter N, was Jesus raised as a child?
11. What type of fruit tree is mentioned in the Twelve Days of Christmas song?
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...'?

Did you know? Igloos can be 100 degrees warmer on the inside than the outside!

Good Christmas Reads



Christmas fun ideas to be found at:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/reindeer-food>

www.primarygames.com/holidays/christmas/games.php

<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/christmas-science-activities-kids-top-10-christmas-ideas-kids/>

<https://www.eastlife.co.uk/article/norfolk-at-christmas-exciting-festive-events/>