



Neatishead News

December 2018



"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"

Message from Julie

I do hope you have enjoyed the results of the children's hard work planning and rehearsing for the Christmas Performance. It always feels like the start of festivities when the shepherds, kings and angels appear!

This has been a busy term and I would like to thank the children, staff, parents & families, governors and all our friends from the local community for their commitment to making time at school the best it can be for all our children.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Julie

Neatishead & Barton Pre-School

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www.nbps.org.uk



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Partnership news

As you will know Neatishead & Salhouse schools will be going into partnership with Fleggburgh VC Primary School in January. This is an exciting opportunity for all three schools.

My time will be shared across the three schools. Mrs Davies will be given additional leadership time to co-ordinate the work of the staff team and to ensure the operational management of the school runs smoothly.

We have appointed a new part time teacher, Mrs Sandie Robinson who will teach in Red Skippers on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday afternoons and will teach RE to Peacocks.

Mrs Robinson is a highly qualified and experienced teacher. We feel very fortunate to welcome her on to our staff team.

The children have met her and I know she looks forward to meeting you all.

Julie

Attendance

As a whole school we aim to reach a target of 96%. Our overall attendance (Sept 2018 – Dec 2018) is

96%

Well done to everyone who has helped us achieve this figure.

CLUBS

Our two after school clubs will continue to run after Christmas

Performing Arts – Tuesday 3.00pm – 4.00pm – 08.01.19 – 02.04.19

Premier Sports – Wednesday 3.00pm – 4.00pm – 09.01.19 – 03.04.19

These are strictly on a first come first serve basis and places are limited to 20.

If your child wishes to take part, please return the attached form(s) as soon as possible.

All Sorts will continue on Friday lunchtimes.

Meet a governor

I graduated in Aeronautical Engineering from Southampton University and served for 33 years as an engineering officer in the Royal Air Force, including tours on front-line aircraft, in bomb disposal, technical intelligence, and research & development, as well as higher management and budgetary roles in MoD. On retirement from the RAF in 2005, I was ordained in Gloucester diocese, serving my curacy and incumbencies there for 11 years, including governorships in both county and church primary schools. In 2016, I moved to Norfolk as Rector of the Benefice of St Benedict and Prior of St Benet's Abbey. My wife, Angela, is also an ordained priest, we have four grown-up children, and two black cats who rule the Rectory!

Reverend David Smith



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.



Different ways to learn

Over the Spring and Summer Term, Mrs Andrews will be working with the children to develop a garden area where they will learn about growing fruit, vegetables, flowers and herbs.

We are looking forward to celebrating their success.



Red Skippers

Our Stone Age topic has been very exciting and we have learnt so many facts. We have written stories, information and instructions, finishing by baking delicious Stone Age oat cakes. We were all very proud of our pop art cave drawings, in the style of Andy Warhol.

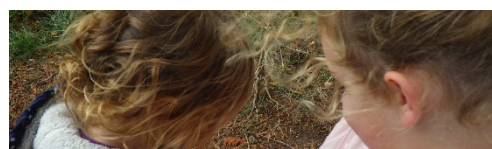


Red Skippers

Our science investigations have been lots of fun. We even built bridges using art straws. Some of them were strong enough for our tractor to drive over?



Forest School learning is always enjoyable and very busy. The teamwork in our class is fantastic.



PEACOCKS CLASS



If pupils haven't yet returned their compositions, they are applying the finishing touches to their self-portraits. The class took photographs independently, uploaded them to a computer and enlarged the image before producing an A3 line drawing. Mixed media including pen, water colours and acrylic have been used to apply tone and cross-hatch.



As our Viking inspired topic lessons come to an end, our story writing project begins. These two topics are related, many of Cressida Cowell's characters are based upon Viking traits. As the class read *How To Train Your Dragon*, we discuss each chapter in class and produce drawings which include a subject, an object and a verb. The image above was produced by Angel. Our story writing project began with a visit to the theatre, and a chance to see *Awful Auntie* – superb!



Thank you to recent visitors to our school, including: NSPCC, Sue Lamb, Norfolk Libraries and community police officer Tom Gibbs. We would also like to thank the Wroxham & Hoveton Lions for their kind donation of 60 high visibility jackets.



We need to give a very special mention to Lewis for how hard he has worked fund raising for our Weather Balloon Project.
He raised a total of £120.00.

We will keep you updated on this story.

Our choir are sounding beautiful, working hard towards the Christmas performance. Thank you to all of you who have arrived early in school and concentrated very hard during our rehearsals.

Our school always enjoy visiting the Baptist Chapel and singing at Broadacres. We are made so welcome and we all look forward to it.



Sports & PE Champion



Last year & this we have been aiming to raise the profile of sports & pe in school. Mrs Ferrier is our Sports & PE Champion who has a role in promoting & celebrating healthy lifestyles. She has a keen interest herself in Sport & PE and has teaching experience in PE from her previous employment at Gresham School.

One thing we hope to do in the Spring is to invite Premier Sport to lead some lunchtime sessions. Watch this space !!!

“Allsorts” Autumn 2018

It has been a busy term at “Allsorts” with many new children joining us at lunchtime. The children are always full of enthusiasm and eager to hear a new story from the Bible each week. This term we have started at the very beginning, the book of Genesis; the Bible accounts of Creation and the Fall, God’s mercy to Noah and his family in the ark and the promise of the rainbow. We have also looked at some of the parable which Jesus told and talked about what they teach us. The children have enjoyed a variety of activities each week, making different things to remind them of the story with a Bible verse which many have been learning at home – well done! Nest term we are learning about the early life of Jesus and then, back into the Old Testament for the life of Abraham. Details of each week’s story is on the school website.

Good Christmas Reads

