



Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Christmas has been in full swing at Falcon with shows, parties and Christmas dinner enjoyed by the children over the last few days. But it hasn't only been fun and games, the children have been working hard too.

Year 3 and 4 pupils performed their Christmas show 'A Topsy Turvy Christmas' to packed houses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday whilst pupils in Year 5 performed a selection of carols, songs and readings to parents and friends last week. Congratulations to all the pupils who took part, they are all stars. DVDs will be available to buy for the Y3/4 performance, although not until the new year. Letters will be sent home to all parents of pupils involved on our return in January.

This term we said goodbye to Rhys Beddar (Grebes) who is leaving us and moving to a new school. We wish Rhys and his family all the best in their school transfer.

I hope you have a good holiday and we look forward to everyone returning rested and ready to work hard in the Spring term. School reopens for pupils on **Thursday 5th January** (Wednesday 4th is a staff training day). A more detailed calendar of events for the spring term can be found at the end of this newsletter.

It just remains for me to say that on behalf of the Governors and staff of Falcon Junior School we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Boyce



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As part of their Literacy studies this term Y5 pupils were looking at poetry. As a homework project Eagles class wrote revolting rhymes and were invited to submit them to the Roald Dahl Revolting Rhymers competition. The rules were that their writing:

- must rhyme
- must be between 4-30 lines.
- must feature at least one Roald Dahl character who takes a prominent role in the rhyme.
- must be funny
- must also be revolting. This means it could be naughty, gross, outrageous, surprising, or a little bit rebellious.

The competition winners were announced recently and Harry Robinson's rhyme won the first prize for best piece in the English language. This is a fantastic achievement and Harry wins an iPad and a set of Roald Dahl books. The school also receives a set of books for the library. You can see Harry's winning rhyme read by Tom Fletcher (McFly fame) on their website www.revoltingrhymers.com/winners/

A link to this will be placed on our website shortly.

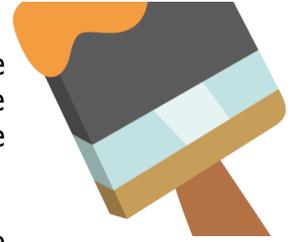
Well done Harry!

Buildings

We are on the home straight for the refurbishment works at the front of house and plan to reopen from January 4th 2017. The new reception area is more welcoming and spacious and will also enable us to provide a space to showcase some of the schools work.

The new cloakrooms for Y3 will also be open after Christmas break.

From Easter next year, Norfolk County Council will begin works to extend the school to meet its future growth capacity. This will involve a new building on the top playground. This will mean considerable disruption to access to the Y5 and Y6 entrance. We are working with NCC to ensure that the school can continue to function properly and that the safety of pupils and parents is paramount when works begin. I will keep you informed of developments.



Christmas at St. Cuthbert's

Rev. Simon has informed us that St. Cuthbert's are providing Christmas lunch for anybody who wishes to come along on Christmas Day at 12.30pm.

It would help them if people were to phone ahead (01603 426492) for catering purposes but this is not necessary and everyone is welcome on the day.



The Nurtured Heart Approach Workshop 2nd February 2017 6pm—8pm

In the New Year The Benjamin Foundation will be running a free workshop for parents on maximising children's potential and dealing with challenging behaviour, based on the Nurtured Heart Approach.

The approach has transformed the lives of countless families by increasing the quality of relationships and transforming behaviour in the family home.

Further details will be available from the office on our return in January or on our website.



Falcon Football

The Y5 and Y6 Football teams have completed their autumn season. After a slow start in the league, the Y6 team had an impressive winning performance against Woodland View Junior School. That seemed to spur them on; they reached the semi finals of the Jack Ramm 6-a-side tournament at the UEA.



The Y5 team have had very successful season to date. They managed to win their Autumn league, which included a hard fought draw coming back from 4-1 down! They have also progressed to the semi finals of the cup, ties to be played in the spring term. Well done to all who took part in both our teams this term.

NORSE TASTER SESSION

NORSE, who provide our school meals, are offering parents the opportunity to come in and taste the new Spring menu when it is launched in the new year. They have worked with the School Council already to identify popular and not so popular dishes. The date is 2nd February at 2.30pm.



PARENT READERS



We already have a committed team of parents and grandparents who come in regularly to listen to children read but we are always looking for more help. If you could spare an afternoon each week, a morning or even an hour on a regular basis then we would love to hear from you. Our children really enjoy having someone hear them read regularly and it makes a real difference to the progress they can make. The adults who listened to children tell us they enjoy it too. Please contact Mrs Margree or Mrs Harmer.

Following their successful Christmas Fayre thanks go to the PTA for their kind donations to the school to make Christmas special once again for our children. The PTA have planned a Quiz Night for the end of January and children's discos for the next term. Dates can be found at the end of this newsletter.



Appeals and Collections

Thank you to all those who contributed to our collections and appeals this term. We collected 129 bags of sugar for the Buckingham Emergency Food Appeal, £287 for Diabetes Day and £88.04 for the Royal Legion Poppy Appeal. Thank you all for your generosity.



Absences



A reminder to all parents that if your child is absent from school please ring the absence line. This is a recorded message and available 24 hours a day. The school office opens daily at 8.30am and this ensures that you are not having to wait and the office line is kept open for other important calls.

Absence Line: 01603 441477

Please ring on the first day of absence and every day thereafter

SPRING TERM 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

Thurs 5th	Pupils return	8.40am
Mon 9th	Sportshall Athletics at UEA	In School Day
Sat 14th	Y6 London Theatre Visit	All day
16th-18th	Diversity Workshops - Upper School	In School Day
Wed 18th	TAG Rugby Festival at UEA	In School Day
Thurs 19th	Parent Consultation Evening	3.30pm—6.30pm
Tues 24th	Swimming gala at Thorpe High School	In School Day
	Parent Consultation Evening	3.30pm—6.30pm
Fri 27th	PTA Quiz Night	7.30pm—10pm

February

Thurs 2nd	NORSE tasting session for parents	2.30pm
	Benjamin Foundation Nurtured Heart	
	Workshop for parents	6pm—8pm
Thurs 9th	Y5 Maths competition at Langley School	In School Day
Fri 10th	PTA Non School Uniform Day	In School Day
	Y6 Maths quiz at Langley School	In School Day
	Cross Country Finals	In School Day
Fri 10th	Break for Half Term	3.10pm
Mon 20th	Back to School	8.40am
Wed 22nd	Cluster Parent Event - Local Offer	Details to follow
Fri 24th	PTA Disco	6.30pm-8pm

March

w/b Mon 6th	Norfolk County Music Festival	Details to follow
w/b Mon 13th	How Hill Residential	
Thurs 17th	Y5 Football Tournament at UEA	In School Day
Thurs 23rd	Theatre Club performances	Details to follow
Fri 24th	Y3 trip to Kew Gardens	Details to follow
Tues 28th	School Photographer - class groups	In School Day
	PTA Bingo	3.30pm School Hall
Fri 31st	Pupils break for Easter	3.10pm

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