



Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It's been another busy month at Falcon. We have been teaching children about staying safe both physically, through firework safety assemblies and emotionally as part of National Anti Bullying Week. The theme this year is 'Power for Good'. The children worked in classes, exploring the issues and problems around bullying including online issues. This important work does not stop here. We will be revisiting these themes regularly throughout the year in class PSHE time and assemblies.

This term we have been working with the LA to ensure that the school is focused on the right priorities to improve further. We welcomed Mike Capper from the LA and a team of advisers into school on Thursday 17th November to undertake an audit of our current provision. There was a heavy focus on maths following disappointing results in last year's new end of KS2 tests. I am pleased to report that Mike and his team found pupils behaviour and attitudes to learning excellent, teaching wholly good and pupil progress at expected standards. The team left us with some ideas to work on to improve further and we will be using these to inform our School Improvement and Development Plan from January 2017.

Congratulations to all those who took part in the PTA Pumpkin carving competition. We had some stunning entries and the judges found it really difficult to choose the winners. Every child who entered received a credit for their efforts. The winners and runners up were:

Y6 Danny Cracknell and Lucy Daynes

Y5 Eleanor Denton and James Hoye

Y4 Lottie Winter and Isaac Fox

Y3 Fletcher Lain-Smith and Poppy Goodchild

Photos are available on the website.

The weather has changed and it is now important that your child brings a warm coat to school. We expect children to be outside at breaktime and lunchtime enjoying the fresh air but want them to be warm and safe. There is the old saying that there is no such thing as the wrong weather—only the wrong clothes!

A special Falcon welcome to Ella Mann who joined Firecrests and Millie Wright who joined Doves this half term.

Finally, Mrs Herbison joined our Midday Supervisors team this half term.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Boyce



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**Children
in Need**

Children in Need 2016

Congratulations to all the children who organised activities and raised lots of money for Children in Need. When we counted it all up the total amount raised was £735.62.

PTA

The PTA held their annual Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 26th November**. We enjoyed lots of festive crafts and games and of course a visit from Father Christmas himself. The total amount raised has yet to be finalised but we took over £1200 on the day.



Thanks to the PTA committee who continue to do an amazing job in organising these events and making sure your PTA goes from strength to strength.

As we begin to prepare for Christmas here at Falcon it is worth mentioning that lots of what we are able to provide would not be possible without the help of the PTA. Once again this year they will be providing parties for the children and decorations and crackers for the Christmas lunch.

The next PTA event is the Quiz night on 27th January. Details when we return after Christmas.

Diabetes Day

One of our pupils Jess Smith, who has diabetes, has asked if we could support World Diabetes Day, promoted by the Junior Diabetes Research Federation. The Federation supports action locally, nationally and globally to raise awareness of diabetes and educate others on this disease. Currently we have a number of children and staff at Falcon who have diabetes.

Although the World Diabetes Day is on 18th November, I have agreed with Jess that due to our prior commitment to Children in Need we support this important cause on Friday 2nd December. On that day we are asking children to support the JDRF by wearing their onesies for Type 1 Diabetes for a donation of £1. Alternatively children can wear blue, which is the colour associated with diabetes. Jess will be speaking in the assembly on this day to inform pupils more about diabetes.



Road Crossing Patrol



Norfolk County Council have asked us to publish the following information:

At the Children's Services Committee on 15 November it was agreed that Norfolk County Council would publicly consult on a proposal to only continue to fund Road Crossing Patrol sites that continue to meet the threshold recommended in the national guidance from Road Safety GB, previously Local Authority Road Safety Officers Association. The crossing patrol that supports this school **does** meet the national threshold.

Whilst, for the foreseeable future, we will continue to have a site patrol supporting our school, if you wish to respond to the consultation you can access it at

<https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/consultation/roadcrossingpatrols/>

Christmas

Preparations for Christmas are already underway at Falcon with children practising for performances. We are expecting a visit from Radio Norwich this week to record a carol performed by Y3 and Y4. The carol will be played as part of their 12 Songs of Christmas. We don't know yet when the recording will be aired but will keep you informed.



Next Wednesday is our Christmas Lunch. The children will be served their lunch by the staff who dress as waiters and waitresses for the day. Lunch must be ordered in advance and no other lunches will be available on the day. Please see the office for more information.

Dates for all our Christmas events can be found at the end of this newsletter.

We are often approached by charities throughout the year asking for help and support. During the festive period we teach children to think about others less fortunate than ourselves and do something to help. This year, once again we will be collecting sugar for the Buckingham Emergency Appeal: a letter was sent out last week.

Head Lice

Despite the best efforts of many individual families they continue to find head lice in their child's hair.

Please see information leaflet from Norfolk County Council enclosed containing information about head lice and some truths and myths.



Sport

Congratulations to our Cross Country team who have performed well this half term. Sam Yellop leads the way in the Norwich Schools competition. There are also strong positions for Robert Brzeczek, Jess Hyam and Sophia Fossey. These children have already qualified for the county finals along with Jessica Barnes. The finals take place in February.

FORTHCOMING DATES

December

2nd	Decorations Day	In School
	World Diabetes Day—Wear Onesies for Type 1	In School
7th	Christmas Lunch	In School
8th	Y5 Carol Concert	6.30pm—7.30pm
9th	Y5/6 Disco at Sprowston Community High School	6.00pm—7.00pm
12th	Y3/4 Christmas Play	6.00pm—7.00pm
13th	Y3/4 Christmas Play	1.30pm—3.00pm
14th	Flu vaccinations for Y3	In School
	Y5 Christmas Party	In School
	Y3/4 Christmas Play	6.00pm—7.00pm
15th	Y3 Christmas Party	In School
	Y4 Christmas Party	In School
	Y6 Christmas Party	6.00pm—8.00pm
16th	Break for Christmas	3.10pm

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4th	Staff Training Day	
5th	Pupils Return after Christmas Holiday	8.40am

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