

# Cawston VC Primary School

## December 2015

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### Christmas @ Cawston!

Please post cards in the **Post Box**, which will be in the school entrance from Tues 1<sup>st</sup>. The cards will be distributed in our **Christmas Card assembly** on Thurs 17<sup>th</sup>. **Christmas Lunch** is also on Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> which is our **Christmas Jumper** day to raise funds for Save the Children.

The **Infant Nativity** is on **Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>** (morning only for babies & toddlers please). School age and adults only in the evening, so children's voices can be heard!

Our **Carol Service** is held for families at St. Agnes' Church on Mon 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Our older juniors read and act the Nativity story. Refreshments of mince pies, mulled wine, soft drinks and biscuits are provided by the school governors and Friends. The more the merrier – all welcome!

For our **Talent Show** in the last week children are invited to perform a song, dance or talent act to their class. The School Council then judges the 2 chosen acts from each class in a finals contest.

### WINTER

At this time of year we prepare for the worst! We will, of course, aim to keep the school open whenever possible. In the event of school closure due to exceptional circumstances we will inform Radio Norfolk, Broadland Radio and County Hall who publish it on their website:

[www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk)

We will also send a text message if we have electricity for the Internet.

### New Assessments

Previously schools have used National Curriculum Levels 1-5 to assess children's work. However the levels do not match the new National Curriculum and all schools are using assessment without levels this year. Since Sept 2014 we have introduced a new assessment system called 'Assertive mentoring' for English, Maths and Science. Your child's learning and behavior targets are reviewed with the teacher and sent home to parents.

### **SEN**

For pupils with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) we follow the Norfolk County Council guidance and procedures. This will include support from school staff and linking with outside agencies for advice and assessments. Our SEN funding is administered through the Reepham Cluster, which is the same process for all schools. We aim to meet the needs of all pupils with the support of parents.

### Charities at Christmas

We are grateful to you for your help in raising funds for our charity collection: Children in Need £170. We will collect for 'Save the Children' by holding a **Christmas Jumper day on Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** and will have a collection at our Infant Nativity and Carol Service for 'The Children's Society'. There are also collection candle boxes for the Christingle Service at St. Agnes Church on Christmas Eve.

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**FIVE STARS:** Amber, Lottie, Arthur, Myah, Emily, Jakob R, Callum D, Alesha, Kate, Rosa, Elliott A, Constance, Owen C, Archie, Tom W, Tyler and Anya.

**Stars of the Week:** Alesha, Myah, Charley, Jennifer, India, Constance, Leo, Jack, Jasmine and Neve H.

**Citizens of the Week:**

Isla, Jakob R, Tom W, and Ella D.

### **FESTIVE FUN**

As we approach the end of a very busy term, I would like to say how pleased I have been to see the children making such good progress at school. Thank you for supporting your child's school activities and also to the many volunteers who give their time. Thanks to all the staff, who have worked extremely hard to provide interesting lessons and first hand experiences for all children. I'm sure we will have a whole school of Christmas Stars by the end of term!

There is a sense of excitement as all the children prepare for concerts, carol singing and celebrations. I'm sure that you will be proud of their achievements! They will remind us of the true meaning of Christmas. We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Kay Swann

### **THE FRIENDS**

The Friends have raised much-needed funds at the Disco, which was a great success as well as providing entertainment for pupils!

The children thank the Friends for providing the Christmas Lunch Crackers.

### **Staff Changes**

We must say thank you and good luck to Mrs Lawson, our Midday Supervisor, who leaves us this week after many years at Cawston. Mrs Latham and Mrs Mawe (nee Miss Shippey) will be taking her place. We are sorry to say goodbye to Miss Howett, who is leaving at the end of term. She has done a great job for us!

We have appointed a local infant teacher for Poplar Class - Miss Edwards who will be joining us in January. We will plan to keep as much as possible the same for the Year 2 children next term.

## **Stay Safe**

By taking part in the National Anti-bullying week our children had the chance to re-focus on the important messages. We reviewed our Anti-bullying policy and signed a school Charter:

\*We want our school to be free of any forms of bullying, including cyber bullying

\*Our pupils know how to TELL someone if there is any bullying

\*Our school community challenges bullying of any kind.

Are you aware of the legal ages for the chatrooms on the Internet? E-safety is a priority for staff and parents. Even primary age children are now posting pictures on social media profiles, which are provocative and could be misused or lead to inappropriate comments.

All our staff are trained in Safeguarding of Children. We have adopted the Norfolk guidance on Child Protection.

All our policies are available on our website or from the school office on request.

In these darker winter days we remind children how important it is to **BE SEEN to Be SAFE** on the paths or roads.

### **DIARY DATES**

#### **No Clubs in Dec**

Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Post Box
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> 10am	Infant Nativity (toddlers)
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Infant Nativity (school age + only)
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> 6.30 for 7.00 pm	Christmas Carol Theatre Group
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Carol Service at church
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Card Assembly
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Charity collection	Xmas Lunch Christmas Jumpers
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> 3.15pm	End of Term
<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Start of Spring Term</b>
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Feb Half Term
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	School
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Easter Holidays
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	May Half Term
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year 3.15pm
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	New School Year

**Norfolk Show is not a Norfolk school holiday this year.**