



## **Updates, information and reminders for December**

*It's that time already, but this year I am so pleased that we can celebrate some of our Christmas events with you, instead of repeating the options that we have had over the last 2 years. We are looking forward to seeing many of you in school over the next few weeks.*

### **Christmas Fair**

*A lot of work has gone into this Fair and I want to say a huge thank you to all the Helping Hands team who have given so much of their spare time to stage this event. We really do appreciate the Helping Hands vibe and just LOVE all the lights and decorations! I hear that we are having a special visitor this year...can't wait!*

### **A special mention**

*We are so proud of Rowan who deserves a very special mention on this Flyer. Recently, Rowan made a variety of gifts, which he then sold locally raising a massive £220. From that, he decided that he wanted to use this amount in a positive way, so he went out and brought Christmas food items for the Waveney Food Bank. They were extremely happy to receive such a generous donation and we are so proud of the contribution he has made locally. Well done Rowan #careinthecommunity*

### **Wilder School**

*We have recently joined up with Suffolk Wildlife Trust to become a Wilder School. We will be working on a project with them to put nature in recovery. Through this, we will be able to offer increased opportunities for outdoor learning and nature connection alongside empowering our children to take action. We are amidst a global climate, biodiversity and health crisis and we, as educators, need to do our best to equip the children we teach with the tools they need to live sustainably, be successful, happy and healthy in an unpredictable and rapidly changing world. More details to follow next year.*

### **Local Governing Body**

*Our governing body has a new look for the start of the Spring Term. Tracy Driscoll is back as our Chair until the end of the year, this is great news for the school. We also have 4 new members joining the team: two new parent members, Carmel Jury and Hayley Coleby; and two other co-opted members, Zoe Mowday and Amy Richford. I am looking forward to them joining our Local Governing Body and will keep you updated with news and events.*

### **Christmas performances**

*The last LIVE Christmas performances were in 2019, I can't believe it was 3 years ago! We are looking forward to our performances this year and rehearsals are well underway. A polite reminder that no filming or photographs can be taken during the performance, but you will be able to photograph your individual child after their show.*

### **School Choir**

*Our school choir have been rehearsing hard over the last few months and it has certainly paid off. They performed at the Beccles Switch On last Friday and did us proud! What a fantastic show it was, well done to you all. They have 3 other community events lined up for December so, as well as performing at school, they are extremely busy!*

### **Social Media**

*We have recently updated some of our systems and procedures for staff regarding their use of social media accounts. All Beccles Primary staff are aware that they are not permitted to use their social media accounts to contact parents about school related issues or respond to parent queries about school. If you, as parents, have concerns about anything connected to school, please can I ask that you contact the school directly and ask to speak to a member of relevant staff. It may not be possible to speak to anyone immediately but you will receive a call back as soon as possible. Thank you for your support with this going forward.*

*We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

## HOUSE POINTS update

Northgate 1277

Hungate 1319

Blyburgate 1219

Saltgate 1253



## TERM DATES 2023

### Spring Term 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> March

*Children start Wednesday January 4<sup>th</sup>*

### Spring Half Term

13<sup>th</sup> February – 17<sup>th</sup> February

### Summer Term 2023

17<sup>th</sup> April – 21<sup>st</sup> July

*Children start Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup>*

### Summer Half Term

29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

### PD Days

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

17<sup>th</sup> April 2023



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> Choir singing at May Centre
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Fair @ 3:15PM
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Choir singing at Morrisons
- 6<sup>th</sup> After school singing showcase 3:15PM
- 8<sup>th</sup> Early Years Christmas Performance @ 2:15PM
- 9<sup>th</sup> Y1,Y2 & Y3 Christmas Concert 9:15AM and 2:15PM
- 12<sup>th</sup> Rock Steady Concert @ 2PM
- 13<sup>th</sup> Y4,Y5 & Y6 Christmas Concert 9:15AM and 2:15PM
- 12<sup>th</sup> LGB Meeting @ 4:30PM
- 14<sup>th</sup> School Pantomime – Robin Hood
- 14<sup>th</sup> Special Panto Lunch
- 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> Choir singing @ St Luke's LunchClub
- 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas service at St Luke's (AM)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas lunch
- 16<sup>th</sup> **End of Autumn Term**

### January

- 3<sup>rd</sup> **P D DAY**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Spring Term Starts for children
- 11<sup>th</sup> Rhythm & Rhyme Child and Parent course starts
- 30<sup>th</sup> LGB Meeting @ 4:30pm

### February

- 10<sup>th</sup> **End of Spring Term 1**
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> **Half Term**
- 20<sup>th</sup> **P D DAY**
- 21<sup>st</sup> Spring Term 2 starts for children

### March

- 27<sup>th</sup> LGB Meeting @ 4:30pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> **End of Spring Term**

*More dates to follow in January's Flyer*

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