



Fakenham Junior School

Newsletter 7

12th December 2014

Christmas once again.

We are coming towards the end of another very busy term. Once again it's been a pleasure to see so many of you taking time out of very hectic lives to join your children in class. We look forward to seeing you again next term. And for those of you who just can make the daytime, we are looking at trialling something later in the day.

The children and the teachers have got to grips with so many changes, its only just beginning to make sense. By the time we have the parent meetings in the spring term (2nd and 4th March) we will be able to report on progress using the new strategy!

We have noticed that children are short of their own pencils, rubbers, glue sticks etc. So if you're looking for a simple stocking filler there's an idea for you.

Almost time for the well deserved break,

Enjoy a lovely Christmas and very happy new year, Lesley Cook.



Every year there is a Christmas tree festival in the local church raising awareness and money for local charities as well as getting the Christmas spirit going in Fakenham.

Fakenham Christmas Tree Festival

Some of the children have been to have a look round the festival and were amazed by all the bright colours, lights and beautiful decorations that they saw.



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IT'S WINTER !

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS A COAT EACH DAY.

EXTRA SWEATSHIRTS OR HOODIES ARE NOT APPROPRIATE AS THE CHILDREN WILL BE OUTSIDE IN COLD, DAMP CONDITIONS AND LIGHT RAIN.

THANK YOU

Wear a Xmas Jumper Day!

Wednesday 17th December

As it's our Xmas lunch day we thought it would be a fun idea for the children and staff to wear Xmas jumpers for the day. If you haven't got a Xmas jumper, maybe you could customise a top you have at home or just throw on some tinsel and baubles!!



**FJS PARENTS AND PUPILS
WORKING TOGETHER**

A BIG Thank You to the Friends of FJS

Thanks to their fundraising efforts the children were able to go to the cinema as a Christmas Treat, for a reduced cost. The Friends also organised this outing too.

The Friends are always looking for new members to support them, if you think you could help please get in touch or come to a meeting.

FJS PARENTS FORUM Tuesday 13th January 2015 At 2pm Café Scrumptious



Come along to our first Parents Forum and have your say!

How can we improve FJS?
How can we improve our communication with you?
How can we make our new website useful and easy to use?



Tell us what you think.

Tea and Cakes will be provided!

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SPELLING

Firstly a very BIG THANK YOU for all the support you have been giving your children to learn their spellings. This has really helped to reinforce their knowledge.

We surveyed a selection of parents (28 in total) to find out what you thought of the Spelling resources we have sent home during this term. This is what you told us:

- * - overwhelmingly parents/carers had found the spelling pack useful (26)
- * - the majority of parents/carers considered that the spelling resources had helped their child to learn spellings (23)
- * - 19 parents/carers had noticed an improvement in their child's spelling ability
- * - we discovered that parents/carers had found the letter and the spelling flash card sheet the most helpful resources

If you have comments regarding the Spelling Resources which we have sent home, Miss Tennent or Ms Fairbrother would love to hear from you.

Many thanks to those parents/carers who completed the questionnaire.

YEAR 5 CURIOSITY CAFÉ EVALUATION

We wanted to find out the impact that Curiosity Cafes have had on pupils and parents at FJS, so we asked Year 5 parents/carers for their opinions. Year 5 pupils and their families have now been experiencing Curiosity Cafes since they entered the school in Year 3.

This is what we found out from the 34 parents/carers who responded:

- - that Curiosity Cafes have made FJS more welcoming to parents/carers and families.
- - that the majority of children ask their parents/carers/families to come to curiosity cafes and that adults were sure that the children enjoyed them coming in.
- - parents/carers considered that experiencing their child's classroom has been useful in supporting learning at home.
- - parents/carers believed that coming to Curiosity Cafes had helped them feel more informed and more confident in supporting learning at home.
- the majority of parents/carers/families find it difficult to attend Curiosity Cafes and some cannot attend at all.

We asked whether we could make it easier for parents/carers to attend. Some respondents suggested we could run some sessions after school – we will think about how we might best achieve this.

Finally we asked what parents/carers would like the focus of following Curiosity Cafes to be: Writing = 14 Reading = 8 Maths = 9 ICT = 11 Topic = 12

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 **Norfolk** County Council
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**Free
English Classes
Fakenham Community Centre
Oak Street
NR21 9DY**

Starting 8th JANUARY 2015

**Thursday
9.30-3.00pm**

We may be able to help you with childcare and travel costs

For details of how to enrol:

Call Bob on 01953 455783 or 0344 800 8020

e-mail: robert.jordan2@norfolk.gov.uk

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 **Norfolk** County Council
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**Free
Maths Classes
Fakenham Salvation Army Hall
16 Oak Street
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6th JANUARY 2015

Tuesday & Thursday

12.45-3.15pm

We may be able to help you with childcare and travel costs

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Friends of FJS



Friends of FJS would like to thank you all for your support this year and wish you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Bingo held on 29th November.

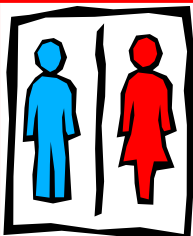
A total of £138.00 was raised.

Lost Property

We have a basket full of lost property! Please come into the Year 5 cloakroom and have a look to see if anything belongs to your child.

Thank you

Spring term Music Lessons start Week Commencing 12th January 2015



Polite Reminder

Could we please ask that parents do not use the outside toilets during the school day as there may be children in the changing rooms. Please use the adult toilets.

Thank you



Housepoint Trophy

28th November - Edwards
5th December - Edwards

Diary Dates

December

Yr4 Poetry Showcase	16th December	9.30am - 10am
Music Assembly	16th December	11am - 11.30am
Yr4 Poetry Showcase	16th December	2.15pm - 2.45pm
Open the Book Assembly	17th December	11am - 11.15am
Wear a Christmas Jumper Day	17th December	AI Day
Christmas Lunch	17th December	12pm - 1.30pm
School Closes for Christmas Break	19th December	3.15pm

School Opens for Spring Term

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