



Reepham Primary School – 01603 870321

December 2023 Newsletter

Head of School: Mrs Caroline Henry
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Dear Parents/Carers,

I was listening to the radio last week and it made me think about our families at Reepham Primary School. The presenter was saying that she finds December like a test as school asks for costumes, Christmas jumpers, payment for Christmas lunch, Grotto list and money, tickets to watch the nativity, and the list goes on! It feels like every day there is something new to remember. So, I would like to thank all of you who have supported us over the last few weeks. The children have had so much fun and there has been a very good energy in the building. We could not do this without you. The test is nearly over!

Thanks to the Friends committee for another wonderful Grotto. This really is the highlight of the year for many children and was made even more special this year due to the appearance of Father Christmas.

Thank you to all the staff who have worked tirelessly to keep the children going with their learning but also to put on truly memorable performances. Both plays have been wonderful to watch. These are huge confidence building opportunities for the children and it was lovely to see so many individuals succeed.

We are looking forward to seeing the families of Dove class and Toucan class in the church on Monday for our annual carol service at 1:30pm. Come ready to sing!

Well done to our stars of the month of December

Class	Inspire	Challenge	Succeed together
Puffins	Olivia Eryn	Millie	Poppy Milla
Goldfinches	Edward	Buddy	Aisha Elysia
Wrens	Molly	Sienna	Henry
Woodpeckers	Thea	Oscar	Florrie
Doves	Emily K	Alfie	Emilia
Toucans	Jonah	Esme W	Gracie

Attendance

Thank you for your continued support in raising attendance. We have been impressed with the improvements that we have seen. We will continue to hold meetings to see where we can support further. On this note, it is important that we also tackle late arrivals. We are happy to discuss support in this area too and will hold meetings for people who are having difficulties arriving before the gate and doors are locked.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Goodyear and Miss Dixon at the end of this term. We would like to thank them both for the support that they have given the school and the children during their time with us and we wish them the best of luck in their new roles.



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May I remind you that, in line with local Synergy Schools we will be **closing at 1:15pm** on Wednesday 20th December.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Thursday 4th January**.

Wishing you a restful Christmas,

Caroline Henry

Please find below a message from Catherine Ogle.

After a little recent confusion about our roles at school, we have been asked to clarify exactly who is in our leadership team and how this is structured. For anyone who is uncertain, I hope this helps:

Executive Headteacher - Catherine Ogle.

Catherine is the Executive Headteacher for both Reepham and Bawdeswell Primary Schools. She bases herself between the two schools according to the needs of the day, and often travels between the schools during the day for meetings and appointments. Catherine holds the overall responsibility for the success of the school and works closely with the rest of the leadership team, the staff team and the children to achieve this. Catherine works collaboratively with the Head of School (Caroline Henry) and they make key decisions together.

Head of School - Caroline Henry.

Caroline is responsible for the day to day running of the school, including every aspect of leading and managing the staff team and the children, to ensure we are delivering our best offer for our children and families. Caroline is in school at least three days a week.

Deputy Head of School - Catherine Mallett

Catherine supports Caroline in the day to day running of the school. She leads the Early Years team, and is integral in the development of EYFS and KS1 within the school. Catherine also supports the training and development of all classroom staff. She also teaches our YrR class two days a week.

SENCo - Jennie Sage.

Jennie supports our staff team and families to support any children with SEND. She is based at school for one day each week, but is available at other times when needed, as she is also the Deputy Headteacher at Bawdeswell Primary.

Senior Teacher - Charlie Wallis

Charlie supports the rest of the leadership team in all aspects of leading the staff and the children to be successful.

If you have any questions relating to our roles, please just contact us directly or ask at the office.

Upcoming dates for your diaries (please be aware these may be subject to change)

18 th December	Year 5&6 Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Reepham, 1:30pm
19 th December	Christmas Lunch/ Wear Christmas jumper or something sparkly (optional)
20 th December	Early closing 1:15
08 th January	Year 6 Mock SATS Week
19 th January	Yr 1&2 PE Festival



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24 th January	Yr R NHS Vision and Hearing Checks
26 th January	Celebration Assembly/Open Afternoon
1 st February	Year 3-6 Dodgeball Competition
8 th February	Coffee with Caroline 9am
16 th February	Celebration Assembly/Open Afternoon
26 th February	Japan Week
29 th February	Year 4,5&6 Non-Club Football Festival
7 th March	World Book Day
12 th March	Parents Evening
14 th March	Parents Evening
22 nd March	Celebration Assembly/ Open Afternoon
27 th March	Year 1&2 Adapted Sports
16 th April	Class Photographs
26 th April	Celebration Assembly/ Open Afternoon
2 nd May	Year 2,3 & 4 Tri Golf Competition
13 th May	KS2 SATS Week
17 th May	Celebration Assembly/ Open Afternoon
20 th May	KS1 SATS Week
3 rd June	Malawi Week
4 th June	Yr 4 Multiplication Tests
10 th June	Phonics Screening Week
10 th June	Yr 5&6 Hautbois Hall Residential
10 th June	Activity days for Year 4
21 st June	Yr 3&4 Tennis Competition
21 st June	Yr 6 Leavers Photographs
24 th June	Sports week
25 th June	Sports Day KS2 AM / Nursery, Reception, KS1 PM /Whole school picnic lunch
28 th June	Celebration Assembly/ Open Afternoon
1 st July	Performing Arts concert
16 th July	Yr 6 Play 6pm
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19 th July	Leavers Assembly 11am Y6 Parents/ Carers to attend. Early closing 1:15pm.

School Dates for 2023/24 Academic Year (may be subject to change)

Wed 20 th Dec	Break for Half-Term
Wed 3 rd Jan	Staff Inset Day
Thurs 4 th Jan	Children return to school (Spring Term, first half)
Fri 16 th Feb	Break for Half-Term
Mon 26 th Feb	Children return to school (Spring Term, second half)
Wed 27 th Mar	Break for Half-Term
Mon 15 th Apr	Children return to school (Summer Term, first half)
Mon 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Fri 24 th May	Break for Half-Term
Mon 3 rd June	Children return to school (Summer Term, second half)
Thurs 27 th Jun	Staff Inset Day
Fri 19 th Jul	Break for Summer Holidays

Please remember we **do not** operate by Norfolk County Council school dates.
Term dates can be found on the Reepham Primary School website