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# The Smile South Wootton Infant School

Issue 5

## Christmas Newsletter

18th December

### Season's Greetings

We have celebrated the run up to Christmas in style again this year. The beginning of Advent saw the return of the "Christmas Bedtime Reading Café" which over 120 families attended. The hall and classrooms have been decorated and we once again had a fantastic tree from Belford's Nursery. Unfortunately, the snowflakes in the hall did not encourage the real stuff to fall but have added to the festive decorations.

The Christmas show was titled "In the Christmas Box" and featured stories about the little fir tree and Christmas spiders as well as the traditional Nativity. Again a week of rehearsals has been followed by a week of performances and thanks to the hard work of everyone they have been fantastic.

The term has been concluded today with our Carol Service in Church and Christmas lunch. All that is left is to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Golden Home Learning

Congratulations to everyone who has completed challenges from the "In the Attic" home learning sheet. These have led to some very colourful displays in school! Phoebe's bat cave was the most creative piece of home learning I have seen!

Our Golden home learners are:

Dragonflies— Harry C, Robert, Halle, Isobel, Lucy-Anna and Charlie C

Bumblebees— Anton, Amelia, Benjamin Mc, Esmerelda and Sidney

Caterpillars— Thomas, Maisie, Phoebe and Brody

Crickets— Shayna, Sophia, Macie, Finlay and Emma

Ladybirds— Lily, Ruby, Kara, Lauren, Florence, Ekene, Abi and Amelie-May

Butterflies— Calum, Huw, Oliver N, Tommy and Fearne

### Starting School

If you or a friend have a child who will be five between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, they could start school in September 2015. You need to apply to Norfolk County Council for a school place by 15th January 2016. You can apply on-line at [www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk) or on a form from Norfolk County Council customer service centre. Tel:0344 800 8020

### Attendance

You should have received a coloured attendance sheet this week. A green sheet means that your child's attendance is good and is on or above 96%. An orange/amber sheet means that we need to be aware that their attendance is falling behind expectations. A red sheet means that attendance is of concern and will be closely monitored. Any attendance below 90% is deemed persistent absence and will be discussed with the Attendance Officer. It might result in further action. Also we are aware that there are a number of children arriving late. Please note that this does have an effect on their learning. All children should be in school by 9 o'clock.

Please note holidays in term time will not be authorised.

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**Smile! Work! Inspire! Succeed!**

## Children of the Week

30th Nov—4th Dec

**Dragonflies** Joshua


**Bumble Bees** Amber

**Caterpillars** Caleb

**Crickets** Isabelle

**Ladybirds** Lily

**Butterflies** Srivatsa



Please note for Health and Safety reasons the school car park is for staff only. Please always use the pedestrian entrance.

## Diary dates

### December

Friday 18th—End of term

### January

Tuesday 5th—School reopens—Topic Stunning Start

### February

Friday 12th—End of half term

Monday 22nd—Back to school

### March

Thursday 24th—End of term

More dates to follow! Watch out for term dates list in the New Year.

## Birthdays

The children who have celebrated or will celebrate their birthday in December are:

Benjamin McGivern, Charlie Simper and Harry Martin—**who are now 5 years old.**

Ollie Milnes, Oliver Gayton, Chester Barber and Bella Latchford **who are now 6 years old.**

Isla-Mae Garrod, William Long, Tyshae-Kairielle Campbell, Wesley Howlett, Oscar Barlow and Ralph Neale **who are now 7 years old**

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who has celebrated or will celebrate their birthday this month.

## Attendance

For the month of December the class with the best attendance were

**Caterpillars and Butterflies**

with attendance totals of 94.4%

**CONGRATULATIONS to them.**

Our overall attendance is now at 96.7%. Our whole school target is 97%. We are currently below our target and would ask that you please remember that we do not authorise any holidays in term time.