



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past week I have been reflecting on one of our Trust Drivers, namely Community Engagement.



As a partnership of schools, we want the children to be aware that they are a central part of a small community, that they have a role to play in that community and that they should be proud of where they come from – their roots. We want them to explore these communities, ask questions, broaden their experiences and open their eyes to new opportunities. The community has the power to change and enhance the lives of our pupils and we as a staff are the facilitators for that.

So how do we contribute to our local community now?

We continue to work with the local churches, using their buildings for our Harvest services, and we welcome in the 'Open the Book' teams and the vicars to deliver assemblies on a regular basis.

A few weeks ago, staff members attended the Middleton Autumn Fayre; this was a great opportunity to meet prospective parents and we also met members of the community who themselves attended our school. We have also had 3 successful Open Days where we welcomed prospective parents in to have a tour of our

schools, and to meet the staff, all opportunities to build on the future of our schools.

Our parent and toddler groups are growing in numbers and we have received some positive feedback from people who have joined the groups. We see these not only as an opportunity for families to come into our schools, meet the staff and help with transition when the children start school, but they are also an opportunity for parents to get together, meet new people and share experiences and challenges they may be facing.

As we approach the festive season we will be inviting families and friends to join us for Christmas plays and services, as well as supporting the PTAs with Christmas Fayres, and I thank you in advance for your support and attendance at these events.

I am not going to list all of the things we do within the community, you will have seen many of them in previous newsletters already, but it has highlighted to me how much we are already within each of our schools; however there is always more we can do.

We really want to get our children out into the community more, looking at local buildings, exploring the environment, finding out about the geography and the history of where we live. If you are able to offer any time to support this we would always welcome an extra pair of hands and your local knowledge. Please speak with your child's class teacher to see how you can help. Or maybe you know someone who can come into school and talk about the work they do in the community and how we can work together for the benefit of everyone - we would love to hear from them.

Best Wishes,

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## Early Years

We have had lots of excitement within the Early Years as our new outside equipment has arrived. We are looking forward to lots of outdoor learning, so please make sure coats are brought to school daily.



## Ash Class

Ash class has had a very exciting start to the new half term. Two dragons have been seen flying over the school. This week, a dragon's nest was found within the playground, with two dragons being found inside. This is linked to our English text of St George and the dragon and the children will be writing their own story over the coming weeks.



## Spruce Class

Spruce have enjoyed reading real newspapers. They found headlines and also noticed that the question words; who, what, where, when and how are usually answered in the introductory paragraph of the news articles. This has given them lots of ideas for their own writing over the coming week.





# Southwold News



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## Astronauts

We have been talking about the fireworks we have seen and heard this week, the children explored making different firework pictures using paint and straws. They noticed how the colours mixed and moved in different directions. We also made chalk pictures, exploring blowing and smudging the colours to change the pictures.



## Pupil Parliament

Pupil parliament had their first meeting today and joined virtually with all of our other schools in the trust. We discussed a constitution and how we can collaborate as a group. We held a debate on whether the view of you as a Pupil Parliament member is the view of the whole school. They agreed that they need to be a voice of others and not just themselves.

They then discussed how they could collect the views of others and put their ideas in motion. As a group we look forward to hearing everyone's opinions and leading the way in improving our school and pupil voice.



## Mercury Class

In Mercury Class we have been very busy in Maths learning to use our number bonds to complete addition and subtraction sentences. In Design and Technology we have continued the theme of castles. The children have been exploring different materials and looking at castle designs in preparation for designing and building their own castles.

Mercury Class have also been learning about Remembrance Day.



## Evacuee Experience

Jupiter and Mars classes had a fantastic educational visit to the Tide and Time Museum in Great Yarmouth this month. The museum put on an evacuee experience which was fully immersive. From loading a rifle that the home guard might have used, to thinking about how the people left at home had to "make do and mend" during the war, the children gained a fantastic understanding of what life during WW2 might have been like. As a result of the trip the children wrote a diary entry of what life would have been like as an evacuee, showing how their learning had been enhanced.



# Yoxford and Peasenhall News



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## WILLOW CLASS

Willow Class have linked their topic work on World War 2 to remembrance. After discussing what remembrance is and why it is important at this time of year they have used and developed their collage skills to create a stained glass effect for a poppy.



## SILVER BIRCH CLASS

Silver Birch have been experimenting with shapes that take advantage of upthrust/buoyancy in order to float.



## OAK CLASS

In Oak Class we have been learning about St George and the Dragon in our English lessons. We drew straws to see which child was to be sacrificed like the young maiden in the story! Unfortunately Lily drew the short straw so had to be left out-dragon!

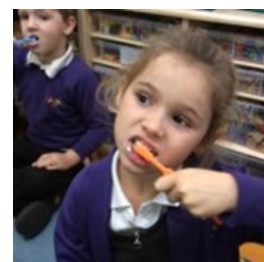


## ELM CLASS

This half term Elm class have started to brush their teeth at school daily as part of an NHS scheme.

They have been learning about the names of teeth, what their teeth do and all about making the right food choices.

Squirrels are working towards their 'Let's Celebrate badge,' they have learnt about Guy Fawkes and Remembrance Sunday.







## Yoxford & Peasehall and Middleton School Scouting Sections



### Yoxford & Peasehall Beavers

The beavers finished their Healthy eating badges off with roasting marshmallows. They have also learnt how to be treat wise and healthy food swaps. They enjoyed using the NHS food swap app to make healthy choices.



### Yoxford & Peasehall Cubs

The Yoxford Cubs have finished their cooking badge with cooking on Trangias a bacon and egg sandwich. They enjoyed the challenge of cooking collaboratively and enjoyed being risk takers and trying new foods.



### Middleton Beavers

The Middleton Beavers finished their healthy eating badge by baking and decorating cupcakes with spooky spiders and ghosts. They enjoyed making healthy food swaps and identifying treats and what they can be swapped for healthy choices.



### Middleton Cubs

The Middleton Cubs enjoyed the challenge of following a recipe which was quite basic and they identified what they needed to do for some of the steps which were missing. They problem solved the missing parts as a team and worked collaboratively.





# Dates for your Diary

Dates	Events	Who
11th November 2:45pm-3:15pm	Southwold Celebration Assembly	SW Students & Parents
14th November 8:30am-10:30am	Southwold Individual Photos	SW Students & Staff
18th November 2:45pm-3:15pm	Middleton Celebration Assembly	MID Students and Parents
21st November 12:30pm-3pm	Southwold Flu Vaccinations	SW Students
24th November Mid 9am Y&P 1:30pm	Y&P and Middleton Individual Photographs	Y&P and Mid Students & Staff
25th November 8:45am-9:15am	Yoxford Celebration Assembly	Y&P Students & Parents
2nd December 2:45pm-3:15pm	Southwold Celebration Assembly	SW Students & Staff
3rd December 12pm-3pm	Christmas Fare @ Middleton Primary School	Everyone
Monday 5th December 2:30pm & 6pm	EYFS/KS1 Joint Christmas Play at Yoxford	EYES/KS1 from all sites
Wednesday 7th December at 2:30pm & 6pm	EYFS/KS1 Joint Christmas Play at Middleton	EYES/KS1 from all sites
Thursday 8th December 2:30pm & 6pm	EYFS/KS1 Joint Christmas Play at Southwold	EYES/KS1 from all sites
Friday 9th 2:45pm-3:15pm	Middleton Celebration Assembly	MID Students & Parents
Monday 12th December 11:30am	Yoxford Flu Jabs	Y&P Students
Monday 12th December 1:30pm	Middleton 2nd Flu Jabs	MID Students
Monday 12th December	Middleton KS2 Carol Service	MID KS2
Tuesday 13th December	Yoxford KS2 Carol Service	Y&P KS2
Tuesday 13th December	Middleton Christmas Dinner 12:15pm-1pm & Middleton Christmas Party 1pm-3pm	MID All
Wednesday 14th December	Southwold KS2 Carol Service	SW KS2
Wednesday 14th December	Southwold Christmas Dinner	SW All
Wednesday 14th December	Visit to Alde Valley to watch Cinderella	Y&P Year 4, 5 and 6 Students
Thursday 15th December	Yoxford Christmas Dinner @ Village Hall	Y&P All
Thursday 15th December	Flu Vaccinations	SW All
Friday 16th December	Last day of term	All Students