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Dear Parents and Families

Our final newsletter of the term and what a fun term it has been. We've seen a great performance of The Puzzled Penguin by all children in Discovery and Voyager, we've had carols at the church in Market Rasen, a fantastic Christmas Fair organized by FoNS as well as all the exciting things the children have been doing in their classes. Our carol concert in Normanby Church on Thursday 19th December will be a great way to end the term. We hope many of you and your friends/relatives can join us.

Collaboration

Voyager and Endeavour classes were lucky to spend a day with the children at Faldingworth school. The focus of the day was a writing workshop which started with the children watching a drumming session with Stevie Ward. After working together, they interviewed Reverend Heather Wilson about her life living in 3 countries and wrote a biography. The children all had an enjoyable day and as well as making new friends it was an experience for them to spend a day in a different school. Something I'm sure we will be doing a lot more of.

Governors

A visit from Jenny

Jenny, our school dog, has had her first visit to school. Although a bit overwhelmed at first, she slowly started to come out of her shell and out from under Mrs Grummells desk! Some children were lucky enough to meet her on their visit to Mrs Grummell for brilliant bee work, and Jenny was treated to a walk by 2 of our pupils in school. Hopefully we will start to see more of Jenny in the New Year.

Fund raising

At the beginning of the year it was decided that a new FoNS committee was going to be formed and after an AGM a small committee was created. Their first main fund raising event was the Christmas Fair. In only a short space of time, they organized and set up a fun, Christmassy fair and managed to raise an amazing £511, so many thanks for all those people who helped with the organization and running of the event and all those families who supported it.

We have also received confirmation of the total amount of money raised from selling poppies for the The Royal British Legion. A fantastic amount of £93.07 was donated to them. Thank you to all those who supported that appeal.

Many of you came into school and watched the fantastic performance of The Puzzled Penguin. For such a small school we have so many talented children. The performance was enhanced by the use of a microphone which was the first time all children had used one to sing and peak into in front of an audience so they did incredibly well. We realized how good the microphone was for the performance so asked for donations which would go towards funding more microphones. We are very grateful for all the donations as it is enabling us to buy more sound equipment for further performance. Thank you.

Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Dinner Day is on Tuesday 17th December. If your child doesn't normally have a hot dinner but would like a Christmas Dinner then please register on Good Lookin Cookin site where you can order and pay for your child's dinner.

<https://www.goodlookincookin.co.uk/>

Free School Meals

Don't forget, if you are unsure if your child qualifies for Free School Meals, you can check via the following website

<https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal> This is different to the Universal Free School meals that children from Reception to Year 2 get. Even if your child is receiving UFSM it is worth applying still for FSM as both school and yourselves benefit.

FoNS News (Friends of Normanby School)

The next FoNS meeting is on Tuesday 14th January at 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Choir concert Market Rasen

A huge well done to our small choir who took part in the Christmas Carol Concert in Market Rasen. All the children sang their little hearts out and even got a visit and present from Santa. We are now planning our next choir adventure.

Staffing

After many years of long service, Mrs Azhar and Miss Harrison have both decided to leave Normanby school and start new ventures in other directions. We are very sad to see them both leave, but also very excited for whatever they choose to do next. Many thanks for all their hard work over the last few years.

We have appointed new lunchtime supervisors. In January we will welcome to the staffing team Louise Carter and Alex Cottrell as midday assistants. Both have had experience with children and are looking forward to joining us. Jacqui Clinch will be adding to her role and become midday supervisor. I think together they will make a good team.

Facebook

Have you all started to follow our official Facebook page? Members of staff will use this page to share with you events that have or are going to take place in school. It will not be monitored by staff on a regular basis, so please do not post questions on there as staff have been asked not to respond to comments or messages. Please continue to use the school office for any queries. We do not use pupil names on this page for privacy and only use photos with permission.

Recycle your batteries here

Thank you for recycling your batteries here. We currently have 1 container full and another 1 put in its place. Many thanks for your support with this.

Attendance

Thank you for supporting our small school. This term we achieved 95.62% attendance, we are aware that this is slightly lower than normal but with so many bugs and viruses going around I think we have come off very lightly compared to some schools.

Club Calendar

Clubs for next term have not yet been decided. You will receive information about these after Christmas. If you would like to see the school run a particular club it may be worth mentioning it to a member of staff because if we have enough interest and it can't be fulfilled by a member of staff, we can look at getting people from outside to come and run them for a fee.

Calendar of events 3

Monday 6th January

Start of term 3

If you have any concerns please share these with staff. If you need to see me please make an appointment at the school office. We want to be proactive and solve any problems. Our aim is to maintain a happy and safe school where children can learn and thrive. Thank you.

Best Wishes Mrs K L Grummell Headteacher