



Gaywood Primary School

Newsletter - December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We reach the end of the first term in this academic year, which for everyone has been a busy one. The children have benefited from enrichment experiences for all year groups as well as new clubs which started this term (in addition to our breakfast, sports and wraparound clubs).

I have been amazed by how well the children have done with their Christmas performances over the last couple of weeks and I hope you have enjoyed watching them as much as I have - our new sound system, provided by the PTA, has helped make the performances even better.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a relaxing Christmas break.

Festive wishes, Mr Mindham (Executive Headteacher)



**LOST MINUTES =
LOST LEARNING!**



Pupil Lateness

We are continuing to work with the Local Authority to challenge persistent pupil lateness. Please be reminded that the school day starts promptly at **8:40am** and all children should be in class and ready to learn at this time.

Radio West Norfolk 'Song For Christmas'

We are very excited to let you know our children are going to be Christmas Superstars this December! There will be a different school from West Norfolk and the surrounding area performing Christmas classics across the day, every weekday. From carols to pop songs 'A Song for Christmas' will warm your heart with some amazing renditions of your favourite festive tunes.



Listen at 7:40am, 12:40pm and 4:40pm on
Wednesday 20th December 2023

PTA Autumn Disco



Thank you for all the parents and children who attended the PTA Autumn disco. Both the KS1 and KS2 disco were incredibly well attended. It was great to see everyone have such a good time.

In total we raised **£416.93** for the Parent-Teacher Association



Alfie's Sporting Achievement



We would like to say a huge congratulations to Alfie in Year 5 who recently took part in an under 11's athletics competition at Norwich sports hall as part of Ryston Runners. Alfie and the team placed second overall in the competition. Bravo!

Flu Vaccination

If your child has missed having their Flu vaccination at school, please click on the link below to book a catch-up appointment at a local clinic. You can book for both the Flu Nasal Spray and the Porcine free IM Vaccine.

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/book>

Great Big Pudsey Workout



The whole school took part in a 'Great Big Pudsey Workout' for Children in Need. Each key stage followed a ten stage workout consisting of star jumps, burpees and speed running on the spot. Through all of your generous sponsors we have managed to raise an incredible **£2,389.71!** Thank you for all of your support and well done to all the children too, the money will make a big difference to the children who need it.



Gaywood Primary Football

Recently we have seen multiple sports teams participate in competitive competitions against other local schools. Years 5 and 6 took part in a football tournament at Springwood High School. Both boys and girls teams represented our school superbly, with the girls team returning to school as winners. On Tuesday 14th November, Year 4 made the short trip to Reffley Academy for a football match and also returned to school victorious. On the



same day Year 5 and 6's also made the trip to Reffley Academy for a Tag Rugby match and showed great resilience throughout the event. Well done to all the children who participated in these events and represented our school!



Monday 18th December
Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 19th December
Polar Express Movie Club

Wednesday 20th December
Last Day of Term

Thursday 4th January
Return to School

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