



# **Reepham Primary School – 01603 870321**

## **November 2023 Newsletter**

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1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We appear to be racing towards Christmas! We still have a busy few weeks to go so please check the dates section below for events happening in school. I have added new dates/ times in bold to help.

Firstly, I want to celebrate 3 amazing children and how they have 'succeeded together' with the help from the whole school and the community. You are probably all aware that Olly decided he wanted to raise money for WaterAid, so he held a secondhand toy sale last Friday after school. His efforts have managed to raise over £300! We are very proud of him and thank everyone who supported him with this project.

After this event, we heard that Edward and Molly were running a tombola at Eves Hill Farm Christmas Fayre. The proceeds of which they wanted to donate to school. They worked tirelessly both before and during the event and managed to raise £180 for the school which they would like to use to replace toys and games for wet breaktimes.

We are always incredibly proud of the children at Reepham Primary School. We constantly have people praise us from outside our school on what wonderful children we have. I think Olly, Molly and Edward have really highlighted what an inspiration we can be for each other. Well done!

A huge thank you to the Friends committee for providing another school disco. These are invaluable opportunities for the children, and I am so pleased that we are able to offer them once again. The Friends committee always work hard for our school, but I think the Autumn term is a particularly busy time. As I write this, a team of people are preparing the 11<sup>th</sup> Santa's grotto. This is a heart-warming event. Seeing the children thinking of what to buy loved ones is incredibly moving. We will try and capture some images to share with you on Social Media and SeeSaw. Thank you to all who have made these events possible this term.

I would like to officially welcome all the families from Nursery into our school community. The Nursery has now fully become part of our school, although we have had them on site for a year now, and we all look forward to seeing them at our future events.

I am pleased to welcome Fiona Sadler to our team. She will be offering pastoral support to the children and families.

Thank you to everyone who has been able to attend our celebration assemblies and open afternoons. This system is working very well so I have included dates below for the rest of the year. We will let you know the theme for the open afternoons nearer to each date.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**



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The last assembly for 2023 will be on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** and the children will be able to share their writing with you after school.

### Well done to our stars of the month of November

Class	Inspire	Challenge	Succeed together
Puffins	kitty	Charlotte Elizabeth	Arthur
Goldfinches	Finley	Leighton	Raef
Wrens	Ollie	Hannah, Olivia, Lenny	George
Woodpeckers	Samuel	Rosa	Elsie G
Doves	Millie- Ava	Tilly	Jamie
Toucans	Hugo	Oli	Edie

**The next 'Coffee with Caroline' session will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 9am.**

Please remember to send 1 representative from each class with any feedback or questions. I will be able to share an update on things that were discussed last time, some of which I have included in this newsletter.

### Attendance

Thank you for your continued support in raising attendance. As always, we are happy to talk to anyone who is experiencing any problems. Some of you have asked about current guidance regarding Covid. Please find attached a copy of the current Government guidance. If your child is unwell or off school, please can you remember to call or email the school office each day. This helps with our Safeguarding policy and stops the office chasing you.

I wanted to finish with very exciting news. I am pleased to announce that we finally have news that Norfolk County Council has filled the position of Road Crossing Patrol. I know this will be very welcome news for you all. We expect this support to begin after Christmas, although we do not have an official start date yet.

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

Look forward to seeing you at the plays and Carol Service over the next few weeks.

Caroline Henry

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

1 <sup>st</sup> December	Santas Grotto
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Santas Grotto
6 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Performance, 9:30am
7 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Performance, 9:30am
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1&2 Gymnastic Festival
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Performing Arts concert <b>1:30pm Only parents of performers to attend.</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Performance, 6pm
14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Performance, 1:30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Celebration Assembly and Open Classroom
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5&6 Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Reepham, <b>1:30pm</b>

Don't forget, if you don't get a copy of our monthly newsletter you can access it via our website at [www.reephamprimary.org.uk](http://www.reephamprimary.org.uk)  
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19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Lunch/ Wear Christmas jumper or something sparkly (optional)</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Early closing 1:15
08 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Mock SATS Week
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Yr 1&2 PE Festival
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Yr R NHS Vision and Hearing Checks
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 3-6 Dodgeball Competition
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Japan Week
29 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4,5&6 Non-Club Football Festival
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1&2 Adapted Sports
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Class Photographs
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 2,3 & 4 Tri Golf Competition
13 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS Week
20 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 SATS Week
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Malawi Week
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 4 Multiplication Tests
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening Week
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 5&6 Hautbois Hall Residential
10 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Activity days for Year 4</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Yr 3&4 Tennis Competition
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Yr 6 Leavers Photographs
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports week
25 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Sports Day KS2 AM / Nursery, Reception, KS1 PM /Whole school picnic lunch</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Performing Arts concert
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 6 Play <b>6pm</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 6 Play <b>6pm</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Assembly <b>11am Y6 Parents/ Carers to attend. Early closing 1:15pm.</b>

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

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