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Newsletter

Week ending November 15th

Dear families,

We do not like to mention the C word ahead of December, but feel some key dates may be useful for you to help organise the busiest month of the year!

Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch day: *Wednesday 18th* ***December at both schools.*** All children are invited to come in to school in their best festive knitwear! Donations are optional and can be made using the Just Giving link on our school website.

North Elmham:

Whole school performance 'Hey Ewe' Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December at 2.15. The school will be in touch soon with details of costumes and tickets.

Wednesday 11th – we will take children to sing at the Christmas T@2 in the afternoon.

Wednesday 18th – whole school Christingle service at the church at 2.00 pm- parents welcome

All Saints Stibbard:

Nativity (YR, 1 and 2) Tuesday 10th 2pm and Wednesday 11th 9.30am. The school will be in touch soon with details of costumes and tickets.

Church Service (children only) Y3, 4, 5 and 6: Tuesday 17th December at 1.30pm.

Thursday 19th December (Children only) older nursery children, YR, 1 and 2 Christingle service at the church.

Former Scribbles building at North Elmham

Norfolk County Council will commence the removal of the building from 25th November and this is scheduled to take several weeks. We will work with the contractors to ensure our site is safe at all times for all children. There may also be increased traffic outside of the school during this time.

Thank you and best wishes,

Victoria McConnell

DIARY DATES

Term dates - Autumn term 4th September – 20th December.

(Half term 25th October – 1st November)

Attached diary for the academic year

Key dates for 2024/25

Parent's teacher meetings: wb: 24th February.

New YR open sessions: 20th November (North Elmham) 21st November (Stibbard)

Transitions week: wb: 7th July

Sports Day:

19th June (reserve 26th) North Elmham

20th June (reserve 27th) Stibbard

School reports home: 11th July

Y6 SATs: 12th – 15th May

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Change of Catering Provider

Both of our schools will be using a new catering provider from **Monday 25th November** 2024. The new provider is called Nourish and they have been awarded the contract for all DNEAT schools.

The new menu is attached for you to see. This menu runs on a four week rotation instead the of three weeks rotation we currently have with Norse Catering, and this new menu will continue until April 2025 when we break for the Easter holiday.

Each day we will be offering a choice of a hot meal, a hot vegetarian meal, a jacket potato with either a topping of cheese, baked beans or tuna, or a packed lunch option with a ham or cheese sandwich. Various desserts and fruit will also be available each day for the children to choose from.

Parents will be able to order their child's meal via the Arbor App as they currently do.

In preparation for the 25th, we have added the new menu into the Arbor App so we can test this is working correctly. You may be able to see this new menu for the week commencing 18th November, however, please do not order any meals from this new menu called "Nourish" but continue to order from the "Autumn 2024" menu until Friday 22nd November.

There will be a few minor changes to the meals choices next week as we run down food stocks:

- Wednesday 18th November – Hot vegetarian choice will be a vegetarian pie
- Wednesday 18th November – The Jacket Potato will be with cheese, not tuna
- Thursday 19th November – the main hot option will be Chicken goujon wraps

Nourish has just one menu which is suitable for all children; they do not have a separate "Medical Diet" menu for those children who have allergies. You will see on the menu attached that there is a number against most meal options, and this number indicates if the meal is not suitable for a particular allergy. For example, on the Monday of week two, the hot meal option is chicken and sweetcorn pie and there is a number 1 against this option. This indicates the option is not suitable for any child with a wheat/gluten allergy.

If your child does have an allergy we would ask you to ensure a suitable meal option is chosen for them each day and ordered using the Arbor App. It will no longer be possible to just order the "Medical diet meal" via the App.

If you have any queries regarding the new arrangements, please contact either school office.