



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Wow! What a busy week it has been in school. The production of *Hosanna Rock* on Tuesday evening was fantastic with excellent performances from our main speakers - Caitlyn, Paige and Amber – what wonderful, clear voices. All of the children were really focused and sang, acted and danced brilliantly. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the event and to Amanda and the Friends for providing the refreshments and raffle. The children have also been lucky enough to visit the Sheringham pantomime this week, enjoying a wonderful production of *Dick Whittington* – complete with a starring role for Mr Coe! And with Christmas lunch and class parties on Thursday – the festive season has well and truly arrived! This will be the last newsletter of 2019 so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas and a fantastic start to 2020!

Mrs L Watts – Acting Headteacher

### This week in class...

**Pre-school:** This week pre-school have been busy practising our Christmas song for our visit to Benjamin Court and for the Church Service. We have been enjoying playing with our new baby's pram kindly donated by Beth Clapham. This has produced some valuable opportunities to learn about sharing toys. We have also had a very successful Christmas Craft Event and would like to thank all those who attended and to those who contributed to the raffle - the raffle realised £22.20.

**Acorn** – Acorn class have been delivering presents from Santa's Workshop in the classroom, but the elves are out of wrapping paper now! If you have any spare Christmas wrapping paper, we would be grateful for any donations. On Thursday, we had our Christmas party, where we had plenty of laughter, especially during the team balloon games.

**Oak** – This week in Oak Class, we have been looking at values for life. We have been learning from parables in the Bible, like the Good Samaritan, that teach the important values Christians live by. We discussed which values we thought were most important to us. The children then wrote their own parables based on the values they thought most important. Everyone also spent a pleasant afternoon with Mrs Watts, making some beautiful snowflake decorations for the classroom.



Thank you again to everyone who donated gifts for the children and families who will spend Christmas in hospital this year. Bella and Beau delivered the presents to the hospital this week and they were gratefully received. Well done to Bella and Beau for their kindness and giving.



### Stars of the Week

Due to production rehearsals this week we didn't have a celebration assembly. But, I am sure that you will agree that **all** of the children were super stars in their production on Tuesday. Well done!



### Think of the week

What would be the greatest gift you could give to the world this Christmas?

Thank you to the Friends of Northtrepps Primary School who kindly paid for our school trip to the pantomime (Oh yes they did!). Thank you also to everyone who supports the school through buying cakes & refreshments or by attending the Friends' events. We are really grateful for your generosity.

### A message from Mrs Hamilton

Dear Parents,

This has been a difficult note to write to you all, but after 6 years as Headteacher, first at Northtrepps and then Erpingham, it is time for me to take the next step in my career.

There is a sadness in my heart, as I hand over the reins as Executive Head, but also great excitement for Laura, as I know that she is going to be an amazing leader for the federation... she is so passionate about our schools; our flexi provision, our pre-schools and our Forest School. Over the past couple of years, she has worked tirelessly to develop our exciting immersive curriculum and is now able to deliver this outstanding work as the new Executive Head. She has my very best wishes!!

It has been an absolute pleasure for me to nurture and develop our federation over the past few years and to help ensure the sustainability of our pre-schools and schools. You all know how passionate I am about the importance of small rural schools to the community and our governing body is also committed to making sure our federation offers the very best education for our children, by standing out from the crowd, providing a unique alternative to other, mainstream schools.

So, I feel I'm leaving you in the very best hands as I continue on my own adventure where I will continue to strive to make a difference to all children through curriculum development and family support.

Wishing you all a restful and merry Christmas,  
Angie Hamilton

### Dates for your diary...

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Flu immunisations – YR to Y6

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Oak Forest School immersion day

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Last day of term, church service @ 9am – including Mrs Hamilton's farewell!

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – Back to School

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Acorn Forest School immersion day