



**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Dear All,

It has been such a wonderful week of culmination at Northrepps. Monday was a great collective effort with the children singing beautifully and filling the Church walls with angelic voices. On Wednesday the children thoroughly enjoyed the Panto and received high praise from the Theatre for their behaviour and manners, as well as the accolade of 'loudest participating school' award! Finally, we rounded the term off with our Christingle service at the Church, again, it was so great to see so many parents and to see you all join in with your children. This has been a constant feature of the School this term, parental participation, and it is what attracted me to the school before I joined, the sense of togetherness. It is now time for the ultimate 'togetherness time' as we enter the Christmas holidays. Enjoy your family time, enjoy the festivities, stay safe, and above all else, be happy.

To all our wonderful families, Merry Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr Bishop – Lead Teacher

#### **This week in class....**

**Pre-School** – Preschool has had another productive week, we have made lots of different baubles and enjoyed having some of our parents in the setting yesterday for a very successful Christmas Family Learning event. We made lots of Christmas cards and ate lots of cake. We have also been using the recent frosty weather to explore ice and the children spent sometime looking for ice crystals. This led to us reading Jack Frost and talking about the frosty trees we had seen. It was also very exciting when Birch Class came over to sing to us - thank you!

**Acorn** – Acorn class have been full of festive fun this week. They have all finished of their Bee's adorned with inspirational words and are ready for use on our 'Bee Inspirational' board game. We have written letters to Father Christmas and even decorated a very special jar to place these letters into to ensure Father Christmas knows how special we think he is. Lastly, we made our very own Christmas cards, complete with personalised fingerprints. These were very tricky and fiddly, but the children did superbly and can be duly proud of them. Merry Christmas, Acorn Class

**Oak** - Oak Class have turned creative this week. In maths they have created their own festive themed maths problems for each other, written them out as problems and then swapped for their peers to solve. They have then written and received feedback on what went well and how to improve these in the future. The children have also been crafting Christmas decorations and cards this week. The classroom has been a hive of activity and has been glittered relentlessly, poor old Richard the caretaker. Well done to all Oak class for being so beautifully behaved at the Panto on Wednesday, you participated brilliantly. Happy Christmas, Oak class.

**Birch** – This week has been festive themed in Birch class. We have conducted Christmas Science beginning with chromatography to create filter paper Christmas trees, then we looked at molecular bonds, changing the bonds in PVA glue and altering its properties. Finally, we have looked at osmosis and how food colouring disperses in Gelatine. The children have also used Kahoot this week, designing sticky knowledge quizzes based on our topic work, ask your children how many bridges are in the Parish of Northrepps! On Wednesday the children were superbly behaved at the panto and were a credit to the school. The gentleman organising the seating etc was very complimentary of them and even commented how they were looking after the younger students. Yesterday the children went over to Pre-school to sing to them and to listen to the little ones practise their song they have been learning for their parents. A great end to an eventful first term. Thank you, Birch!



### Forest School

We have had a brilliant end to our Forest school year! The cold weather has been a great reminder and preparation for the cold of Jan and Feb to come! Keeping warm making fires drinking hot drinks and cooking hot noddle soup and bean stews!

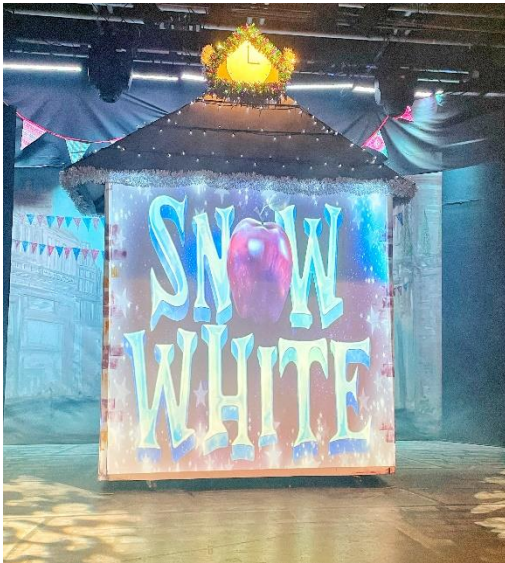
We have lots of keeping warm activities planned for next term plus exciting trips too!!! The children have shown great resilience and perseverance this term and it has been great to see their progress and joy for being outdoors. Have a lovely holiday everyone and look forward to seeing you next term!

**\*\* Please can parents send children in multiple layers with gloves, hats, scarves, waterproofs and double socks or thick socks due to the winter temperatures and wellies. \*\***

### Thank You!

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our Northrepps Parents for their continued support and engagement this term. From Christingles to community café's, Parent's evenings to Family learning, you always attend, rain or shine (or even snow), to support your child on their learning journey. This not only means a great deal to your children, but to us as a staff too. Your commitment to, and support of the school is very much appreciated

*Thank you*

### Nature Club Update

Thank you to all the Parents and friends who purchased Christmas decorations created by the Nature club. We raised a fantastic £17.90 which will go towards the cost of a new Wildlife camera we want to install to capture wildlife in our local area. Thank you!







## Dates for your Diary –

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January** – Staff INSET day

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** – First day of Spring Term

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January**- Breakfast club begins

**No after school clubs running until Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – Oak Forest School

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January** – Birch final swimming lesson, Music Club 3:15-4:15

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January** - Acorn Forest School in the morning, Nature Club 3:15-4:15

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January** - Baking Club 3:15-4:15

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January** - Birch Class Forest School

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January** - Oak class swimming, Music Club 3:15-4:15



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## **New Term Dates 2023**

### **Forest School Note**

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### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

First Day Back! Welcome back to school we hope you had a great Christmas with your families. Warm layers needed and gloves and scarves now that it's so much colder.

### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

Breakfast club is up and running again and it's never too late to book a space please contact the office if you wish to do so.

**No after school clubs running until Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

**Oak Class Forest School**-Lots of layers, hats, gloves, waterproof trousers, wellies with spare socks and packed lunches needed.

After school club allocation letters go home please check book bags

### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

**Birch have their FINAL swimming session.** Unfortunately due to the level of sickness/absences many pupils were unable to gain their certificates in swimming before Christmas therefore an additional session was added. Birch will need to bring usual swim costumes but with some long sleeved bottoms and top or t shirt to practice lifesaving in the pool.

Oak class start swimming from next week on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Music Club 3:15-4:15**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

**Acorn Forest School** in the morning (children may still order hot dinners this day as they will be back at school in time for lunch)

**Nature Club 3:15-4:15**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January**

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**Birch Class Forest School**