



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Families,

This week the children have continued their learning alongside Anti-Bullying Week. The theme this year is 'Make a Noise about Bullying':

*'This Anti-Bullying Week we urge adults and children alike to come together to have discussions about what we mean by bullying behaviour, how we can tell the difference between 'banter' and bullying and how we can make changes to reduce bullying. Together, we can make a difference if we make a noise to stop bullying.'*

The children have taken part in a range of learning opportunities, reflecting on how to deal with difficult situations and how they can support someone who might be being bullied.

#### **What can you do as a parent to help?**

1. Listen and reassure them that coming to you was the right thing to do. Try and establish the facts. It can be helpful to keep a diary of events to share with the school or college.
2. Don't encourage retaliation to bullying - such as violent actions. It's important for children to avoid hitting or punching an abusive peer. Reacting that way has negative and unpredictable results- they may be hurt even further and find that they are labelled as the problem. Rather suggest that they walk away and seek help.
3. Encourage your child to get involved in activities that build their confidence and esteem, and help them to form friendships outside of school (or wherever the bullying is taking place).
4. Discuss the situation with your child's teacher or Head teacher - **It is important that parents DO NOT approach children themselves.** Every child has a right to be kept safe.

We take all concerns seriously. Please do speak to us if you are concerned about your child.

**Mrs Arrowsmith**

#### Next Week

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Year 6 school nurses National Child measurement

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – FOWPS Winter Fayre 2 - 4pm – ALL WELCOME



We are very excited to let you know your 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 each day to see if it's your child's school. The school will hopefully let you know the exact day in advance just in case you miss it.

It's easy to listen to [Radio West Norfolk](#)...

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**[Please tune in on the following dates: 18<sup>th</sup> December - Wimbotsham and Stow Academy - All I want for Christmas.](#)**

Thanks, and we hope you enjoy hearing your Christmas Stars on the radio.

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## Items on ParentPay

There are quite a lot of items on ParentPay now. Please can you check to see if these apply to your child and that you are up to date – Thank you very much.

- Selected Herons Tag Rugby Event £2.50
- Herons Class Trip to Gressenhall £10.00
- Whole School Panto Trip £17.50 R- Year 6
- Herons Residential Trip – ongoing payments and instalments
- Y6 Hoodies - £16.50
- Young Voices Event 2024 - £35.00
- Lunches – £2.35
- Breakfast/AS Club/Childcare - £2.50



## FOWPS Winter Fayre

Everyone welcome, 2-4pm Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November



Raffle, Tombola, Christmas crafts and Refreshments.

Each class have their own stalls. They have decided on what activities and games they want to set up and run.

## FOWPS Dress Down Day

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.** Children can come to school in non-school uniform and instead of the usual £1, we are asking for **tombola / raffle prize** for the FOWPS Winter fayre – Thank You

## Whole school Christmas lunch

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

This year's Christmas Dinner is on 20/12/23 – *No prebooking needed.* If your child has a dinner, I will just mark it on ParentPay in the normal way. It will be the same price as usual £2.35. Key stage 1 universal dinners and FSM will still apply.

Roast chicken, sage & onion stuffing & Gravy

Or

Roasted veggie Balls with Gravy

Served with

Roast Potatoes, carrots & Brussel sprouts

For Dessert

Christmas Shortbread Biscuit



## Safer Parking around School

Please can I remind parents to be mindful of where they park. If you do need to drop off or collect your child please park considerately and ensure you are not obstructing drives, garages or access to roads. Please be respectful of our neighbours and remember that parking in front of the school gates at any time of the day is prohibited.

Parking is available at the Village Hall car park, the pub car park and Recreation Ground car park. Our children's safety is our main priority, and this includes their journey to and from school. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Thank you.

## Upcoming Events 2023/24

### November

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Year 6 school nurse visit (national Child Measurement Programme)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – FOWPS Winter Fayre 2-4pm

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Selected Herons Tag Rugby Festival

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Herons to Gressenhall

### December

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Bikeability Year 4

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – whole school Decoration Day – House Teams

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Bedtime Reading Café 5-6pm

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Reception ~Year 6 to see the PANTO @ Corn Exchange

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Performance at Stowbridge village Hall –  
Details to follow.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – FOWPS Childrens Christmas Party

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – whole school Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – break up for Christmas.

January 2024 – Swans start swimming all this term.

### January 2024

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 – Back to school