



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Welcome to our Year 5 Newsletter,

Thank you all for your continued support this this half term - with sponsorship, cake baking, attending our dance production, open evening, Christmas musical and charity fayre! Amounts raised for each of the charities we are supporting will be announced at our Celebration Service. I am sure you will agree all pupils have had a very busy half term, have coped well with the change to their usual timetables to accommodate these activities and are now ready to for their Christmas break!



### Open Evening Events

This term we held the premier of our inter-house competition where pupils in Year 5 showcased their talents by taking part in three different events. Horringer's very own - Strictly Come Dancing, Sewing Bee and Bake Off! All pupils produced some wonderful work and congratulations go to our winners; Milly Sowerby (dance), Natalie Fretwell (sewing) and Esfir Yasmine (baking).

### Year 5 Christmas Musical – Gimme, Gimme, Gimme

A big thank you to Year 5 English team and Mrs Bradley for their continued enthusiasm throughout the rehearsals and support they gave to pupils helping them prepare for their performances. Mr Palmer commented on how he saw the pupils grow in confidence from their first matinee performance on the Wednesday through to their final performance on Thursday evening. Lola Densham-Wilson, who played Annie the Red Cross Worker said *'It was a brilliant week of performances, which followed lots of rehearsals that were both fun and hard work! By our last rehearsals we had all learnt our lines, however we were all a little nervous on our first performance and some of our lines got mixed up, but by our third performance NO ONE forgot their lines and it all went really well and I think everyone did a good job.'*

A special thank you to Mrs Cooke for making the wonderful elf hats!

As winner of our artwork design competition Megan Barnes' design was featured on our production programme.



## Art Project

Pupils should have arrived home Friday afternoon clutching their wonderful shopping bags. I hope you find these bags both creative and durable!

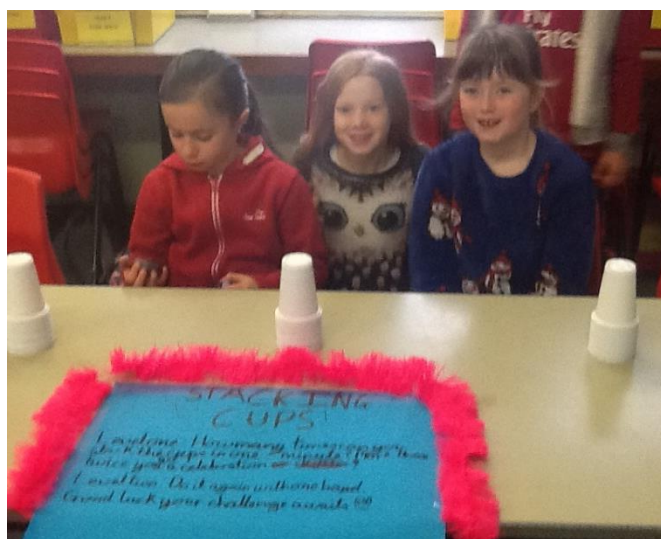


## Read2Dogs

We are lucky to have Paula and KC from the PAT dogs continuing their support with Year 5 this term. During the reading sessions, The PAT Dogs provide comfort, encourage positive social behaviours, enhance self-esteem, motivate speech and inspire young people to have fun with reading! (Brodie Hammond reading to KC)

## Charity Week

During the last week of November, we hold our annual Charity Week. During this week pupils take part in different events to raise funds for their chosen charities. It was wonderful to see so many pupils arriving each morning clutching homemade goodies ready for our morning break cake sales! Later in the week, we held our afternoon of sponsored events and finally, on Friday we held our huge charity fayre. Grace Calver reported on the sponsored events. *'On the Thursday afternoon we took part in an obstacle course. C1 and C2 started in the gym with C3 and C4 (which I am in) started by running around outside on the Year 5 playground, eventually getting to the gym where we had such fun sliding down, ducking under and climbing over all different gym equipment. We raised money for Headway.'* Hettie Jones, Summer Crichton and Alice Varney, (Blue Sharks) held a stacking cups stall and raised over £10 for their chosen charity, Bury St Edmunds and District Deaf & Hard of Hearing Association.



## Pray Space – Week of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Offered by volunteers of the Bury Christian Youth Association, this is space for quiet reflection and understanding of the world around us. All pupils had the opportunity to visit this lovely space within their B & V lessons where under the guidance of the volunteers they completed different activities. **Charlie Towns, Ellie Newton and Megan Barnes** also choose to visit during their break and lunch times said they enjoyed the experience and described it as a relaxing place where you can think about all of the memories you have. They credited the experience to the volunteers who were kind and caring.



## Choir



The Choir has been out and about entertaining the public at Tesco and residents of St Peters Nursing Home and Glastonbury Court Care Home, with a selection of contemporary and traditional Christmas Carols. Mrs Bradley always welcomes new members to the choir, which meets on a Monday lunchtime.

## Pantomime Visit & Christmas Dinner

It was a privilege to take the whole Year group to the Theatre Royal on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> to watch the traditional family pantomime, Dick Whittington. Both adults and pupils had a wonderful time. The pupils were captivated by the superb cast and joined in with cries of 'he's behind you!' as Sir Reginald Ratfiend and his sidekick Nibbles caused chaos for young Dick. Our Christmas celebrations continued when we returned to school and were served by Jane and Lena a scrumptious traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings!



## Celebrating Success

**Well done to -**

**Jasmine Fuller** for completing her cushion during Sewing Club – a Christmas present for Nan!

**Natalie Fretwell** on achieving the ascent of an underground waterfall whilst caving in Somerset with her family.

**Harry Cooper** and **Alice Varney**, who received the Primary Maths Challenge gold award following a superb effort in the challenge, in which over 1700 schools and 68,000 pupils took part. Harry scoring the highest at Horringer Court with 18 out of 25.

**Milo Jones** for entertaining our guests with his wonderful piano playing, before our performances.

## Blue Peter Badges

Mrs Varney's English group have applied for their Purple Blue Peter badges. If awarded these will give the recipients free entry to many attractions around the country. For their application, pupils watched an episode of Blue Peter, took detailed notes and summarised.

## Pen Licences

The following pupils have reached our expected level of presentation and been awarded their pen licences - Alfie Smith, Alice Varney, Casper Gray, Chase Baglow, Daisy Eaton-Evans, Ella Lane, Evie Sear, Grace Calver, Harrie Bream, Hettie Jones, Lola Densham-Wilson, Marley Gordon, Milly Sowerby, Milo Jones, Nancy Butcher, Rachel Gathorne-Hardy, Stevie Fayers, Summer Crichton.

## Phil the Bag

£80.50 raised from the last collection. **Next collection shortly after February half term.** Date to be confirmed.

## Forth Coming Events – Spring Term 2018

**Year 5 Parents Evening &**

**Coffee and Chat**

**DDT Dance performance**

**Year 5 Sex & Relationships Day**

**Monday 22nd January**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

**World Book Day**  
**Mothers' Day Lunch**

**Thursday 1st March (Dress as your favourite character)**  
**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

## Reminders

### Kingswood Residential Visit

Places are now confirmed with Kingswood and a letter has been sent home with a detailed payment plan. If you haven't received this letter, please check the letters page on our website.



### Morning Snack & Water Bottles

During this half term many pupils have again raided the Year 5 biscuit tin, as they have forgotten their snacks!! On the odd occasion that a pupil forgets their snack we are happy to help out, **however** in our strive to promote independence please ensure pupils have a **snack** or money to buy something from tuck. **It is a long morning and a healthy snack is important to maintain a healthy body and mind.** Please also remember your child needs a named water bottle.



### Show My Homework

**Show My Homework** is an easy to use online homework and events calendar. All pupils should be using this to access ALL their homework. If you have any problems with this system please do let me know. Homework **MUST** be handed in on the day it is due, otherwise pupils will repeat the homework during a lunchtime homework club.

<https://horringer.showmyhomework.co.uk/school/homeworks/calendar>

### Break and Lunchtime Football

During these winter months so the children may still enjoy playing football please send them in with a spare pair of tracksuit bottoms and trainers that they may change into to play.

### Clubs

We offer a variety school clubs. The majority of these school clubs are offered free of charge. A new list of clubs available during the Spring term will be displayed in each house area and on our website.

### Equipment - Possible Stocking Fillers!



It has been brought to my attention that many pupils are missing basic equipment. Pupils need a pencil, rubber, 30cm ruler and pen. School book bags are a must to help with organisation and may be purchased for £4. Please email our suppliers directly if you wish to order one – [uniform@spscprinters.co.uk](mailto:uniform@spscprinters.co.uk)

### Lost Property

Please ensure **ALL** property is named including coats and shoes! We are still collecting a large amount of uniform, especially jumpers that are still not named.

Best wishes for a wonderful Christmas Holiday and I look forward to seeing pupils ready for the new term on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Jackie Kemp

