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## CATFIELD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope the Christmas shopping is going well and not proving too stressful! The school looks lovely and festive and preparations are well under way for next week's Nativity performances. The sound of angelic singing is heard regularly at the moment!

Our Advent Federation day was a huge success and the children behaved wonderfully. We have so many more children now across our three schools that Catfield was packed to the rafters! We were also joined by two of our governors, Mrs Russell and Mrs Young and finally by Mrs Lenton who is our Diocesan Support officer. She visits us termly and this is just a little bit of the letter she sent me following her visit:

***'What a fabulous day yesterday. Thank you so much for all your hard work. The children were obviously getting so much fun from the activities as well as learning about Advent. I was very impressed and really enjoyed talking to the children. Seeing them altogether was a joy - it gives the children an opportunity to form new friendships and gives all the staff a chance to work and plan together. I felt strongly that this is the way to go for small schools.'***

A pretty ringing endorsement for our Federation days. A big thank you to the staff who put a lot of time and effort into making sure these days run smoothly.

This will be our final newsletter before we break up so just a few reminders:

- Federation panto at Catfield on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> p.m.
- Nativity performance - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm
- Christmas lunch is Friday 15<sup>th</sup>
- KS2 carol service - 6pm Mon 18<sup>th</sup> in church
- Party lunch - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and break up!

Could I say a huge well done to the children who represented our school so beautifully at the KS2 athletics competition at the UEA a few weeks ago. We had a fun day - great competition and really well run and organised. We were thrilled to get through to the finals which are being held at the end of February so watch this space! I am planning to take a team of 14 KS2 children to Holt Hall for a cross country competition on January 10<sup>th</sup> and will send out the letters to those selected as soon as the details of the event are confirmed. Hoping this will be before we break up!

Please remember that the first day back at school is **Thursday January 4<sup>th</sup> 2018**. Feels a bit funny to be writing that!!

A very happy and peaceful Christmas and new year to you all.

Ms Nutbeam and Ms Wones

### **PLEASE READ** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper & Party Day

We still have a number of items on our list that have not been allocated for the party food list. Please contact the office ASAP to sign up. Without this the event will not be able to go ahead as unfortunately with not many PTA events happening we do not have the flexibility to fund it from the PTA funds. It would be such a shame for our wonderful children to miss out, so please help contribute. Many thanks

### KS1 – Nativity Costumes

Thank you to all the parents that have promptly provided costumes. We still have several missing and ask that you bring these in NO later than Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December or inform Mrs Butcher or Miss Amis if you are unable to provide a costume.



**Cake Raffle:** W/e 24.11.17 was number 24 George Upton and w/e 01.12.17 was number 20 Jade Tichelly, congratulations to you both.

**100 club draw – W/e 24.11.17 and w/e 01.12.17 was number 39 Helen March, Bethany's Granny congratulations to you!**

**KEY DIARY DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD –**

11/12/17	Beauty & The Beast Pantomime @ 1.30pm
12/12/17	Dress rehearsal for the Nativity 9.30A.M
13/12/17	Nativity 1.30 P.M
15/12/17	Christmas Lunch
18/12/17	Carol Service @ church 6pm
19/12/17	Last Day of term & Christmas Jumper day/Party lunch
10/01/18	KS2 Trip to Holt - Cross Country competition
10/01/18	Year 1 & 2 Trip to The Puppet Theatre
15 + 16/01/18	Puppeteers in to visit Y1 & 2
w/c 12/02/18	Half Term

**LITTLE OWLS PRESCHOOL – 01692 580568**

**Preschool news -** Sessions are all day Monday-Friday. For full details, please ring the school office

Phone numbers for our Federated schools are: **Sutton: 580608** **Hickling 598355**

**SCHOOL TERMS DATES/HOLIDAY DATES for 2016-17**

**Autumn Term** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**Spring Term** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Summer Term** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Half Term** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

May Day Bank holiday Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Whitsun Bank holiday Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Staff Development Days:**

**School is open for staff development but closed for children:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018.