



SIDESTRAND HALL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

18th December 2015

Welcome to our latest Newsletter



The School has had a busy yet successful Autumn Term. Once again this year we have grown in pupil numbers and in January will have 146 pupils. I have to say despite the size of our site and buildings we feel a bit squashed. I hope in January to have promising news about our sixth form. Most issues have been resolved and once again we thank Norman Lamb, our local MP, having written a letter of support. Local parents may also have seen our new school van! Crayford and Abbs in Mundesley have sponsored it and enlisted the help of other businesses to provide the tow bar and the graphics of our new School logo. It provides much needed transportation of shop donations and also supplies for our vocational courses. Watch out for the brightly coloured dragon fly around Cromer. I would like to once again thank parents/carers for their support especially at our Christmas afternoon.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a Fabulous 2016

Mrs Sarah Young



Puppeteers for the day: We were very fortunate to have the opportunity to do some work with an amazing range of puppets. Karen Crane, a local shop owner, puppet collector and author, brought a selection of her resources to school for the children to use. In small groups, we acted out scenes from one of Karen's books, "The Mystery of Mystery Mist". The book was illustrated by one of our very talented pupils, Isla. Karen brought a team of helpers, a composer, a sound recorder and photographer, and artists who drew story boards for the children to follow. We had a great day, learning how to use puppets, finding out about the fishing industry and learning how to put a show together. At the end of the session, the children involved were given a signed copy of the book, and a red lobster puppet. They all did a brilliant job working as small teams and learning new skills.

Year 11 Trip to Easton College

On Wednesday 2nd December, a group of our year 11 students went to have a look at Easton College to see what post 16 courses are on offer there and to have an insight into college life.

We had the opportunity to travel around the college site on a tractor trailer and our driver stopped at various points so we could see different things around the college. We were able to pay a visit to see the cows, the new construction unit and we passed by the farm and some of the areas which the Land-based students use for their courses.

After lunch, we had a tour around the equine centre and the small animal unit, where we saw Pygmy hedgehogs and chinchillas in the nocturnal room. We also saw lots of other residents around the small animal centre including a tortoise, rats, rabbits, mice and fish.



Catkins class have been busy making a snowman.

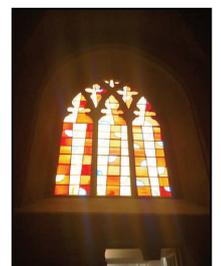


Cedar class had a really enjoyable day out Christmas shopping in Norwich on the 4th December. During the trip the pupils all demonstrated what sensible and mature young adults they are and how well their independent skills have developed.



Norwich Cathedral

Key Stage 4 visited Norwich Cathedral as part of their Christian places of worship unit award course. We had a brilliant day, with a guided tour from the wonderful education team there. We were very lucky to be able to go to places not normally open to the public, some students even dressed in the Bishop's robes and sat in the Bishop's chair at the High Alter! Cameron was amazed at the architecture and Adam found the cloisters a wonderful place to sit, but everyone agreed the modern stained glass windows, which bathed the walls in coloured lights, were truly awesome!



This week Bay class have been working very hard on their church project. They have been to visit Sidestrand Church and investigated the grounds. They also did some observational drawing of things they saw in the grounds and of the church itself. The class really enjoyed visiting the church. Afterwards, in their technology lessons, pupils used recycled materials to make their own church based on what they had seen during their visit. Their churches are now displayed in the main corridor



Dates for your diary:

Tue 5th Jan - Back to school

Tue 26th Jan - Yr 10/11 Meningitis Vaccinations

Mon 8th Feb - E-safety week

Fri 12th Feb - End of term

Mon 22nd Feb - Back to school

Mon 21st Mar - Parent meetings KS2 & ASD

Tue 22nd Mar - Parent meetings KS3 & 6th Form

Wed 23rd Mar - Parent meeting KS4

Thu 24th Mar - End Of term

Mon 11th Apr - Back to school

Fri 27th May - End of term

Mon 6th June - Back to school

Wed 20th July - End of term

By Katie

On Thursday 10th December Ash and Bay class went to Norwich Cathedral for the special schools carol service. We were singing Christmas carols. It was great fun and we all enjoyed it



On Monday 14th December Bay class visited Sheringham Little Theatre to watch the Pantomime 'Cinderella'. Bay class really enjoyed the show and got into the panto spirit by booing the ugly sisters and Cinderella's wicked stepmother, joining in with the songs and cheering on the goodies. An excellent morning was had by all.



Christmas Lunch in Chestnut Class

Pupils from around the school enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch in Chestnut Class last Friday. For some pupils the busy dining room may prove a little too exciting, so Chestnut Class pupils invited these friends to join them for a quiet alternative. It was a lovely calm occasion with excellent food cooked by our kitchen staff team. Thank you to them and all staff and pupils who helped to make our Christmas lunch such a memorable occasion.

Mrs Rolland and Chestnut Team

Thank you to Mr Laxen from Aylsham who has completed a sponsored walk of the Weavers Way from Great Yarmouth to Aylsham in memory of his son Sean and has very kindly donated £50.00 to the school

Scholastic book club

As a result of all your purchases we have been able to have some free books for school - actually quite a lot!! So many thanks for your support, we really appreciate it, and it's good to see that so many children still enjoy and value books.



Remember you can keep up to date by visiting our school website - www.sidestrandhall.norfolk.sch.uk or Twitter feed @SidestrandHall



Poorly Children

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, please remember they need to stay at home for 48 hours after the last episode



Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year, look forward to seeing you all back to school on Tuesday 5th January

