



The Strand

Welcome to our latest Newsletter

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Firstly, can I just say a huge thank you for your support with either sending in donations or coming along to our first Illuminate Sidestrand and Christmas Fayre. It was great to see so many of you there, and the donations we received were overwhelming! You helped it to be successful, with us raising over £2000. Along with this, thank you for the donations to Ukraine, we were able to send off over 20 shoe boxes to support the families there.

It has been a busy term, but yet again our staff have worked hard to ensure that the students have had a variety of learning experiences. The whole school took part in a Numeracy Day, and it was great that we could see a return to some of these types of events that we haven't been able to do in recent years. I hope that we continue to see a return of these events.

I hope again you will enjoy reading this newsletter and again the many exciting things that the students have been doing. In preparation for the Christmas Carol Service on Thursday I asked the students what Christmas meant to them, and it was lovely to read that for many, it was about spending time with families and having fun. Along with this they were asked to reflect on their hopes and wishes for 2023. For many they hoped for the war to end in Ukraine, along with wanting and reflecting on being better at certain subjects, but for many it was simply to be Happy in 2023!

I hope you all have an enjoyable Christmas Break and all good wishes for 2023; let us hope it is a happy one for everyone.

Ms Taylor, Co-Head

Children in need

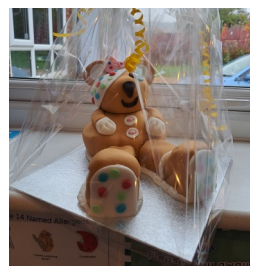


Thank you to all those that donated to Children in need. We managed to

raise a big **£265.81**.

All the children really enjoyed themselves with various activities.

Also a big congratulations to the lucky winner of the impressive homemade cake that was up for raffle.



USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS



Passenger Transport—0344 800 8020—please make them aware of any changes to drop off/pick up

Student Absence Line—01263 578144 (before 9.15am) - if your child is unwell, please make sure you state exactly what is wrong with them and call everyday of illness.

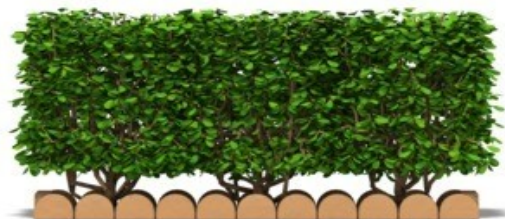
Maple class has been getting stuck into their Food Tech lessons, and are really enjoying preparing and cooking their own meals. A yummy favourite has been 'cheesy mash', made with fresh parsley from the Maple garden. Lots of peeling, chopping and mashing skills used, and delicious smells from the kitchen!



Olive class has been learning 'Why do Christians celebrate Christmas?' We have created our own Nativity scene, comparing it to different Nativity scenes around the world.



We have applied and received donations of hedging shrubs that will be planted along the clifftop fence. We have been lucky enough to have received 450 shrubs from The Woodland Trust and 1700 from the I Dig Trees project. It is hoped some of the pupils will be involved with the planting.



Another thank you to all those who donated for the Poppy Appeal. The students from the School Council went round the classes and was selling poppies, rubbers, pencils, pencil sharpeners, rulers, snap bands, wristbands and reflector poppies. Together



we raised **£110.33** for a fantastic cause.



Dates for the diary

15th December - Carol Service at Cromer Church

16th December - Last day of term, 1.30pm finish

4th January - Back to school

13th—17th February - Half term


FROM THE KITCHEN

SIDESTRAND HALL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU – Term 1 -3 AY 22-23

Jelly and Gluten Free Yogurts are available for those with dietary requirements.
Pack lunch bags –ham, cheese, tuna or egg sandwich, bottle of water, yoghurt, fruit

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot	Pork & beef meatballs, sweetcorn & Garlic bread GF Pasta DF Bolognaise	Cottage pie with carrots, peas and gravy GF and DF	Bbq chicken melt with wedges & sweetcorn GF and DF	Cheese and potato pie with beans GF and DF	Fish fingers, chips & peas GF fish fingers DF
Vegetarian	Jacket Potato with Cheese salad	Vegetable pizza (sweetcorn, peppers, mushrooms) with Wedges GF and DF	Quorn fillet, roast potatoes, carrot, peas and gravy GF and DF	Quorn sweet and sour with rice GF and DF	Breaded veggie nuggets with chips and beans DF
Dessert	Fruity oatie with citrus icing	fruit crumble with custard	Cherry cupcake	Vanilla Sponge with Custard	Strawberry jelly
Week One: 6 th Sept, 19 th Sept, 3 rd Oct, 17 th Oct, 7 th Nov, 21 st Nov, 5 th Dec. 4 th Jan, 16 th Jan, 30 th Jan					

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot	Chicken curry, rice and naan bread GF and DF	Sausage, Yorkshire pudding, mash, peas and gravy GF and DF	Roast chicken, roast potatoes, carrots, peas & gravy GF and DF	Pasta bolognaise and garlic bread GF and DF	Pork & Apple Burger with chips GF and DF
Vegetarian	Shepherdess pie with mixed vegetables GF and DF	Vegetable Curry with Rice & Naan Bread GF	Vegetable Lattice with Wedges & Salad	Jacket potato with cheese salad GF DF with beans	Veggie burger with chips and beans
Dessert	Raspberry & chocolate muffin	Cherry Oatie	Orange jelly	Apple crumble with custard	Vanilla Cupcake With Icing
Week Two: 12 th Sept, 26 th Sept, 10 th Oct, 31 st Oct, 14 th Nov, 28 th Nov, 12 th Dec, 9 th Jan, 23 rd Jan, 6 th Feb					



Financial support vouchers for £60 (£15 for November and £45 for December) have been issued to all families on free school meals and in receipt of 16-19 bursary. If you think you are entitled to a voucher and haven't received it please

contact sbm@sidestrandhall.norfolk.sch.uk.

The next voucher for £30 (£15 per month for Jan and Feb) will be issued at the end of Jan.



Ukraine Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to all your donations for this great cause. We managed to fill an impressive 20 Shoeboxes with all your contributions. These were collected on Monday 5th December and then taken to Ukraine for children of all ages and frontline service personnel to give them some Christmas cheer.



Oak Class

This half term has been an exciting one with our first class trip to The Mo Museum in Sheringham. Mr. Tim Groves very kindly led us around the museum and we loved hearing about the history of the town as well as learning all about the off-shore wind farm and the plans for another one. It was great to see Oak class listening so well – they really did us proud.

We were very proud of Louie for getting our 'star of the month award' in September for a brilliant attitude to learning. Alfie got it in October for sustained good effort. November has been awarded to Charlie for excellent behaviour. We wonder who will win it in December?

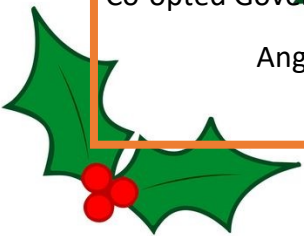
In the classroom we have really enjoyed making our 'calm boxes' and we can't wait to show you them at the end of term. Our story A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens has taught us the importance of kindness and has got us into the Christmas spirit! We wish you and your families a very peaceful and restful Christmas break.



It's been a busy term for Governors as we have met with staff in our monitoring visits and in our Committee meetings. In particular we have been updated with curriculum progress and plans, budget issues due to rising costs, the site improvements and changes within our Residential provisions. We welcome Clare Male to the Governing Board as a new Parent Governor.

Remember the Parent Facebook page is there for your support - we hope to have more Face-to-Face contact from now on. Governors can be contacted via the School Office. We do still have vacancies for a Co-opted Governor and a Clerk!

Angela Wrighton Chair of Governors



Allergy Aware School

We are no longer a nut free school. Instead we recognise that there are numerous potentially harmful allergens on our site. Staff and students are educated in how to keep themselves and their peers safe in reducing cross contamination and recognising the signs if someone is having an allergic reaction. Students are discouraged from sharing food and snacks and are encouraged to regularly wash their hands and surfaces before and after eating. We hold a supply of Piriton liquid antihistamine on site but will only be able to administer to those students who have returned their permission slip. If you have not received this letter please get in touch with the reception office.



Asthma

Please can you ensure that your child has their salbutamol inhaler in school. This needs to be clearly labelled with their name. We have spare inhalers in school for emergency use, if you would like your child to have access to one of these please ensure that you have returned the permission slip.



FREE Maintenance

Checks & Recycle Your Old Bicycle

Join us for a FREE bike maintenance check and minor repairs. You'll also be able to donate unwanted bicycles for Brucies Bikes to recycle for community projects.

When

Saturday 17th December, 9am - 1pm

Where

Central Co-op
Middlebrook Way, Holt Road
Cromer
NR27 9JR



central **coop** membership



The **co-operative** membership
Central England Co-operative

For more information: Call 01543 414140
or email member.community@centralengland.coop

IHCPs

If your child has a medical need which requires a member of staff to administer medication, during their school day or boarding night, you will receive an Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP). Please can you check the details of the plan and return it signed to the reception office. If the plan is incorrect please amend the plan and return. A new plan will be sent for signing. The IHCPs will be reviewed at your child's EHCP annual review and again during our teacher-parent/carers consultations. Please could we ask that if the care or medication for your child changes at all your child's form tutor is informed.



Pine Class



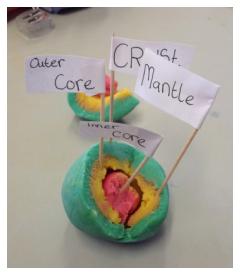
What a busy term Pine have had! It doesn't seem two minutes that we all started together in September and now we're getting ready to celebrate Christmas!

Highlights of our Autumn term have been our bowling trip to Norwich and our trip to the Mo museum in Sheringham where we learned about the windfarms and also the history of the town. Thanks to Mr Groves' dad for such an interesting visit and for Mrs Pateman for organising it. We have also been decorating our calm boxes and making the items to go inside, making play dough was good fun and great to help us feel relaxed. We also enjoyed a lovely afternoon of Christmas crafts! Well done Pine Class!



Fig class has been working hard this half term and is enjoying getting ready for Christmas! Our Topic 'Plate Tectonics' has been

great fun, making models of the Earth's layers from play dough, making our own moving plates, experiencing Pompeii and making our own volcano which we hope to erupt soon! In English, we have been reading The Firework Maker's Daughter, which is about Lila's journey to a volcano, linking nicely to our topic. We have continued the feel of Asia into our Art work creating



Chinese Opera Masks. Did you know Jackie Chan trained in Chinese Opera? We have spent some Thrive time with Beech class too, building relationships between the classes! We would like to share some of our creations in Outdoor Learning where we have been using all things autumnal to create Christmas decorations and hedgehogs. Finally the kindness elves in Fig have been completing small random acts of kindness around school!



6th Form

We have started a new year with a new timetable and a new curriculum including three option choices for students. These are all hand-on practical courses. In addition, our students develop their independent living skills through visits to Cromer and Sheringham to practice Titan training, basic cooking and budgeting, and working with the Muddy Boots volunteers at Pretty Corner, Sheringham.

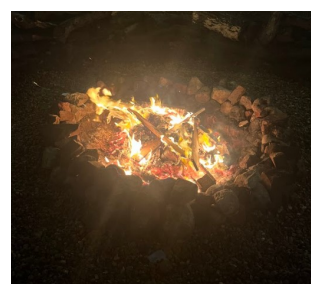
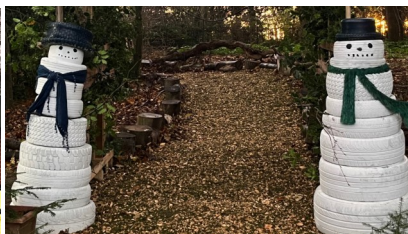
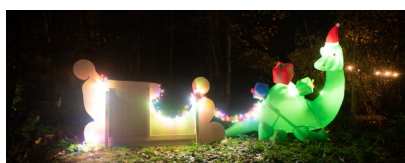
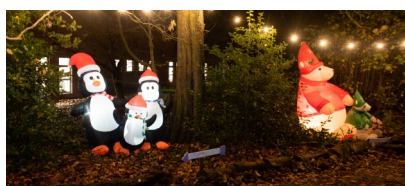
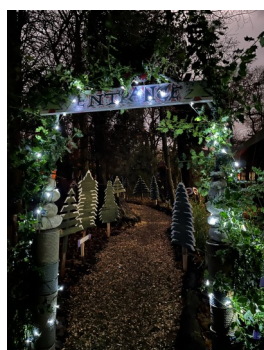
This term we have all enjoyed the autumn weather and the added benefits of getting to know each other through the social elements of these activities. John Coates and his gardening students prepared the amazing illuminated walk at our fantastic Christmas Fair.



Illuminate Sidestrand Christmas Fayre

We had a fantastic turn out for our Christmas Fayre!! Here are just a few pictures from the night. A whopping £2000 on the night was raised! A big thank you to all those that organised and helped with the whole event, and for all your great donations. In particular all those businesses that donated a prize:

- Roys of Wroxham
- North Norfolk Railway
- The English Whisky Company
- Blickling Hall
- Cromer Pier
- Woodlands Holiday Park
- Waitrose
- Crown Barbers
- Wroxham Barns
- The Red Lion, Cromer
- Cromer Museum
- Thrigby Hall
- Hippodrome
- Felbrigg Hall
- East Coast Plastic
- Crayford & Abbs
- North Sea Coffee
- Travis Perkins
- John Deere
- Cromer Carpets
- MACE
- Overstrand Garden Centre
- The Butchers Joint
- Cromer Electrical
- Roughton Fish and Chip Shop





Life in Residential

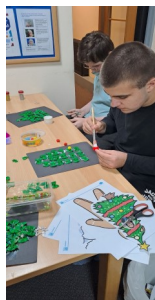
Lots of exciting activities going on in Residential this half term.



Meeting residents at Halsey House



Preparing for Christmas Party fun



Assault course and games in the gym



Dog walking



If you would like to know more about the residential provision and what we offer. Please contact Simon White or Simon Yockney via the school reception office for more information.

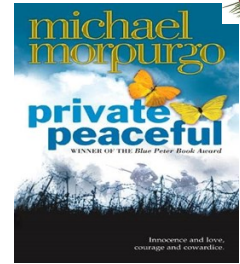




Chestnut Class



Another busy half term in Chestnut Class. In our English lessons we have been studying *Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo. The trials and tribulations of The Peaceful brothers growing up in World War 1. We explored Innocence, cowardice and courage, themes



that were central to the story. We also analysed character and researched WW1. In Maths we have been investigating Equal groups, division, multiplication and maths world problems. We have tried really hard in all areas of Maths and finished off the term with a test in which we did our best in. Tectonic plates was our Topic study. Volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis were researched. We



watched a piece of animation on the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and how the locals in Pompeii must have reacted using the 5 senses. In PE we have been completing circuits with weights, sit ups, sprints and steps. We all feel really fit now. In DT we have been designing and constructing clocks learning lots of new skills along the way. We are looking forward to the holidays now and a good rest. Merry Christmas to everyone.



Poplar class have had a busy term adjusting to being Year 10's and moving around the school for their lessons, instead of being based in one classroom. In Construction Option, Ethan E has made a lovely picture frame, which shows his 3-legged tortoise, Parsley. In Sports



Option the year 10 football team won the KS4 competition at UEA with 3 players from Poplar; Ethan, Alfie and Tyler. In the Art Option Louie, Jess, Eddie and Leah visited the Sculpture Park at the Sainsbury Centre. Jamie, Ethan and Tyler visited Hillside to observe how the rescued animals were being cared for.



Michael and Alfie have been cooking in the school kitchen and have created some lovely smelling food to be taken home. As part of Enterprise lessons, Poplar have also worked hard, to produce goods to sell for the Christmas Fayre. We made Pine Cone



Christmas decorations and Grass Heads, which sold well. The class have also been learning Independent Living Skills which this term has concentrated on cooking simple healthy meals for themselves such as fruit smoothies and snacks on toast.

In tutor time, the class have been creating pictures for 'Abstract Advent', a nationwide project that provides a daily abstract image to be interpreted and used as the basis for their own illustration. One image alone inspiring a hat, a parrot, a unicorn, a turkey, a chess piece and Santa's sleigh!





Catkins Class

Last week, Catkins posted their Christmas letters to Santa up through the magic chimney in the hall! Today we received a phone call from Santa where we heard bells and so we went on a walk to see if Santa had visited. Once we had arrived at the hall we saw each member of Catkins had a letter reply from Santa thanking them all for their lovely letters, and praising each of them for the many kind things they have done this year, which they each wrote to Santa about in their letters.



PE Department

We have had an extremely busy half term in the PE department including trips out to basketball, football and bowling events. All students represented the school proudly and enjoyed the unique experiences you get on school trips. In PE lessons the students have been working hard, especially in Mrs Beane's Circuit Training lessons where students have been trying out different exercises with the aim to improve their fitness levels over a period of time. The other activities this term have been mainly basketball and handball where the students have learnt some of the basic skills and rules.

