



# Fleggburgh C of E VC Primary School

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This is a lovely time of year for all sorts of reasons from the simplicity of kicking leaves and jumping in puddles to the highly stimulating build up to Christmas. It is a time of year that certainly builds many childhood memories. I would like to thank staff for all the 'going the extra mile' stuff they will do for and with the children over the next few weeks alongside regular teaching and learning.

Julie Church

### Update on federation

Thank you to those who returned the consultation document. Governors for the three schools meet on Wednesday to discuss the consultation feedback and make a decision aye or nay as to whether to become a single governing body and formally federate.

### Phonics Workshop

Thank you to those who attended the phonics workshop with Ms Swinson. We hope you found it helpful. You may find this link helpful when thinking about sounding out <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ksbIMiliA8>

### Mock Election - 12<sup>th</sup> December

We will be holding a mock election at school on 12<sup>th</sup> December, so that our pupils can gain some understanding of the democratic process. Years 5 & 6 are invited to think of an idea for spending £100 to benefit pupils learning at school. Those putting their selves forward will prepare a speech/presentation to deliver in assembly on the 12<sup>th</sup>. They will also create a display or poster and take part in a question and answer session.

Everyone will cast their vote for the idea they like best in our 'polling station'. The winning candidate will be supported to put their idea into practice with £100. This will be one election with 100% turn out!

### Confirmation of Christmas Dates

Christmas Production - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6 pm in  
The Village Hall

**The children have been sent home with their lines and songs, could  
you please help them practise, thank you**

Christingle - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2 pm in Church

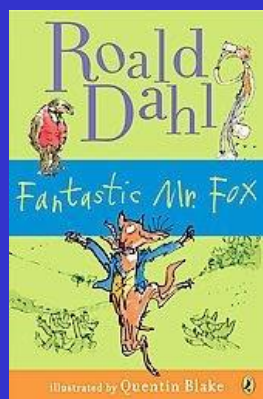
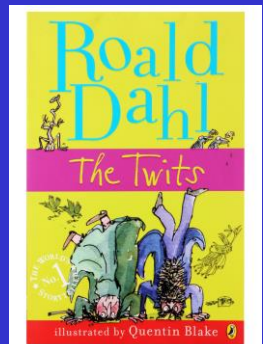
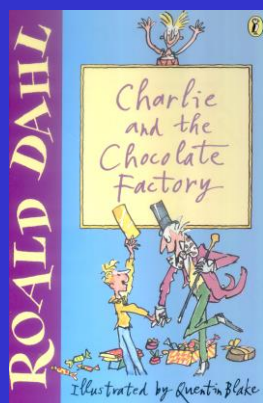
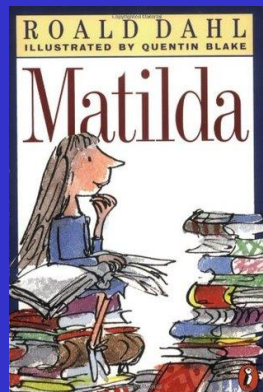
Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

(Roast Chicken with Chipolata Sausage, Stuffing & Yorkshire Pudding, served  
with roast potatoes, garden peas, carrots and gravy

Christmas Yule Log)



Roald Dahl Day - 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019







Harvest of the Sea  
Harvest Festival  
18<sup>th</sup> October 2019







November, 2019



Book Fair - 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019



Romans  
Norwich  
Castle  
31<sup>st</sup>  
October







### 12 ways to cut down on plastic waste this Christmas

**Christmas Cards** - Cards are often embellished with plastic & glitter, which makes them non-recyclable. You can tear off parts that can't be recycled, but making your own cards is much more cost effective, personal and fully recyclable.

**Christmas Decorations** - Although most plastic-based decorations are used over several years, many (such as tinsel) degrade over time, releasing plastic fragments. An alternative is to use string and natural materials, such as pine cones and fruit.

**Christmas Wreaths** - Plastic-based floral foam is often used as a backing to hold Christmas wreaths together, which crumbles into small micro-plastics over time. Make sure you buy wreaths that include natural moss. Or, you can make your own wreath, which can be used for years.

**Mince Pies** - In the UK, consumers buy an estimated 370 million mince pies over the holidays yet consume only 80 per cent of them – 74 million go uneaten! Around 62 million plastic trays are needed to hold all the pies that are sold. The best solution is to make your own.

**Secret Santa** - Secret Santa is a great tradition, but often results in people trying to buy silly gifts that are cheap and tacky and often made of plastic that is quickly thrown away. A nice alternative could be a refillable gift stored in a glass jar, such as hot chocolate or pancake mix.

**Wrapping Paper** - You can test this using the scrunch test – if the paper has no glitter on it and scrunches up you can recycle it.

**Reindeer Food** - "Reindeer food" has become a popular craft activity for families at Christmas, often made from porridge oats and glitter that is spread in the garden for Santa's reindeer. Glitter is technically a micro-plastic and cannot be recycled, but there are natural alternatives such as the mineral mica which has the same effect without the environmental impact.

**Christmas Stockings** - Now it's all about huge synthetic stockings that brim with presents and flashing lights. By using felt, old pillow cases or even old socks you can recreate your own plastic-free personal stockings which children will cherish for years to come.

**Christmas Crackers** - The majority of Christmas crackers are laden with teeny, tiny plastic gifts. With over 150 million crackers pulled each year, that's a lot of plastic waste with a few hours of lifespan before the rubbish bin. Make your own crackers and fill them with homemade hats, dad jokes and tiny games such as bingo or origami frog racing for a fun and unique alternative.

**Christmas Dinner** - Christmas dinner comes with a huge amount of plastic packaging. Even when you attempt to be good and buy loose vegetables at the supermarket, most retailers still only have single use plastic bags to hand. Worry not – all you need is a lightweight material, such as an old pillow case and you can make your own veggie bags that you can use again and again.

**Advent Calendars** - You have 12 months to get ready for next year. Instead of buying an advent calendar wrapped in plastic and with chocolate in plastic moulding, why not make your own? One design features 24 matchboxes filled with chocolate and wrapped in card.

Year 6

Crucial Crew

13<sup>th</sup> November





Well done to Neptune - winners of the House Cup for the month of October

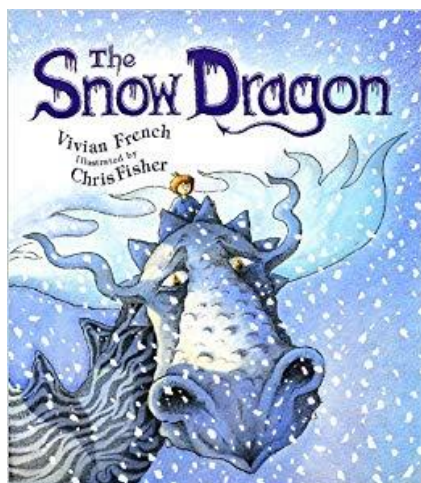
Attendance - Aim 97%

Overall - 96%

Diamond - 96.3%

Emerald - 95.8%

Our core value  
this  
half term is



A great  
Christmas  
gift - you  
can't go  
wrong with  
a book



### E safety

Tablets are really popular with younger children, and the market has several which are geared towards child friendly content. When it comes to using them, start slowly; only download games and apps you have checked out carefully (sites such as [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk), or [www.commonssensemedia.org](http://www.commonssensemedia.org) provide useful advice!) and steer them towards age targeted content such as [www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/cheebies/features/iplayer-kids](http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/cheebies/features/iplayer-kids) or YouTube Kids.

### What we are working on together

There is a new Ofsted framework for schools which came in September 2019. It has a greater focus on the curriculum. Judgements are made on :

Quality of Education

Behaviour and Attitudes

Personal development

Leadership and Management

before giving the school an overall effectiveness judgement. We are evaluating our curriculum.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/education-inspection-framework>

In September 2020 schools need to ensure they are delivering Relationships, Health and Sex Education in line with a new statutory framework. Later next year, there will an opportunity to come in and discuss our policy and plans.

### Term Dates

5<sup>th</sup> December

Reception (Height, Weight, Vision & Hearing Check)

11<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Production

13<sup>th</sup> December

Hippodrome Circus

16<sup>th</sup> December

Christingle in Church 2 pm.

18<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Lunch

18<sup>th</sup> December

Last Day of Autumn Term

First Day of Spring Term - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020