



Harling Herald

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EAST Lantern Festival

EAST's first Christmas Lantern Festival last week was a huge success and it was lovely to see so many families as well as members of our community supporting our school. Huge thanks must go to EAST members, in particular Em Kuntze (who was resplendent as a Christmas tree), who worked so hard to pull everything together. We'd also like to say a special 'thank you' to Mr and Mrs Jubb (Mrs Pilmer's parents) who kindly donated our real Christmas tree. The live music and lantern festival made it a real community event, one we are sure will grow from year to year. We are still calculating the final total but it looks as though we raised in excess of £550 which is a fabulous amount.

Sad Farewell

At the end of term we will be saying a fond farewell to two highly valued members of staff; Mrs Pilsbury-Gaunt and Mrs Verrell. After 14 years of working in our Nursery and across the school, Mrs Pilsbury-Gaunt will be taking up an exciting new post working in the neonatal unit at West Suffolk hospital. Mrs Verrell is also embarking on a new venture and will begin her training as a pilates instructor in the new year, after 13 years working as a teaching assistant and HLTA. However, Mrs Verrell has promised to come back to join year five for their trip to Lakeside in September as she couldn't bear the thought of missing out!

Mrs Hemsall is also striking out in a new direction and will be stepping down from her role as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant but we're pleased to say she won't be leaving us completely. From January, Mrs Hemsall will be working as an independent sports coach and HLTA and will be in school on a Tuesday and Wednesday; initially teaching Cherry, Sycamore and Mulberry classes. Mrs Hemsall will also be running two after school clubs on these days. We are sure that you will join us all in wishing Mrs Pilsbury-Gaunt, Mrs Verrell and Mrs Hemsall all the best in their new ventures. Individually they have all played such an important part in so many children's lives and been valuable members of our team. We will miss them all immensely and wish them the very best for the future.

EDP Book Vouchers

The EDP have now finished publishing Books for Schools vouchers so please send any vouchers that you have at home into the school office. We have enough to order at least £100 of books so every voucher counts.



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone that supported Children in Need. The School Council raised £223 from their non-uniform day and Cherry Class raised £39.90 from their cake sale.



Junior Carol Service

All junior parents are welcome to join us for a service of traditional carols, readings and festive music at East Harling Church on Friday morning at 10am.

EAST will be serving mince teas with tea and coffee from 9.30am in the church.



Harvest Gifts for the Luncheon Club

Last month a group of year five and six pupils along with the School Council visited the East Harling Luncheon Club to share our harvest gifts and sing some autumnal and remembrance songs. The children were all a real credit to the school and thoroughly enjoyed meeting some of the older members of our community. We have received many messages of thanks from the members of the Luncheon Club—here's a selection of the many lovely compliments sent to the school.

"...thank you for the lovely gesture of the children visiting the older citizens at the East Harling Luncheon Club. The occasion (and lovely gifts) were enjoyed by all."

"How kind you all are to come and visit our club with your gifts, decorated bags and songs. It really was very touching. Most of all thank you for chatting and making friends with us.

It is excellent that you learn in history lessons about the war and remember that men and women in many countries were killed. We all need to work for peace and understanding with others and your kindness is a wonderful expression of that."

"Your pupils were all friendly and polite—a real credit to you and all the staff. I do hope that you visit us again."

"Our members were truly delighted and very impressed with the conduct of all the children. They thoroughly enjoyed the singing, the mixture was perfect for the occasion and that our members were able to take home grocery items of their choice, in specially prepared carrier bags, was an added and unexpected bonus.

The children were a real credit to your school and community. The generosity of parents and children was much appreciated by all our members."

The Salvation Army

This year the School Council have chosen to support the Salvation Army as their charity of the year. This Christmas the Salvation Army are encouraging schools to have 'wishing trees'. The School Council would like to encourage everyone to make a donation to the Salvation Army and write a Christmas Wish for others that can be hung on one of our Christmas trees.

Christmas Parties

Class teachers will be organising Christmas parties for the children next week. The children may bring clothes to change into for their parties if they wish.

Monday am—year one and two Monday pm—year five and six

Tuesday am—Nursery and Reception Tuesday pm—year three and four

The Governing Body

At our last meeting we welcomed Mrs Eleanor Edge as our newest parent governor. Mrs Edge was the only parent nominated to fill the vacancy for a parent governor so was duly elected to fill this role. We thank Mrs Edge for volunteering to be part of our Governing Body.



Safeguarding children

As a school we have a statutory duty to safeguard the well-being of all of our children. The school's designated safeguarding lead professional is the Headteacher, Miss Yates (or Miss Blackburn, the Deputy Headteacher, in her absence). Parents are strongly encouraged to share/report any child protection or safeguarding concerns with the designated teacher at any time. Alternatively anyone can contact the NSPCC helpline on 0808 8005000 or Norfolk Children's Services on 0344 800 8020, this can be done anonymously.

Dates for your diary

- Wed 12th December Nursery Christmas Café for parents— 10.45am
- Infant (Cherry, Sycamore and Rowan classes') Christmas performance 2pm
- Last swimming lesson for Oak Class (year four)
- Thurs 13th December Infant (Cherry, Sycamore and Rowan classes') Christmas performance 10am
- Fri 14th December Junior classes' (Silver Birch, Mulberry, Oak, Maple and Chestnut) Carol Service
East Harling Church, 10am. Junior parents welcome to join us.
- Mon 17th December Christmas Lunch
- EAST Infant Disco, 5.00pm—6.05pm
- EAST Junior Disco, 6.05pm—7.30pm
- Wed 19th Dec First day of Christmas holidays
- Thurs 3rd January First day of term for pupils
- Mon 7th January Juniors Sportshall Athletics Competition at the UEA
- Wed 9th January Silver Birch and Mulberry Class (year three) to start swimming lessons
- Mon 18th—Fri 22nd Feb Half term week
- Fri 5th April Break up for Easter holidays
- Tues 23rd April First day back at school

