

# Rocklands Primary News



## Autumn 2023

### Dates for your diary

DEC	
Fri 15th	Nativity at St Peters', 10am Federation disco at GE
Sun 17th	Christingle Service at All Saints church, 2.30pm
Tue 19th	Book at Bedtime, 5-6.30pm Christmas jumper day Christmas lunch
Wed 20th	Carol service at St Peters', 2pm School closes for Christmas
Sun 24th	CHRISTMAS EVE
Mon 25th	CHRISTMAS DAY
JAN	
Mon 1st	HAPPY NEW YEAR
Wed 3rd	INSET DAY
Thu 4th	School reopens for spring term
Wed 17th	Old Buckenham Panto (details to follow)



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### Head's Headlines

As the days shorten and the weather begins to turn colder, our thoughts turn towards winter and Christmas.

We held a very successful open afternoon in October, where prospective new parents came to view our school 'in action'. The Year 5 and 6 children eagerly showed our guests around the school, giving them the 'gold standard' tour! All the visitors commented on the fact that the children were articulate, confident and polite. They also commented on how enthusiastic the children were about their learning and how proud they were of their school. However, we are even more proud of our children. They were amazing ambassadors and helped to show the new parents what it means to grow up within our school community.

In this newsletter we have a few updates for you from each class, sharing a range of the learning opportunities the children have engaged in, both in school and extra-curricular.

We have lots of lovely things in the diary in the run up to Christmas and we look forward to seeing you at the Carol Service on the last day. Letters will be sent out in due course for each event.

All the best,

Mrs D



## Class 1

Class 1 have been very busy this term. They've been enjoying their Forest School trips on a Friday and have been making Christmas wreaths and trees with all the natural materials they could find.



They've also been busy in the classroom, decorating their indoor Christmas tree and making snowmen from socks!





## Class 2

Class 2 have been learning about Ancient Egypt this term. They have made papyrus paper and written their names on the paper in hieroglyphics. They have also participated in some drama around the discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb and written a diary entry. Our recent trip to Norwich Castle was a great opportunity to reinforce this learning and for the children to see much more about the Ancient Egyptians. At the moment they are researching Ancient Egyptian gods and designing a 'triarama' to display the information they discover.



They have also been writing suspense tales set in a spooky cave with lots of great description to bring the stories alive for the reader!

Christmas projects are now well under way and we are looking forward to all the fun things we have planned in the run up to the festive break.



**Save the Children**  
**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**

Once again we will be supporting Save the Children with their Christmas Jumper Day fundraising. It will be on Tuesday 19th December 2023 (the same day as Christmas lunch!) and children can wear their Christmas jumpers over their normal school uniform. If they don't have a Christmas jumper then anything festive will do!

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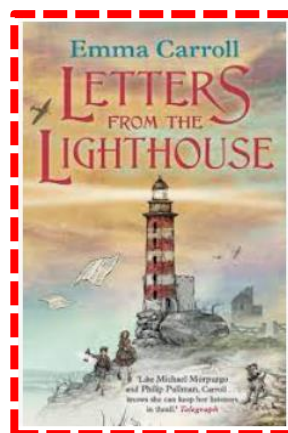
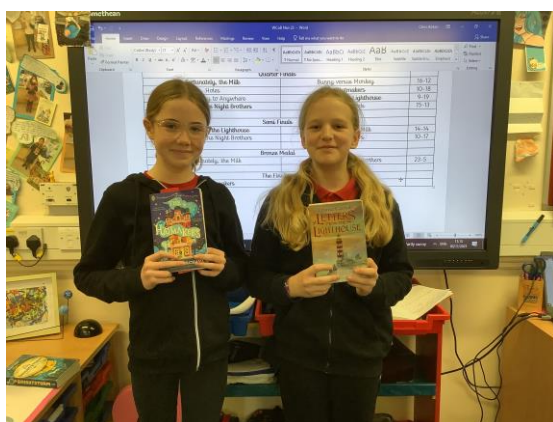
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## Class 3

Several of our KS2 children qualified to attend the Breckland area cross country championships. They all demonstrated superb, determined attitudes and represented our school brilliantly. Three of them managed to qualify to represent Breckland in the Norfolk County Finals, in which they were again a credit to our school community.



In our latest World Cup of Books event, *Letters from the Lighthouse* by Emma Carroll was our latest winner and there were many more excellent books represented, in what was another fun celebration of books and reading which served up a host of new recommendations.



We are hoping to go to the Sainsbury Centre soon after Christmas so the children can experience some high-quality art work, which will inspire their own art work and creative writing in the classroom. Details for this will follow in the new year.

**SAINSBURY  
CENTRE**

Living Art Sharing Stories

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