

Dear parents and carers,

It seems like only yesterday that we all came back to school for the new half-term, but we're now just three short weeks from the Christmas holidays – with lots of exciting events to look forward to!

Children in Coots and Bitterns have begun rehearsing for their Nativity performances, whilst Kingfishers, Grebes and Herons have begun to learn their songs for their carol performance.

As the excitement of Christmas intensifies, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind families about the importance of supporting reading at home all year long.

Research has long shown that reading is *the* biggest factor in contributing to children's academic success in primary school. Please speak to your child's teacher for ideas about how best to encourage them to read at home.

A special mention for all children in Years 2 – 6 this week, for completing their autumn assessments with grit and determination. We're proud of all of you!

With my thanks and best wishes,
Mr Will Emmens, Head of School

This week

Tue 3rd Dec – Reception/Y6 height and weight checks

Wed 4th Dec – Grebes trip to Gressenhall

Fri 6th Dec – Y6 Crucial Crew visit – Key Stage 1 Family Maths event, 9-11am

Coming up

Mon 9th Dec – Christingle: Coots and Bitterns: 1.15-1.45pm, Kingfishers, Grebes and Herons 2-2.30pm

Tues 10th Dec – Christmas Panto (in school), pm

Thur 12th Dec – Coots and Bitterns Nativity 1.30pm & 3.30pm

Fri 13th Dec – Christmas Lunch – Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 18th Dec – Coots and Bitterns trip to Cat in the Hat – Kingfishers, Grebes and Herons Carol performance, 2.15pm

Christmas Lunch 13th December

Can be ordered on Pupil Asset as hot or vegetarian option.

If your child will be having a Christmas lunch please could we ask that you order by 29th November as this will help the kitchen place their food order.



Neurodiversity Session

The School and Communities Team are holding a SEND cafe on Tuesday 3rd December from 5-7pm at Broadland High School. This will take place in their main hall.

The School and Communities Team will be talking about Neurodiversity and representatives from SENDIASS will also be present.

Children (and their parents!) who will likely be attending Broadland in the near future are very welcome.

Please use the following link to sign up: <https://forms.office.com/e/H3QI0K0e0i>

A poster for a Neurodiversity Session. At the top, it features logos for 'Local First Inclusion' and 'family hubs'. The main title is 'Neurodiversity Session' in a large, bold font. Below that, it says 'For Parents & Carers' and 'Helping you understand Neurodiversity and what it may look like. An opportunity to see books and resources, share ideas and discuss strategies that could support you and your child at home.' The date is 'Date: 3rd December 2024', the time is 'Time: 5pm to 7pm', and the venue is 'Venue: Broadland High Ormiston Academy'. Attendees are listed as 'Attendees: Schools and Community, Community & partnerships and SENDIASS.' There are two small images at the bottom: one showing a group of people sitting around a table, and another showing a group of people standing outdoors.

Salhouse Weekly Update

Wk commencing 2nd December

School photographs

The closing date to get free delivery back to school is Monday 2nd December.

Everyone should have received an email with the proof photographs.

If you have not received an email from Tempest or believe that you have any photos missing, please ensure both parents check their email spam and junk folders.

If you are unable to find the email please let the school office know and we can resend this.

Forest School volunteers

We are looking for any parents who would like to volunteer to help on Friday afternoons at Forest School.

If you are interested, please have a look at the Volunteers Policy on the website. You will need to complete the appendix and we will also need to do a DBS check.

If you would like any further information, please speak to Mrs Truman-Grieve or Mr Emmens.

Salhouse Jubilee Village Hall

Join us for carols and mince pies as we light up our first ever outdoor Christmas tree

Saturday 30th November

4.00pm to c.5.00pm

The tree lighting is immediately after the Christmas Fayre

2.00pm to 4.00pm

- Licensed Bar throughout
- Refreshments, Seasonal Crafts
- Seasonal Crafts, Games and Tombola

All money raised goes to the Jubilee Hall and local groups

CHRISTMAS STARTS HERE!



Cross Country finals

Yesterday four children competed in the Norwich East cross country finals which took place at Langley Prep School. They enjoyed a sunny but cold day and all ran really well. Thank you Megan, Georgina, Noah and Aria for representing Salhouse Primary School we are very proud of you.



Coots and Bitterns climbing frame

To help keep all pupils, families and staff safe at the end of the day, please could we ask for children **not** to be allowed to use the climbing frame and toys opposite Coots and Bitterns?

This is particularly true of older children, who are often taller and stronger than their younger peers.

As a school, we can be liable for any injuries which occur on our site – including out of hours. Whilst every care is taken to ensure that children are safe whilst in school, and they are always supervised with safe ratios, home time is very busy and this sometimes means that children *and* families can be at greater risk of harm.

Children have been spoken to in school about leaving the climbing frame and toys alone at the end of the day, but we ask for your support both in reinforcing this message at home and also reminding your children about this on collection.

New Technology

With Christmas nearly here and with some children receiving new technology or related games, here is a quick reminder of the importance of setting up appropriate parental controls.



Games/Consoles

- Check age ratings: look at the PEGI rating of any new games.
- *Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check to see if it has any communication elements.*
- If a game does allow your child to communicate with others, then adjust or disable the settings as appropriate to your child.
- On the device itself, set up applicable controls such as restricting spending limits and managing who they can communicate with. Follow the links below to find out how to set up Parental Controls for some devices here:

Xbox: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub>

PS5: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5-parental-controls-spending-limits/>

Nintendo Switch: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>

Tablets/Smart phones

Set up parental controls on the device to prevent purchases, restrict content viewed and adjust privacy settings. Furthermore, remember to check any apps your child requests to check that they are suitable for their age. Follow the links below to find out more:

iPhones/iPad: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/105121>

Android Device: <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738>

Why is it important?

Parental controls are important to help provide a safer experience for your child by reducing/preventing access to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, communication with strangers and restricting purchases.

Further information

You can find out more about parental controls here:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parental-controls/>

Salhouse Primary School: Soaring on wings

*'They will soar on wings like eagles
They will run and not grow weary
They will walk and not be faint.'*
Isaiah 40:31



