



NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR CRANMER CEO ST BENETS MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

As you are aware, Mrs Blowfield has been unwell over a long period of time and has not been in school. She has now decided to resign from her position as Headteacher and will be leaving the school at the end of this term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all that she has done at the school over the past 3 years and for many years of service to education over the years before that. On behalf of the St Benet's Multi Academy Trust I wish her every success in the future.

The Trust Board of St.Benet's MAT have been considering the best way to ensure that both schools in Harleston continue to improve through working closely together. Both schools carried out a consultation in the community a couple of years ago and the proposal received a warm vote of approval. The Trust has set out a plan to become one All-through school by September 2022 at the very latest, providing high quality education from age 3-16. As the detailed plans are set out I will make sure they are shared with you for your comments.

A key part of this development will be the appointment of a Head to lead Harleston Primary Academy. The recruitment process will start in January and the Local Governing Body will be involved, along with Trustees in that appointment. We will be seeking an outstanding teacher to this role with the vision and drive to make the school one that is truly excellent.

In the meantime the Trust Board has appointed Mrs Mary Foreman, a very experienced Headteacher to lead the school while the recruitment process is carried out and she will start on Monday 6th January on a full-time basis for two terms. I would like to thank Mr Freeman for his excellent work as part time Acting Headteacher this term and we wish him every success as he returns to his other school in Gorleston.

I would like to thank staff, parents and governors for their support and hard work, particularly during the period when we have been without Mrs Blowfield. I have every confidence that the plans now in place will ensure that the vision to provide a great education for the young people of Harleston is firmly in place.

Richard Cranmer
CEO St. Benet's MAT.

PARENTMAIL DONATIONS

This year's Nativity Performances and Christingle are in aid of The Children's Society. Please can donations be made via ParentMail. Thank you!

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our theme for Collective Worship for next half term is Service.

NURSERY ADMISSION

If your child was born between 01/09/2015 and 31/08/2016 they are eligible to join Harleston Primary Academy Nursery. The Nursery provides 3 hour sessions of teacher led Nursery provision 5 days a week, term time only. Children born between 01/09/16 and 31/12/16 would be eligible for a Nursery place in January 2020, and children born between 01/01/17 and 31/03/17 would be eligible for the April 2020 intake. Please contact the school office for a registration form or for further details.

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

6 th Jan	Back to School
13 th Jan	Year 4 Seatbelt presentation
14 th Jan	Year 6 and Reception height and weight checks
27 th Jan	Reception - Benjamin and Bethany Road Safety
27 th - 29 th Jan	Year 2 Step on it Road Safety
4 th Feb	Reception Come and Play 9-10am
11 th Feb	Nursery Come and Play NAM 11am NPM 2.15pm
17 th Feb	Half Term

IT'S A PARTY

What an amazing performance and we are all so very proud of all the children who performed with confidence, sang with enthusiasm and remembered all their dance routines in our Nativity play, It's A Party. The play was narrated by two of the Reception children and we had two solo performances too who were fabulous. Well done to all the children and thank you to the parents for providing the costumes.



GRESSENHALL

Dressed in their finest Victorian-style clothing, the Year 4s took a trip to Gressenhall on Tuesday 10th December to experience Christmas in the Victorian workhouse. Preparations were under way for the Guardian's Christmas meal, where the Year 4s made peg dolls, paper chains and candy canes to prepare to the banquet. They worked hard to impress the guardians and were ordered to polish the brass and correctly lay the tables before solving the mystery of who has been leaving the precious oranges in the workhouse. The Year 4s finished the trip by working out the mystery orange-stealing culprit and celebrated with a rendition of 'I saw three ships'. A great day was had by all - a perfect way to conclude our half-term Victorians topic!

HEADLICE

Please can we politely remind parent/carer's to regularly check their children's hair for headlice and that treatment is obtained when necessary.

CHRISTMAS SHOW

We are ending the Autumn Term 2019 in style on Wednesday with a festive Christmas talent show! Organised by Mrs Faye, the children will be entertained with a range of different acts - singing from the KS2 choir, fantastic skits performed by our talented actors and actresses and some musical performances from our musicians on piano, brass, strings and woodwind. What a fantastic opportunity to perform and a great way to celebrate the end of term. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Rev Tuffnell for hosting the show and Mrs Faye for her hard work and organisation.

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 15th November, the staff and children of Harleston Primary came together once again for our annual Children in Need fundraising event. This year, our School Council team decided on a black & white non-uniform day and raised lots of money for this worthwhile cause. Their cake sale was perhaps the biggest one yet and in total, a whopping £737.74 was raised for charity. Thank you to everyone who donated money and cakes to this fundraising day and special thanks to the School Council team for your help in organising and promoting the cake sale.

STAFFING UPDATE

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Fincham our Office Manager. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and dedication for the past 10 years. Mrs Pack, Teaching Assistant, who has been at the school for 22 years will be leaving at the end of term and also Mrs Nelson who was part of our Premises team and Miss Norton, who has been working in Year 5 this term.

We thank them all for their hard work and commitment to the school during their time here and wish them well for the future.

We would like to welcome the following members of staff Mrs Pringle Academies Business Manager, Mrs Lumley, Teaching Assistant and Mrs Patnell who will be a member of our Premises team.

HOLLOWFORD

The hall was full of noise and fun,
Even though we could see no sun,
Everyone jumped onto the bus,
No-one was making a fuss,

Through towns and villages we went,
Past the crooked spire all twisted and bent,
Castleton was soon in sight,
The sun was shining and bright,

A walk to the top of Mam Tor,
Great views and vistas we saw,
So back to the centre for food,
Everyone in a splendid mood!

Activities varied to do
Weaselling, high ropes and canoe,
The rafting was wet and cold,
The paddlers had to be bold,
Above the pond was the zip,
Nobody took a cold dip!

They were all asleep by *one!*
Because of the endless fun!
Bacon, eggs, beans and toast,
Miss Moss had eaten the most,
The desserts were a delight,
Shame about the smells at night!

Then back on the bus on Friday,
They certainly had less to say,
Many snores were heard,
The scenes passed in a blur,
Before arriving back in Harleston!



POPPY APPEAL

Thank you for donating to the British Legion Poppy Appeal. Without everyone's help the British Legion would be unable to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work.



Harleston Primary Academy raised a total of £468.52, which was part of the District total of £7758.36.

Thank you!

MY ED

Thank you to everyone who  has downloaded the MyEd app. In order to stay up to date with instant messages from the school, please ensure that you contact the School Office if there is change to your mobile number.

Anyone who is having difficulty or has not yet registered to use the app, please contact the School Office for assistance.

Thank you.

PEOPLE'S PICNIC - FILL A SOCK CAMPAIGN

Thank you for the fantastic response across the school. The socks have been taken to Norwich to be distributed to the homeless.

KS2 CHOIR

Each year, our fabulous KS2 choir are applauded for their Christmas performances in the community and this year, they did not disappoint. Indeed, this year, we have had the biggest choir EVER with over 50 children involved! Their first performance was at the switch on of the Harleston Christmas lights on Saturday 30th November, and since then, they have spread the Christmas cheer at St. John's Church on Tuesday 10th December, at the Co-Op on Monday 16th December and again for the end-of-term Christmas show. Some of the children will also be performing at the tradition Christmas Eve service at St Mary's of Redenhall on December 24th. Well done to all of the children who have been involved in these performances. We have been so proud of you all for representing our school across the community.

CHRISTINGLE

On Friday 13th December the children in Reception held a Christingle Service at St John's Church. The church looked lovely alight with candles as the children took their Christingle oranges to the front of the church. Thank you for a wonderful service Reception!



STAFF, GOVERNORS AND THE ST BENET'S TRUST
WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



COMMUNITY NEWS

EVENTS AT ST JOHNS CHURCH, HARLESTON

CHRISTMAS MIDWEEK MINGLE

Wednesday 18th December - 9.15am-11.30am This will be the last Midweek mingle before the school Christmas break. Great opportunity to meet new people and mingle. Open to everyone!

TRADITIONAL 9 LESSONS AND CAROLS

Friday 20th December at 2pm. Everyone welcome.

CHATTY CHURCH WITH CHRISTINGLE

Saturday 21st December at 2pm. Games and activities. Christingles and table decorations to make. Party snacks and refreshments. Great fun for children with their families.

CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT

Christmas Eve at 6pm at St Mary's Redenhall with the Salvation Army Band followed by mince pies and mulled wine. Church open from 5pm for seating. Remember to bring a warm coat and torch!

CHRISTMAS DAY INFORMAL FAMILY COMMUNION

9.30am - St Mary's Redenhall

11.00am - St John's Harleston

GISSING CHILDREN'S CENTRE PLAYScheme

Thursday 19th December and Friday 20th December 9.00am - 3.30pm.

Cost: £16.50 per child - full day; £13.5 per child - short day (in advance).

Activities for children aged 4-11 years.

Book your child's place email playscheme@gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk