



Harling Herald

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Goodbye and welcome back!

Today marks the end of an era at East Harling Primary School as Mrs Lea hangs up her kitchen apron and retires after twenty three years of service at the school. For very many years Mrs Lea was our main school cook until she recently handed the reigns over to Miss Riseborough. During her time at our school she has cooked around 300 000 school dinners and 4 600 Christmas lunches! We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Lea for her loyal service and wish her a long and happy retirement. She has some exciting plans for the future—including driving a hovercraft (which was part of our retirement present!) and wing walking, so we look forward to hearing of her future adventures!

Mrs Good will be returning from her maternity leave at the start of next term and will be joining Mrs Morris teaching Willow Class. This means that we have sadly said 'goodbye' (again!) to Mrs Tovell who had been covering her absence. Mrs Tovell will be taking up a post at Attleborough Junior in the new year and we wish her well for the future. Mrs Morris will be teaching Willow Class on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the new year and Mrs Good will be teaching them on a Thursday and Friday (and Mulberry Class on a Tuesday).

EAST recipe books

A huge thank you to the members of EAST who have been almost chained to our photocopier and binding machine in recent weeks to create our school recipe book. The finished book is a great collection of family favourite recipes; there are a few copies left if you have not yet purchased a copy.

School Building Project

Plans are now well underway for the next stage of our building project to remodel the Reception, year one, year two and year three classrooms. Norfolk Property Services have applied for planning position to place three mobile units (two double classroom and one single classroom units) on the field and we hope that we will move into these at Easter so that the next stage of works can take place. In January work will begin to provide services to the mobiles; this will mean that we will need to close the drop off zone outside school and that only staff cars will be able to park on school premises. The 'drop off zone' will remain

Current Attendance

Well done to the 47 children who have had 100% attendance this term. Hopefully the Christmas holidays will help to banish all the coughs and bugs around!

Our beautiful Christmas tree

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to Norfolk Christmas trees at Great Melton for their generous donation of a Christmas tree—it really is a beauty! Thank you also to Mrs Sullivan for organising the tree and the Claxton family for collecting it for us.

Open School

The next open school event will be between 3.15pm—3.45pm on Tuesday 24th January. Parents are welcome to visit their child's classroom, look at their work and chat informally to their teacher.



closed for the duration of the building project, which is expected to end in October.

Christmas performances

It's been a busy week of amazing performances. The infant Christmas performances of 'It's a cracker!' - really were a cracker! Congratulations to all our infant children and staff for their brilliant performances. Group photographs of the children can now be viewed via the school website. The Nursery children's performances of their nativity were really special and they all did so well to remember their parts and join in with the singing.

Thank you to all the junior parents who joined us at East Harling church for our traditional carol service; we're sure that everyone will agree that the class musical performances were beautiful. It was lovely to see so many people join us to reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas.

Swimming gala

Last week a squad of children from year four and five took part in our cluster swimming gala. Congratulations to the children who came in the top three of their races and qualified to compete in the next round of the competition. Good luck to Harvey, Jayden, Florie, Sophie and Emily for the South Norfolk competition in the new year.

School trips

It's been a busy half term for school trips and visits. Chestnut Class (year six) visited the National History Museum to learn more about volcanoes and earthquakes, Maple Class also visited London to find out more about the Ancient Greeks in the British Museum and Cherry Class and Nursery went to see 'We're going on a bear hunt' at the Norwich Playhouse. Each of these trips was partially funded by EAST who contribute £100 towards each class trip during the school year.

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

Fri 16th December	Last day of term Am Talent Show (pupils only) Pm Year 5 and 6 Christmas party
Tues 3rd & Wed 4th January	Staff development days—school closed
Thurs 5th January	Children's first day back at school
Wed 18th January	EAST meeting
Mon 13th - Fri 17th Feb	Half term week
Fri 31st March	Break up for Easter holidays

