

## Travelling Back in time to Victorian England!



Fox Class experienced a taste of life as a Victorian when they visited Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse.

The children spent time learning in a Victorian classroom, using chalk and slates, and also toured the workhouse museum.

Everyone dressed as if it was 1850 and our guides for the day took on the roles of different Victorian characters.

The children also worked as farm hands in the fields and used a dolly and mangle to wash clothing.

It was a fantastic day and a brilliant way of immersing the children in Victorian life at the start of the new half term.

School attendance so far for this year is:



**96.4%**



This is above the national figure of 96%. Research has shown that those children who have good attendance of 96%+ achieve much better. Please ensure your children attend school and are on time every day.

## HOCKERING CE PRIMARY Newsletter

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Our themes for autumn half term 2 are  
Butterfly Class Fox Class  
**The Victorians & What the Dickens!**



## Our Christian Value this half term is:



## PE News

- Well done to everyone who took part in the West Norwich and Dereham Sports Partnership Cross Country event on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November in Taverham. You all represent Hockering school brilliantly.
- Football club has now started on Mondays after school.
- We would like to say a big 'Thank you to Kalpesh Patel for his excellent Indian dance coaching in October. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all!



### DIARY DATES

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|---------------------------|--|
| Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | - Non-school uniform day for Children in Need                    |
| Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov | - Parent consultations   |
| Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | - Butterfly Class PE cafe 2pm                                    |
| Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov  | - Flu vaccinations for Year R,1,2,3,4 children.                  |
| Thur 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov | - Christmas Creche until 7pm                                     |
| Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | - RAISE Christmas experience                                     |
| Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec | - Whole school Christmas production at the village hall (2pm)    |
| Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec | - Whole school Christmas production at the village hall (6.30pm) |
| Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec | - Talent Show  |
| Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | - Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Lunch                         |
| Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | - Christmas Church Service 2pm                                   |
| Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec | - Last day of term   |
| Thur 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan  | - Start of spring term 2018                                      |
| Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan  | - Fox Class Reading Cafe 2pm                                     |



Everyone is looking forward to welcoming Andy from Raise back again on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December for a 'Christmas Experience' session in school. He will use drama and song to tell the Christmas story to the whole school. The Easter Experience he did for us in 2016 was amazing so we can't wait for this one!



Butterfly Class children enjoyed an excellent day of learning about life 1,000 years ago when they visited Norwich Castle Museum.

During the day the children were involved in preparations for a forthcoming jousting tournament and had to help the inhabitants of the castle with different tasks.

As part of this they made pennants for the visiting knights and also needed to sort various historical artefacts ready for the event.

As part of their tour of the castle they discovered how it was divided into different rooms and even found out where the Norman toilets (or garde robes) were!

They also spent time investigating the exhibits in the museum, which included a large-scale model of the original castle and examples of weapons they would have used to defend themselves.

As always, the children were a credit to Hockering and impressed everyone with their enthusiasm and behaviour. Well done everyone!

Thank you to everyone for all you do to make Hockering school such a happy and successful place. Please remember to like our 'Hockering CE Primary Academy' Facebook page where we often post news and pictures of things the children have been up to. Best wishes to you all.

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