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## Weekly What's On!

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### **Rachel Mallett**



My name is Rachel Mallett and I've been a teacher at the school for an enjoyably long time! I was born in Bury St. Edmunds, but I went to Norwich High School from Lower ii to Upper VI. I took Music, German and Latin 'A' levels, then read Music at Durham University. I loved my Music course and the city and I made some great friends too. I had known since I was 6 that I wanted to teach, so I then came back to the University of East Anglia to do my Post Graduate Certificate of Education, specialising in Music. I applied for the Head of Music at St. Thomas More Middle

School and was thrilled to accept the post!

During my time here, I have been class teacher and Year Leader for Years 4, 5 and 6; I was Head of Music for 9 years, (one highlight of which was being the Musical Director for our production of 'Oliver') and then Lead Teacher for Computing ever since. Also I've been the Curriculum Leader, Educational Visits Co-ordinator and I was a member of the Senior Leadership Team for a number of years. I am still a Deputy Safeguarding Officer and Online Safety Co-ordinator and greatly enjoy teaching most of the Computing in the school and various other subjects as required. The enthusiasm and light in children's eyes when they discover something new and exciting can brighten any day!

Going part-time a few years ago has allowed me more opportunities to pursue interests outside school too, such as singing in various choirs, bellringing and working on an OU degree in IT and Software Design, as well as spending more time with my parents, being on our church PCC and doing some private tutoring. I did say at my initial interview all those years ago, that I didn't like to be bored!

### **Lorna Pearce – Family Support Worker**



Hello, I'm Lorna Pearce, the parent and family support advisor, I work for the YMCA, but I am based at St Francis of Assisi every Friday, where I offer support to both parents and children. My personal experiences and studying psychology have led me to this path, but I have had a varied career to date. I started working in entertainment in my teens, singing at various resorts in the UK and in France. I then had a stint on the cruise ships. I have had some interesting roles, in the London Dungeons I bloodied up as an actor and terrified tourists. Some of my most notable performances were as an elf in Lapland and the Easter bunny in Harrods. I decided to return to education in my mid 20's and attended a Catholic University in the sunny state of Florida, USA. Whilst there I worked for the office of student affairs, coordinating events for students, student orientation and supporting the Dean of Students. It was in Florida that I discovered a love for teaching and pastoral work. I ran a drama school for 4 years, taught the arts practicum at the university, among other roles. Whilst there I took a masters level counselling course which shaped

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the direction my career would take. I moved back to the UK in 2014 and began working in supply for various schools, pupil referral units and behaviour assessment units where I lead interventions and offered support to students. I have done a great deal of work with youth, teaching life skills and working on behaviour and emotional management. I have been teaching children have been permanently excluded from school for the past 4 years. I currently teach child development at a vocational centre to students who have special educational needs, behavioural and psychological issues. I am based at St Francis of Assisi school on Fridays, offering support to both parents and students. I work with students who have emotional and behavioural difficulties. I am also available to parents as a line of support for emotional and behavioural strategies. As well as support work, I do youth engagement for the YMCA. I really enjoy all of my role (as varied as they may be), because I feel like I am making a positive difference in the lives of those who I work with.

**Lorna is available for Parent Drop-Ins each Friday from 8.45 to 9.30 am. If this time is not appropriate then please get in touch with the office or Mrs Furness to arrange a more suitable appointment.**

## **Message from Fran Ludden**

# SUPPORT CAMBODIA



Choom Reap Sooa!

It's finally here – I set off for three weeks in Cambodia early on Monday morning. I will be travelling with a small group of people from Support Cambodia and visiting around twenty locations and projects. It's going to be very busy and very tiring, but I am very excited. I will be taking all the dresses which were made at St Francis before I retired and an amazing amount of money, which I will be able to pass to people working in Cambodia to help those in need there. Thank you again for all your fantastic help and support!

I'll be coming into school shortly after my return, but if you would like to follow our travels, you can visit [www.supportcambodia.org.uk](http://www.supportcambodia.org.uk) where you will find a daily blog written by my friend Katie. I'll take lots of photos, and I can't wait to tell you all about it before the February half-term holiday.

## **National Breakfast Week - (School Lunch)**

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 the children are able to take part in 'National Breakfast Week'.

Please see Lunch Brunch Menu below for Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January:

Sausages/Vegetarian Sausages

Hash Browns

Baked Beans

Omelette

Blueberry Muffin

If you have already ordered your child's meal on WisePay, and do not wish your child to take part on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January please inform the school office so we may arrange a credit.

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## **Epiphany Mass**

Thank you to all those parents who celebrated Mass with the children on Monday. Christmas is now truly over!

## **School Trips/Performance Payments on WisePay**

Thank you to all the people who pay for the trips and performances on time on WisePay. We are very grateful. I know that these things can easily get forgotten about and I also know that sometimes money is hard to find at certain times. If you do have a problem with paying then always feel welcome to come and see Mrs Furness or Mrs Hope in confidence. We will do everything we can to help you. Unfortunately, a lot of money is outstanding on many trips and performances from last term. If you could check on WisePay and make sure you have paid we would be very grateful. If the monies do not get paid we are going to have to consider not putting on performances or trips as we cannot find the money in school funds to make up the difference.

## **Yoga**

Yoga will be taking place from Monday. The children will be leaving their classrooms at 3.15 pm to get ready for the class. It will finish at 4.10 pm

## **Reception Admissions September 2019 Intake**

If you wish to apply or are considering doing so for a place at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School for your child in Reception September 2019, you will need to complete a Supplementary Information Form, which is available on our schools website. Alternatively you can call into the school office for a hard copy. **This must be returned to school by January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

It is essential that you also complete an application form from Norfolk County Council and return it to them directly by their closing date – which is 15th January 2019. Details and online application forms are available at <http://www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk/enrol/>



## **After School Tennis Club**

National Tennis Association have been delivering tennis coaching at schools in Norfolk since 2004. The after school sessions are a great introduction to the game and many of the county's most successful players started in our after school clubs.

In after school club sessions pupils will develop footwork, coordination, ball and racket skills working through a structured curriculum with a certificate at the end of term.

## **Tennis Club Details**

Thursdays - 11 weeks (17 Jan - 4 Apr)

Year 1, 2, 3 & 4

3.25 - 4.10pm

Cost - £41.25

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## How to Enrol?

Please visit our website where you will find more information and check availability...you will then be able to book your place

1. Visit [www.NationalTennis.org.uk](http://www.NationalTennis.org.uk)
2. Browse our **Tennis Schools**
3. Navigate to **Norfolk Schools Network**
4. Book your Place

These sessions fill up very quickly therefore it is important to book your place quickly, we operate a first come, first serve basis.

Once you have booked on our website you will receive a confirmation of your place.

We do not take bookings through the school, if you receive funding via the school you will need confirm this and then contact us by email so we can book your place.

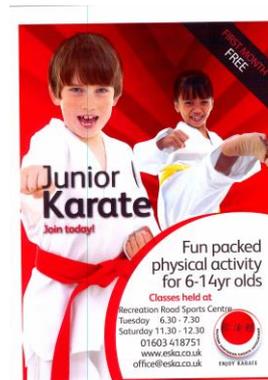
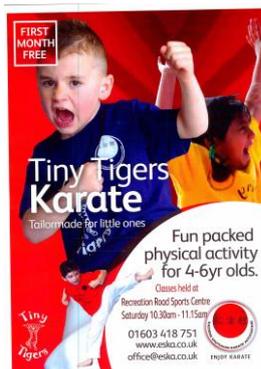
If you have any questions regarding the tennis club please contact us:

**email:** east@nationaltennis.org.uk

**tel:** 01603 980340

## Karate Tasters

On Thursday or Friday every child in the school had an opportunity to have a 30 minute Karate taster session. If your child enjoyed this experience then there is a club close by that they could attend. Details are on the poster below.



## Cathedral Choir Auditions.

Mr Justin from SJB Cathedral will be auditioning children to join this choir on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January in the afternoon. He will be offering places to suitable children in Years 4,5 and 6. Many apologies that this did not happen yesterday.

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Please remember to keep checking the list of dates. New dates are always being added and sometimes we have to re-arrange events.**

### **January**

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sportshall Athletics Competition for Year 5/6
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sportshall Athletics Competition for Year 3/4
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 to Notre Dame High School to watch Production White Socks – parents to pick up at 4 pm from Notre Dame
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	4 Year 5 pupils attending Able Mathematicians at West Earlham Junior School
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Interschool Sports Festival
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5W Assembly 2.40 pm
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	The Choir goes to Young Voices at the O2 in London.
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 – Jewish Living Exhibition – Norwich Cathedral

### **February**

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 go to Parliament in London
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	5M Class Assembly 2.40 pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Hearing and Vision tests
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Break up for Half Term Week</b>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	4B Class Assembly 2.40 pm

### **March**

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Class Assembly 2.40 pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day – Horrible Histories theme
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	4M Class Assembly 2.40 pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4 Year 6 pupils attending Maths Challenge day

### **April**

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for Easter Holidays
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Back to School

### **May**

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> to	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 6 SATS WEEK
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Optional Theatre Trip for Year 4,5 and 6. The Terrible Tudors Horrible Histories