

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Each term our Governors come into school and focus on an aspect of our School Development Plan. Last week the focus was, 'How Rich is the Curriculum at Mousehold?' Governors passed on their thanks to staff and children and what they saw blew them away.....some examples are: Year 2: Children had dissected owl pellets and were watching footage of a barn owl feeding her chicks. Year 2 children could also name the 7 life processes. Year 1: Children learning from real experiences such as using their senses to describe and draw a seabass, growing cress and making predictions and rich writing and art work across the curriculum. EYFS: The children responded well to watching part of the lifecycle of a duck and duckling activities were everywhere using many different skills. Children's progress was evident across the whole school as well as the sense of enjoyment, inclusion and creativity. Our children amaze us every day.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Rebecca Westall

RESPECT HELP LEARN ENJOY ACHIEVE

Dates for your diary

Sports Days: Year 1 and 2: Tuesday 27th June AM

Summer Fayre: 14th July 3.30 - 5.30pm

School trips:

Nursery: Banham Zoo are visiting Nursery in school Monday 3rd July

Year R Gressenhall Monday 3rd July.

Year 1: Howhill (in 2 halves) Tuesday 4th July and Wednesday 5th July.

Year 2: Bewilderwood Friday 7th July.

Reports sent home to all children: Friday 14th July

Last Day of Term: Friday 21st July.



Friends of School Non Uniform day

Next Friday 30th June for raffle prizes and wine for the Summer Fayre.

MSA (Midday Supervisory Assistant) Vacancies.

We have a vacancy for an MSA for September 2017. The hours will be 11.50am - 1.35pm and the pay is £7.78 an hour. If you are interested then please ask at the office for an application pack. Interviews will be on the morning of Tuesday 18th July.

Thank you Grace

A special thank you to Grace FT in Class 4. She wrote me a lovely letter asking if she could run a cake sale to raise money for the people who lost their homes in the fire in London. This was a real success and she raised **£464.28**.
Thank you to all who supported this cause.

Great news about our Parent Support Advisor!

Ellie Jackman, our wonderful PSA, will also be working at George White Junior in September. She will continue to work at Mousehold Wednesday - Friday and will work at GWJ Monday and Tuesday. This gives our families consistency and a familiar face as our Year 2 children move up to the junior school. Well done Ellie!

Mrs Gaul's Retirement

Mrs Gaul who is a Teaching Assistant at school is retiring at the end of this Summer Term. She has worked in the school over 30 years and has been a parent helper, lollipop lady, MSA, TA and Governor. She will be greatly missed and we wish her all the best for her retirement years with her family.

Remember: If you are concerned about a child or vulnerable adult in Norfolk and want to speak to someone, contact us on 0344 800 8020.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/keeping-children-safe/report-concerns>

Safeguarding at Mousehold

At Mousehold all staff have a responsibility to safeguard children. If you ever have a concern about a child or a member of staff then please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads: **Mrs Westall, Mr Tolson, Miss Compton**. You can

also ring the number **0344 800 8020** if you have a concern about a child outside school.



Library opening times and chance to look at progress in books and on displays:

The school library is open to families after school **every Friday** from 3pm - 3.20pm. During this time the classrooms will be open for you to look at your child's books and see their progress.

Friends of School

Please let Sarah (parent of Oliver in Class 3) or Kate (parent of Harley in Class 3) or Emma (parent of Iris in Class 4 or Seth in Nursery) know if you would like to help with the Summer Fayre. There are different roles such as helping plan the event or helping on the day. We would be very grateful for any support.

HELP PLEASE! We are still looking for 2 helpers to help cook the food on the BBQ for the fayre. There will be other staff helpers with you on the stall. Please let Sarah, Kate or Emma know if you can help - or let the school office know.

GoGo Hares 2018 - Norwich Sculpture Trail

Please let us know if you feel you or your business can sponsor our hare.

You can sponsor the hare for £20, £50, £100, £200. Your name or the business name will be on the hare somewhere for you to spot. Please let us know if you can help!

There will be a fundraising event for the GoGo Hare in Autumn 2017. More details will follow.

Please close playground gates for safety

Please can I remind you to close the gates on our playground when leaving (after Nursery drop off time in particular). This makes it safer for the children. We are looking into systems where the gates lock immediately (and unlock in the event of a fire). There will also be a buzzer intercom linked to the office.

Music Concert

Well done to Choir and Recorder Club for a fabulous music concert! We are all very proud of you.



Favourite Five - Mrs Sinclair MSA

Favourite Food: Homemade Lasagne

Favourite Place: Gorleston

Favourite Colour: Royal Blue

Favourite Film: Kick Boxer

Favourite Book: We're Going on a Bear Hunt and Goodnight Mister Tom

Holidays in term time

A reminder to you all that I am unable to authorise a holiday in term time. This means that an 'unauthorised' absence will be marked on your child's records.

Please see overleaf for Term Dates for the next academic year 2017/2018

Parent View - another way to express your views.

Thank you to all who have logged on to put across your views. Please ask for support if you need it. There are plenty of staff who can help.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Policies

Our policies are on our school website. This is where you will find the Safeguarding and Behaviour policies amongst others.

Please remember to look at our school website for exciting updates.

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Term Dates 2017/2018

Autumn Term 2017

Wednesday 6th September Start of Autumn Term for children
Tuesday 19th December 3.00 pm School closes for Christmas holiday

HALF TERM BREAK: Friday 20th October – Friday 27th October 2017

Spring Term 2018

Thursday 4th January Start of Spring Term for children
Wednesday 28th March 3.00 pm School closes for Easter holiday

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2018

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April Start of Summer Term for children
Tuesday 24th July 3.00 pm School closes for Summer holiday

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June 2018

Additional School Closures

Monday 7th May 2018 May Day Bank Holiday



