

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Summer holidays. Hope you and your families had a restful and enjoyable time. A warm welcome to our new families who have joined us. These newsletters will be fortnightly but you will also receive updates from your class teacher on news within your year group more regularly. Every Friday we will continue to have 'open classrooms' at 3pm when you can visit your child's classroom and see their progress and lovely work on the walls and in their books. If your child is in the morning Nursery session you can do this when you bring your children to school on a daily basis.

More news will follow on our school priorities for the year in the next newsletter. We are finalising our School Improvement and Development Plan and we have some exciting projects planned.

Please remember our **High Five** is important to all of our children and we LOVE hearing about achievements outside school as well as inside school.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Rebecca Westall

RESPECT

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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 26th September 9am - Phonics café Classes 7 and 9 - parents and carers welcome.

Wednesday 27th September 9am - Phonics café Years 1 and 2 - parents and carers welcome.

Thursday 28th September 9am - Phonics café Class 8 - parents and carers welcome.

Friday 29th September - Fundraising day for GoGo Hare project. More information



to follow.

Week beginning 16th October: Parent and Teacher meetings. Late one Monday 16th October. More information will follow.

Thursday 19th October: Last day before Half term

October Half term: Miss Humphrey and Mrs Woodward teach in a school in Ghana

Monday 30th October: First day back to school.

Friday 17th November: Children In Need Fundraising day. More information to follow.

Tuesday 19th December: Last day of term.

Class Assemblies 9.15am

Friday 6th October Class 1

Friday 13th October Class 5

Friday 10th November: Class 3

Friday 17th November: Class 4

Friday 24th November: Class 2

Friday 1st December: Class 6

New teachers!

We welcome two new teachers to our staff team this year. **Miss Dowsing** in Class 8 and **Mrs Jenkins** in Class 2. We look forward to working with them.

New Security System on Entrance Gate

We have had a new security system installed on the pedestrian entrance gate. This gate will be open for parents to drop off and collect their children, but from 9.00am until 2.45pm entry will be by buzzer connected to the school office.

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>



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

Keeping safe online at home and school

We are planning an e safety information and support session for parents. Date will follow. This will be when you can bring your child's electronic devices (ipads and tablets) and we will help make the settings child friendly. We will also be focusing on e safety in assemblies and inviting a local police officer to talk about the importance of keeping safe online.

Children's Safeguarding Survey - July 2017

We carried out a Safeguarding Survey for the children in the last week of term. It was great to hear their feedback. Part of this was about keeping safe on the internet. This is what the children said:

Do you know how to keep yourself safe on the internet?

I would tell a teacher or my Mum and Dad.
I would get my safeguarding hand
Don't talk to anyone you don't know and tell a grown up.
I would ask a grown up about the internet.
When I do ipad club we learn all about keeping safe.
I won't go on things I don't know.
Not say yes to someone we don't know and don't answer him
I don't know too much about the internet.
I wouldn't play the game if I was confused.

Here are some more comments:

Do you know what to do if you feel sad, unhappy or unsafe at school?

I would ask my friend to make me happy.
I would look at my safeguarding hand
I would tell a teacher or somebody on my safeguarding hand.
I would talk to my friends.



You can tell someone you really trust.
I would tell the teacher I am bleeding or something.

Some areas children said they feel unsafe in

Not quite safe because you can get fires in schools.
Sometimes I might not feel safe if cars outside school come on the pavement.
I sometimes think the school might flood.

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 - Thank you!

Thank you to Friends of School for the brilliant Summer Fayre. A great time was had by all and an amazing profit of **£1665.97** was raised. This money goes directly on enriching the curriculum for your child at Mousehold. If you would like to help at future school events please contact the school office. It is a great group of people to work with who do a fantastic job all year.

GoGo Hares 2018 - Norwich Sculpture Trail

On the last day of term representatives from the GoGo Hare project came to school to present us with a hamper full of art equipment. We won the prize draw for applications! We saw an example of the hare we have purchased. Watch this space for fundraising projects later this year.

We already have 3 sponsors who have come forward for our GoGo Hare. Their names will be on the hare somewhere for the children to spot. Please let us know if you feel you or your business can sponsor our hare. We would appreciate sponsors of either £20, £50, £100, £200. Many thanks.

Social Media

Please continue to be mindful of what you write on social media. We would much prefer you talk to a member of staff in school than discuss school issues over social media.



Attendance Prizes for punctuality

Our 2 winners for children who have never been late to school for the whole of the academic year were: Rosa, who is now in class 2 and Mohamed who is now in class 1. The children won a hamper full of activities to enjoy at home. There will be another draw just before October Half term.

97% and 100% Attendance for 2016-17

We completely understand that children are sometimes poorly or have hospital appointments and this is why we recognise 97% attendance as well as 100%.

16 children managed 100% attendance! 108 children managed 97% attendance.
This is great!

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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