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8th December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy few weeks we are having at Mousehold. Each classroom is a hive of activity of all things creative. It's such a great atmosphere. Thank you to the families who came along to the presentation about the **Ghana** trip. We all found it fascinating and inspiring. Your children will be talking about Ghana following their work as part of the curriculum. Have you seen the giant storytelling chair on the stage outdoors? It's incredible and so magical. Thank you Mr Tame!

The last 2 days at school (Monday and Tuesday 18th and 19th December) we are allowing staff and children to wear Christmas jumpers or hats just for fun. This is with school uniform underneath.

I wish you all the very best for the holidays. Enjoy your time as a family. Thank you, as always, for your support and commitment to your child's learning at Mousehold.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Rebecca Westall

RESPECT

HELP

LEARN

ENJOY

ACHIEVE

Coat donations to help some families in this cold weather.

One of our Teaching Assistants has come up with a great idea, and she has seen it work elsewhere. If your child grows out of their winter coat then you can bring it to school and parents can help themselves for their child if they are in need of a warm coat. We will decide where this is situated once we know how many coats we have. This is voluntary and will help some families. Please bring the coats to the school office.



Let's celebrate 'getting active' achievements outside school

We have heard from several children who have 'got active' out of school. These children all received a High Five Superstar letter.

Some examples have been: Ballet, fishing, performing arts and jiu-jitsu!

Remember: Healthy lifestyles lead to healthy minds ready for learning.

Keep telling me about all of your achievements out of school.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 14th December after school - **Christmas Fayre**

Monday and Tuesday 18th and 19th December - Christmas jumper or hat day just for fun!

Tuesday 19th December: Last day of term.

Christmas performance dates. All parents and carers welcome.

Year 1: 9.30am Tuesday 12th December

Year 2: 9.30am Wednesday 13th December

Class Assemblies for Spring and Summer Term 2018:

Friday 19th January 9.15am Class 7

Friday 26th January 9.15am Class 8

Friday 9th February 9.15am Class 9

Friday 2nd March 9.15am Class 1

Friday 9th March 9.15am Class 5

Friday 16th March 9.15am Class 2

Friday 27th April 9.15am Class 4

Friday 4th May 9.15am Class 3

Friday 11th May 9.15am Class 6

Friday 15th June 9.15am Class 7

Friday 22nd June 9.15am Class 8

Friday 29th June 9.15am Class 9

Photos on social media

We have several children in each class who do not have permission for photos to be on social media. I always remind parents not to put photos of other children on Facebook and other sites. Please honour this.

NEW FEATURE!



What do our staff do to ensure they are always learning too?

Mrs Westall and Mr Seaman attended a **Behaviour Conference**. The speaker was Bill Rogers. This was a very inspiring day and we came back with great ideas to share with staff.

Miss Wood attended training on 'Mental Health.' Miss Wood will talk about this training with all staff so we can all learn more about how we can help children and parents who deal directly or indirectly with mental health issues.

Mr Williams presented at an EYFS conference for Reception teachers from around the county. He talked enthusiastically about our provision at Mousehold and led a workshop. This is because our outcomes at the end of Reception have improved over the last few years.

Community Links

Family Nativity Service (run by the group who lead our Monday Open the Book assemblies)

Sunday 17th Dec, 10.45am

Norwich Central Baptist Church NR3 3AP

A fun, interactive service for all ages. Come dressed up as a character from the nativity story (optional). Christmas refreshments served afterwards

www.norwichcentral.org

'SUGAR FOR SHELTERS' COLLECTION

This Christmas our school will be collecting sugar to support a local appeal, 'Sugar for Shelters'.

Sugar for Shelters is a part of the Buckingham Emergency Food Appeal (BEFA). Schools help Sugar for Shelters by collecting bags of sugar for the homeless, needy and vulnerable in local shelters.

Huge amounts of sugar are needed and make a REAL difference in shelters and food kitchens throughout Norfolk and Suffolk in the cold days of winter and particularly over Christmas.

You can bring your bag of sugar into school next Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. School Council will be outside the main door waiting to accept your kind donations. Thank you.



Friends of School

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Please see Emma Waller if you can help. Emma can be contacted through the school office.

Attendance

Watch this space for the 2 winners of our half-termly prize draw for arriving to school on time each day.

Punctuality helps good progress in learning and positive self-esteem.

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.

Nursery Admissions September 2018

We are expecting lots of interest in Nursery for Sept 2018 in light of our changes so please register your interest at the school office as soon as you can.

- Nursery sessions will be **8:30am** - 11:30 (morning session) and 12:00 - 3:00pm (afternoon session)
- Those who are eligible for 15hrs (funded by Govt) will be able to select any 5 sessions and will not be tied to all morning sessions or all afternoon sessions (eg: 2.5 days)
- The family will need to fund the cost of the lunch time supervision period if the child is staying all day. This will cost £2 per day (home packed lunch to be provided).

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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