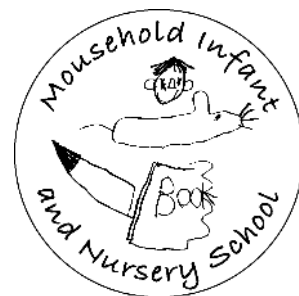


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12th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I'm hoping you all had an enjoyable break over Christmas. Last term was very busy for us and each child achieved so much. Well done to our Year 2 School choir for performing so enthusiastically at the train station on a very cold December morning. So many parents came along too. Thank you for your support. All of our children performed so well in their Christmas performances. It was a pleasure to see each performance and to see their confidence grow year on year.

We look forward to lighter evenings and warmer weather as the term progresses. It is very unlikely that the school will be closed in the event of snow because most staff live within walking distance of the school. It will only be if there is a problem with the boiler or water/toilets. If there is a problem then you will receive a text. Please remember if you haven't completed a short online survey on the online parent mail with your views about the school then please do so - every opinion counts!

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

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Rebecca Westall

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New baby news!

Congratulations to Mrs Severson and her husband on the birth of her lovely little boy Matthew. All are doing well and are very happy.



Coats are available if you need one for you or your child.

Thank you for your amazing generosity. We already have several coats available for you to take if you are short of one for your child. We also have adult coats too and there are carrier bags for you to use to carry the coat you have taken if you prefer. The coat rail is in the dining hall, near lost property.

Celebrating our International Diversity

Following the visit of Mrs Woodward and Miss Humphrey to Ghana we are looking forward to our International Days which will take place on 30th and 31st January. Each class will be doing a variety of activities centred on two countries. If children have particular experiences or special items from other countries, they are most welcome to share this with the class on those days. As it is Storytelling week that week too, we will also be looking at stories from around the world! As part of our International Diversity celebrations we would like to raise some money for Bantama Primary School in Kumasi. There are 5,000 miles separating our two schools. Can we bring in our coins from home on those days and make a 'chain' of 5,000 coins to connect our schools? The money we raise would be used to buy basic resources, books and stationery that are so desperately needed by the school in Ghana.

Growth Mindset

We mentioned in the Autumn Term how **Growth Mindset** is very much part of our curriculum. We continue to encourage children to 'have a go' and 'not give up!' Class 3s assembly was all about Growth Mindset and it was wonderful to hear the children talk so openly about what they find difficult and how they overcome these barriers. Some recommended books to support you and your own children with this are:

Picture books that promote a Growth Mindset....

How to Catch a Star – Oliver Jeffers
The Dot and Ish – Peter Reynolds
The Most Magnificent Thing – Ashley Spires
Rosie Revere, Engineer – Andrea Beaty
Your Fantastic Elastic Brain – Joann Deak

Miss Balachandre (Nursery Teacher) is our lead on Growth Mindset so please do chat with her if you have any questions.



High Five Superstars!

Many children from the start of September have received a High Five letter for wonderful achievements in or out of school. These achievements are celebrated in assemblies as well as in class. Please take time to look through the folders when you are next in school.

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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st January - International Learning Days.

Wednesday 7th February - All Year 2 at an Indian Infusion Project at The Open. A separate letter explains this.

Thursday 1st March - World Book Day - children are welcome to dress up as a book character.

Wednesday 21st March - Class photos.

Parents Evenings Spring Term:

Monday 26th Feb (late) - Thursday 1st March - a letter will follow.

Reading/PE Cafes for this term: Parents and Carers all welcome.

Nursery Stay and Play Sessions - 15th and 16th March, 8.15-9 and 12-12.45

Reception Physical Development Café - Classes 7 & 9 Wednesday 14th March 9-10, Class 8 Thursday 15th March, 9-10.

Year 1 PE Café - Tuesday 27th February

Class 4 - 9-9.45, Class 6 - 9.50-10.35, Class 5 - 11-11.40

Year 2 Reading Café - Tuesday 20th March 9-10am.

Class Assemblies for Spring 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

Christmas Performance collection

Thank you! We collected £362 to go towards our Creative Arts area outside.



NEW FEATURE!

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

Mrs Jennings and Mrs Conway worked with 4 other schools in Norfolk to moderate writing. This was very useful to see how other schools approach assessment.

Mrs Manson and Mrs Westall have attended training on the new GDPR requirements. This stands for *General Data Protection Regulations*. All businesses and schools who hold personal data have new requirements as from May 2018.

Community Links

Our GoGo Hare will soon be with us. Watch this space for more information!

Friends of School

Many thanks to Friends of School for their contribution to the pirate ship on our school field. This is made from recycled tyres so will not rot or start to look old and tired. It will remain vibrant in colour and very sturdy.

Many thanks also for all of their hard work in preparing for our Christmas Fayre and the event itself, as well as all of the other work behind the scenes. A massive **£956.26** was raised. Thank you to all who came along and joined in with the festivities that afternoon.

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.

Attendance

The 2 winners of our half termly prize draw for arriving to school on time each day were: Oscar in Class 4 and Erin in Class 2. Well done! There will be another prize draw just before February Half term.



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 be £2 per day (packed lunch to be supplied from home).

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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