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9th February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We had a brilliant 2 days where all learning was focused on Global Awareness and International Schools. The children were immersed in learning and activities all about Ghana and a country of their choice. The creative learning was evident and Governors who visited were very impressed too. Thank you so much for all of your donations. We collected **£182.90**. This will support the work of our partnership school in Ghana directly.

Well done to our Year 2 children who took part in the India Fusion Project at Open in the City. It was an incredible musical and cultural experience for our children and staff to be part of.

*We received a lovely phone call this week from **High Altitude Trampoline Park** to say that some of our children attended a birthday party on Sunday 4/2/18. They wanted to pass on their comments on how well behaved they were. 'Please' and 'thank you' were instantaneous. They were an absolute joy to have and a great credit to our school.*

Have a very enjoyable break next week and we look forward to seeing you back in school on **Monday 19th February**.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Rebecca Westall

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SAFETY OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL GATES

We have had some more complaints about bad language and inconsiderate driving outside our school with some parents shouting abuse at members of the public and other parents who are driving their cars down Mousehold Avenue. This is in front of our children. This is usually when people are waiting to pass through the traffic calming section. Please do not park wholly on pavements. Some of our children and their siblings are very small and cannot always easily be seen.

I have written to the police and a councilor to see what we can do together to improve safety for our children directly outside our school. The councilor is visiting the school after half term. I hope there will be a police presence outside the gates at some point.

PLEASE SUPPORT US IN KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE

'Canine Concern' and Magnus the dog.

We have shown an interest in the Registered Charity, 'Canine Concern.' I met Magnus, a therapy dog, and his owner, just before half term. He is a hypoallergenic Kerry Blue Terrier and is 2 years old. He is very well trained.

Mousehold would like to take part in the 'Read to Dogs' initiative with some of our Year 2 children. Research has shown that this helps children's confidence and self-esteem and boosts reading ages. Magnus the dog will be visiting our school on **Wednesday 21st February** as part of an assembly in the first instance.

If you would prefer your child not to be in the hall, or near Magnus, or have any questions please do let us know straight after half term. A further letter will follow to inform the parents of the children who Magnus will be working with on Reading projects. www.canineconcern.co.uk

Thinking Day - Thursday 22nd February.

Are you part of a uniformed organization? Please wear your uniform to school this day.

Each year on 22nd February, members of the Girl Guide and Scout movements celebrate World Thinking Day. It's a day when they think of each other and give thanks and appreciation for the international friendships. 22nd February was chosen as the date for Thinking Day because it was the mutual birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Scout Movement, and his wife Lady Olave, who served as World Chief Guide. One of the traditions of Thinking Day is that members of the Guiding and Scouting movement wear their uniforms to school to show others that they are part of the movement. This is a great way for us to celebrate our international friendships and to show what groups we belong to outside school.



Growth Mindset

Grow Your Children's Mindset by asking/saying:

1. Wow!
2. Look at that!
3. Tell me about it.
4. Show me more.
5. How did you do that?
6. Let's see what you did.
7. How do you feel about it?
8. How did you figure that out?
9. That looks like it took a lot of effort.
10. That looks like it took so much work.

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

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.

High Five and Friday Open Classrooms.

We continue to celebrate achievements in and out of school. Please remember to look through the High Five folders on a Friday after school when you visit your children's classrooms.

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Dates for your diary

Thursday 22nd February. Thinking Day

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

Friday 9th March - NON Uniform day in exchange for raffle prizes for the Easter Fayre please (chocolate, eggs etc.)

Wednesday 21st March - Class photos.

Thursday 22nd March After school: Easter Fayre

Friday 29th June After School: Summer Fayre

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 Cafes: - Classes 7 and 9 Wednesday 14th March 9am -10am Class 8 Thursday 15th March 9am-10am.

Year 1 PE Café - Tuesday 27th February

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

Year 1 Reading Café - Thursday 22nd March 9-10am

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

Class Assemblies for Spring Term 2018:

Friday 2nd March 9.15am Class 1

Friday 9th March 9.15am Class 5

Friday 16th March 9.15am Class 2

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

Miss Jackman, our Parent Support Advisor, has attended her Domestic Abuse Champion Training. Remember - if you are affected by domestic violence in any way you can always come and chat to Miss Jackman

Miss Balachandre and Miss Wood have attended training to become Specialist Leaders in Education (SLEs.) This means they will be using their expertise in this school and others for the benefit of children in the Early Years.

Mrs Allen has attended a Maths Cluster meeting with local schools and has come back with great ideas and shared with other schools what we do well.



Community Litter Pick - Looking after our environment.

On Friday 23rd February at 3.15pm, Roots Norfolk are hosting a community litter pick - an initiative of one of our parents, Jess King. The litter pick will be mostly around Mousehold Avenue. If you would like to help then please meet Jess and the team near Sandy Park at 3.15pm on 23.2.18. All equipment (including litter pickers and gloves) is provided.

Friends of School - Registered Charity.

Many thanks to Friends of School for organizing the cake sale on 7th February - it raised a fantastic £90.10 for their funds!

Friday 9th March - Non Uniform day in exchange for raffle prizes for the Easter Fayre (chocolate, eggs etc.)

Easter Fayre - Thursday 22nd March after school

Summer Fayre - Friday 29th June After School

There will be a **Pamper Night** in the Summer Term - more info will follow.

Message from Friends of School team:

This last year Friends of school charity paid for a book at Christmas for every child, red book bags for every new child joining the school and £4 each child towards school trips to make school trips affordable for every family. We also contributed a large amount to the new pirate ship on the school play field. Every parent is welcome to join our charity. We always need more helpers especially on the day of events.

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>

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

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

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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