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6th March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, many thanks for your understanding last week with the unexpected school closure. Our staff near and far were unable to get to work safely and of course this affected families walking to school too.

Our GoGoHare has arrived! It is currently in our entrance area waiting to be transformed into something amazing by our children. If you sponsored our hare then your name will appear on it somewhere. To celebrate having our GoGoHare, Mrs Beaumont-Brown is organizing a whole school International Art Day on Friday 16th March. The children will be taking part in a variety of activities based around hares. Our international links are very strong at Mousehold and we are very keen for this to be represented on our GoGoHare, so watch this space to see what we come up with! We can't wait for you to see it when it's finished and joins the GoGoHare trail at the end of June.

PLEASE NOTE**Class 1 Assembly and Parents Evenings will be rescheduled******

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Rebecca Westall

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SAFEGUARDING OUR CHILDREN: SAFETY OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL GATES

Mr Tolson met with a local councilor last week to discuss our concerns around the safety of our children outside our school gates. She will be supporting us in putting some more things into place. She will be working with our School Council and we are hoping to involve the press. One of our parents was hit last week when getting out of her car. Please be very mindful of speed and language when outside the gates.

PLEASE SUPPORT US IN KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE



New Telephone System

We had a new telephone system installed during the half term break. Thank you for bearing with us as we had a few teething problems during the first week back! When you phone the school you will be greeted with a welcome message and given 3 options to choose from:

Option 1 should be used if you are reporting a pupil absence.

Option 2 is for reporting staff absences, and

Option 3 is to speak to the school office. If we are unable to take your call you will have the facility to leave a message and we will return your call.

'Canine Concern' and Magnus the dog.

You might have heard from your children that Magnus visited us last week in assembly. He enjoyed meeting the children and they asked some great questions. Once we know which children will be working with him you will be informed. A further letter will follow to inform the parents of the children who Magnus will be working with on Reading projects.

If you would prefer your child not to be near Magnus, or have any questions please do let us know. www.canineconcern.co.uk

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

Wednesday 7th March - Parents Consultation meeting about joining the Inclusive Schools Trust. 2pm and 6pm. All welcome.

Thursday 8th March - World Book Day (rescheduled)

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

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

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



Class Assemblies for Spring Term 2018:

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?

Mr Tolson and our Chair of Governors attended **GDPR** training (General Data Protection Regulations.) This is helping us work towards becoming compliant by the end of May. Much is in place already.

Many of our Teachers and Teaching Assistants have attended training in **Sound Discovery**. A programme to run alongside our current phonics teaching programme, to help some children who need a different approach.

Community Litter Pick - Looking after our environment.

On Friday 23rd February **Roots Norfolk** hosted a community litter pick - an initiative of one of our parents, Jess King. This was well attended and children and parents spoke positively about this after the event. They were astounded by the amount of litter down the road. Well done to all who helped. Please find attached an information sheet to help with recycling waste.

Friends of School - Registered Charity.

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

Friday 9th March - 1.30pm Friends of School meeting (all welcome)

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.

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.



Safeguarding

Our PANTS curriculum at Mousehold

All year groups teach "Talking PANTS" from the NSPCC PANTS toolkit, regularly within the curriculum. This can be googled for more information or you can speak to one of our teachers. Talking **PANTS** is a simple way to help keep children safe from abuse. It teaches children that their body belongs to them, they have the right to say no, and that they should tell an adult if they're upset or worried about anything. They are taught to say and understand that 'Privates are Private.'

There are several displays around school to remind children of this message. This forms part of our statutory SRE policy (Sex, Relationship and Education Policy.) This full policy can be found on our website.

Attendance

Well done to Morgan in Class 3 and Jack in Class 4 for winning the halftermly prize for punctuality. These children have arrived to school on time every day since September. This doesn't include days they are off poorly as we understand that sometimes children are unwell.

The next prize draw will take place just before Easter.

Remember good attendance and punctuality really does make a difference to your child's progress and wellbeing.

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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