

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful start to the term we have all had. The children have all settled well into their new classes. I am particularly proud of the new Nursery and Reception children who have started school so positively and for some of these children it is their first experience of school. Well done to parents and carers too. It isn't easy leaving your children at school for the first time.

We are finalizing our school development plan. This outlines our key priorities. We will keep you posted on that one in the next newsletter.

Please take note of the 'Friends' section, in particular the opportunity to make Christmas cards at home this weekend. **These are due back by next Thursday**early I know - but it is to ensure you receive them in plenty of time for Christmas.

Finally.....our children are LOVING the grass and new playground markings!

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Rebecca Westall

RESPECT

HELP

LEARN

ENJOY

ACHIEVE

Update: Parking outside school

Chloe Smith, MP, contacted us in response to communication from some residents regarding parking near school. We will be working closely with her to keep our children safe on their way to and from school.



Friday Open Classrooms - 3pm - 3.20pm

Teachers would love to see you every Friday after school. This is a chance for you to talk to your child's teacher, look at your child's books and progress and enjoy being in the classroom environment.

If you are unable to visit your child's classroom on a Friday remember you can pop in any other time. Just arrange a time with your child's class teacher.

School Clubs

Thank you to Mrs Seaman in the school office for completing the massive task of sorting out clubs for the children in school. This isn't easy because we have such high demand. We try and make it as fair as possible but can't possibly give every single child and parent their exact request. We are fortunate that we have so many clubs. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Dates for your diary

Friends planning meeting and get-together - all welcome. Friday 28 Sept at 2pm

Phonics Cafes (Presentation for parents by Miss Balachandre and Miss Humphrey in the hall followed by phonics cafe in classrooms)

Reception 7 and 9 - Monday 1st October 9-10.15

Year 2 - Tuesday 2 October 9-10.15

Year 1 - Wednesday 3rd October 9-10.15

Reception 8 - Friday 5th October 9-10.15

Photographer - Thursday 4th October

Friends Quiz and Chips night: Wednesday 17th October evening.

Parents Evenings Reception - Year 2

Week beginning 5th November (late one Monday 5th November)

There will be sign-up sheets a few weeks before.

Non-Uniform day for raffle prizes for Christmas Fayre - Friday November 30th

Christmas Performances

Reception performance to Parents - Wednesday 5th December 9.30

Nursery Performances - Thursday 6th December 10.30 and 2pm

Year 1 performance to parents - Wednesday 12th December 9.30

Year 2 performance - Thursday 13th December 9.30

Friends Christmas Fayre - Friday 14th December after school



Class Assemblies this term. All assemblies start at 9.05am

12 th October	Class 1
2 nd November	Class 5
9 th November	Class 3
16 th November	Class 4
23 rd November	Class 2
30 th November	Class 6

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

This is a feature you can look forward to fortnightly. Our staff love to learn....

Mrs Westall is the school's 'Research Lead' and she is working with other Norwich schools and with Notre Dame Research School to use research to impact on learning. Our current project is our new PSHE curriculum called, 'PATHS.' This has been funded by 'The Norwich Evidence-based Practice Fund.' We will monitor and report on impact throughout the year.

Paths - our new PSHE curriculum.

This stands for: Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies

This year we are really excited to introduce the PATHS scheme at school, a programme that empowers all children to develop the fundamental social and emotional learning skills which will enable them to make positive choices throughout life. Children will be taught how to manage their emotions and how to express themselves effectively. We will look at comfortable and uncomfortable emotions and introduce strategies to help children manage their feelings. Parents will be invited to workshops to learn more about the PATHS scheme soon.

Parent Book Swap in our school library

We have a shelf full of lovely books for families and staff to borrow. Thank you for donations. Please come and browse and help yourself. The library is open after school every Friday.

Safeguarding - Emergency Contact Numbers

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS: As good practice (and part of the Keeping Children Safe in Education Part 1 2018) it is essential that the school has at least two emergency contact details. If your mobile number has changed or you wish to



add/amend your child's emergency contact details then please speak to the office. Year 1 and 2 will be receiving a form to check your child's details. For safeguarding reasons, we are unable to allow children to go home with an adult who is not detailed as an emergency contact without the verbal permission of a parent.

Safeguarding - Looking through/over school fences

We teach children not to talk to adults through the school fence, even if they know them. Please also don't try to look for your children through the fence during school hours. We have noticed some parents of our younger children have been doing this and residents have called in to see if we know the people.

Safeguarding - Please don't smoke near our children.

Please be mindful of where you smoke outside school. We would be very grateful if it isn't right next to the entrance of school.

Friends of School - Registered Charity.

The Friends Association is excited to be holding a Quiz and Chips night on **Wednesday 17 October**. Teams of 6-8 people can take part so gather a group or we can help smaller groups make up a team. There will be different price options available including: entry to quiz only £3 per person; chips & quiz £5 per person; sausage, chips & quiz £6 per person; veggie burger, chips & quiz £7.50 per person or fish, chips & quiz £8.50 per person. Tickets will be available from the Friends Association at pick up & drop off soon. More information on selling days will follow. Refreshments will not be sold, so feel free to bring your own drinks. Please note alcohol is **not** permitted at this event.

The first Friends Association meeting of the year will take place at school on **Friday 28 September at 2pm**. We'll be introducing who we are & what we do. Please come along if you'd like to get involved & share ideas in raising funds for our amazing charity to support our children. No amount of help offered will ever be too small. All welcome. We'd love to meet you.

You should have received a letter & artwork form for personalized Christmas Cards featuring your child's artwork. This is a lovely & unique way to celebrate Christmas with family & friends & raise funds for school. Please return completed artwork no later than **Thursday 27 September**. A sample card will be available to view at a later date. There is no obligation to purchase the design at this stage.



Non uniform day in exchange for raffle prizes - Friday 30th November.

Friends Christmas Fayre - Friday 14th December after school

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

Attendance and Punctuality

Term has started well. Families are trying really hard to get their children to school on time. Remember - you must keep your children at home if they have a stomach upset, but they can come to school with colds and sore throats.

Policies

Our policies are on our school website. This is where you will find the Safeguarding, GDPR and Behaviour policies amongst others.

Please remember to look at our school website for exciting updates.

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