

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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5th October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to see so many parents and carers attend our Phonics Cafes this week. We hope that you found the information session at the beginning useful. Remember that all teachers can support you with supporting your child at home in learning their letters and sounds. Please just ask if you want to know more.

Please can I draw your attention to the next **Friends Cake Sale on Wednesday 31st October.**

This is the last newsletter before the half term break. The children's last day is Wednesday 17th October. This half term has flown by! Have a lovely break with your families.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Rebecca Westall

RESPECT

HELP

LEARN

ENJOY

ACHIEVE

Reading Ribbons

Message from our English Leads: Miss Humphrey and Miss Balachandre

We are introducing a new system at school to celebrate children's efforts towards improving their reading and to recognise the importance of reading for pleasure. Your child will be given a laminated bookmark. For every 10 comments that they can collect in their reading record they will be able to choose a ribbon to add to their bookmark. Please support your child by encouraging them to read regularly at home and by recording these sessions in their reading record. You may choose to just sign and date your name to show that they have read, or you could write a comment explaining how they got on.

We would really appreciate your support with this new reward system to help to make it a success. Thank you



Our School Improvement and Development Plan.

Our Key Priorities

Our Senior Leadership Team oversee all of the school priorities. There is a leader and a team of teachers for each strand of our plan. Each team has written an action plan for their key priority. We always welcome support and ideas from parents. Please see Mrs Westall if you have any great ideas linked to one of the areas below.

Strand 1 - Phonics - Lead: Miss Balachandre

To develop a whole school approach to teaching Phonics to ensure a higher % of children at the end of Year 1 reach the expected standard. This will be at least National (81%).

Strand 2 - Reading - Lead: Miss Humphrey

To develop a whole school approach to teaching Reading to ensure a higher % of children at the end of Year R and Year 2 reach the expected standard.

Strand 3 - Speech and Language - Lead: Mrs Bright

To improve speech and communication in the Early Years, so that children have the best chance as they move through the school.

Strand 4 - Maths - Leads: Mrs Conway and Mrs Allen

To ensure we maintain national expectations in Maths at the end of KS1.
To diminish the difference between disadvantaged and non- disadvantaged in all year groups.

Strand 5 - PATHs and EYFS Lead: Miss Dowsing

To implement the new PATHs scheme throughout the school, with a focus on improving EYFS PSED data in line with improving overall GLD data.

In and out gates to school

We have one entry gate with the intercom system on. This is the in and out gate during the school day. Before and after school there is a **one way system** with the 2 gates to help families come in and out safely, particularly if they have buggies. Please try and stick to this as far as possible.

Community links and news

One of our parents runs yoga classes for adults and children. These take place at **Silver Road Community Centre**.

Rejuvenate Yoga Mondays 9.15 - 10.15am

Revitalize Yoga Wednesdays 6-7pm

Yoga Kids Fridays 3.30 - 4.30pm

£40 for 6 week course.

To book call Amber Hale: 07443 427799 or e mail: amberhale1@yahoo.co.uk



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.

Dates for your diary

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.

Children in Need Fundraising day - Friday 16th November

Wear spots for a donation. This is a great charity and one we support every year.

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....

All of Class 7 staff have learnt Sign along Sign Language to support children in their class. They are gradually teaching the rest of the staff the signs.

Miss Dowsing and Miss Balachandre have attended a briefing session led by the UEA. They will be welcoming PGCE students into their classes this term. There will be 2 student teachers in Nursery and 1 student teacher in Class 7. The teachers will also be in there leading the class as usual.

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.

Friends of School - Registered Charity.

The Friends Association is excited to be holding a quiz n chips night on **Wednesday 17 October**. Teams of 6 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 have been sold on the playground at pick up & drop off this week. If you missed this & would like to come then contact Emma Waller at emmalouwaller@yahoo.com to purchase.

Please note alcohol is not permitted at this event.

Autumn cake sale: Wednesday 31st October - straight after school. Please bring donations of cakes to the school office that day.

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

Safeguarding - PLEASE WEAR SEAT BELTS.

We have noticed that some children are not wearing seat belts in their cars on their way to and from school. We have also seen a small child on a parent's lap. We care about the safety of your children in and out of school. Please help us with keeping your children safe at all times.

Thank you to the parents who have raised this as a concern.

Attendance and Punctuality

We have noticed several children have been late to school. Please help your child feel settled in the mornings by arriving on time. If you need some help or advice with this then please ask the office for an appointment with our Parent Support Advisor.

Parking

Please ensure both school entrances are kept clear of vehicles. Access is required at all times for deliveries and the Emergency Services.

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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