

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm hoping you all had an enjoyable half-term break with your families. We converted to become an academy yesterday. We are now part of the **Inclusive Schools Trust**. We will continue to keep you updated with work we are doing with the Trust and the positive impact on your children. In the last week before the holiday our Year 1 children visited the Forum for a Science Festival. I was so proud of them all when I received this e mail:

Dear Mrs Westall,

*My name is Dr Lucy Catto and some of your children attended our Mini Professors workshops earlier this week at the Forum as part of Norwich Science Festival Learning Programme. I just wanted to email you to let you know how polite, enthusiastic and well behaved the children all were. They are a credit to your school and it was a pleasure to share our love of science with them!*

Kind regards,  
Lucy  
Mini Professors Norwich

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs Rebecca Westall

RESPECT

HELP

LEARN

ENJOY

ACHIEVE



### Community News

We have been working closely with the local community and the parks and gardens officer for Norwich City Council and have heard that a bin has been placed in Sandy Park down Mousehold Avenue. We are hoping this bin is used to make it a safer place for children to play.

Our Eco Council will be helping plant bulbs at Kett's Cave as part of a community project with Jess King from Roots. This will also be with children from George White Junior. More information will follow if your child is one of the children taking part in this project. There will also be an opportunity for families to help.

### Perimeter fencing

We have been waiting a while for the work to start on improving our perimeter fencing. This has now started and will mean there might be some obstructions so please be even more mindful when parking your cars and walking your children into school. This work will continue until February. It will be great when it is finished and will be a good job done.

### Parent Workshop - 'How Can I Support my Child's Early Language Development?'

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 9-10.30am

School hall

Parents, carers, grandparents, childminders of young children.

Tracey Woods (SLCN Outreach Teacher)

Cost: FREE

**Please let the school office know if you can come along.**

### PATHs workshop for Parents

Parents are invited to a PATHS workshop being held at school on

**Thursday the 22nd of November, from 9.10am - 9.40am.**

This workshop is designed to give parents an overview of how PATHS works, what it will look like at school and how families can use these strategies at home.

PATHS is designed to help children better understand and express their own emotions, leading to improvements in learning, behaviour and better mental health in the long term.

We look forward to seeing you once your children have been dropped off, and tea, coffee and refreshments will be served too!

### Attendance and Punctuality.

The Headteacher and Secretary met last week to look through the attendance data for this term. Many children have great attendance and are punctual to school - thank you for your support in this. However we have a number of children who arrive to school late and miss vital learning. This has amounted to 2450 minutes of learning time lost for the first half term. Please make every effort to get your children to school on time and if you need support with this then please ask for an appointment with the Headteacher or Parent Support Advisor. We will restart our prize for punctuality at the end of this term. Children who have never been late to school will have their names put into a draw for 2 lovely prizes.



### 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.

### Books for Schools

Tokens can be found in the Evening News and EDP.  
There is a collection box in school via classes or the office.

Please help us collect as many tokens as possible. 1000 token +£100 of books.

### Remembrance Day and poppies.

Poppies will be on sale for children next week with a minimum donation of 20p.  
We also have some reflective clip-on poppies for bags & coats. Parents can buy these at the office for a suggested donation of 50p.  
We will also be marking the day with a display in the school library. All children will contribute to this.

### Norwich City Sports Foundation

We continue to have a Norwich City Sports Coach in school every lunchtime. He supports the children in playing football and other games fairly and safely. He also supports with some of our clubs after 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.**

### Dates for your diary

#### Parents Evenings Reception - Year 2

Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> November ( late one Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November )

#### Parent Workshop - 'How Can I Support my Child's Early Language Development?'

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. 9-10.30am.

#### Children in Need Fundraising day - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

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



### **PATHS workshop for Parents**

Thursday the 22nd of November, from 9.10am - 9.40am.

**Non Uniform day for raffle prizes for Christmas Fayre** - Friday November 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Christmas Performances**

Reception performance to Parents - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 9.30

Nursery Performances - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 and 2pm

Year 1 performance to parents - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.30

Year 2 performance - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.30

**Friends Christmas Fayre** - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December after school

### **Class Assemblies this term. All assemblies start at 9.05am**

9<sup>th</sup> November                      Class 3

16<sup>th</sup> November                    Class 4

23<sup>rd</sup> November                    Class 2

30<sup>th</sup> 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....

Mr Tolson has attended a refresher training course for part of his Designated Safeguarding Lead work. He will feed back to DSLs and other staff so we are always compliant with procedure.

On the first day of the holiday for the children the staff had training on our new PATHS curriculum ( Positive Alternative Thinking Strategies. ) This is our PSHE curriculum and we are very excited to be starting it. You will receive letters about how you can be involved in this too. Miss Dowsing is leading this aspect of school improvement.

### **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.**

Thank you to Friends of School for organizing such a great event. The Quiz and Chips night was great fun. We are hoping this can happen again in the new year. Many staff attended too. We made £100 profit.



Friends have agreed to purchase some new books for school to support our new Reading project called, 'The Power of Reading.' This will be around £400 for the whole school year. Thank you.

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**Remember: If you are concerned about a child or vulnerable adult in Norfolk and want to speak to someone, contact**

**0344 800 8021 – Call CADS...**

**Children's Advice and Duty Service**

number **0344 800 8021** 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 and WEAR CYCLE HELMETS**

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 would also like to encourage children to wear helmets if on their bikes. 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.

### **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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