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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done for the great effort for Children in Need. Between us we raised **£353.06!**

Thank you for the bags of sugar. These will all go to help people who really need it this winter.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Performances. Please remember not to put photos of other people's children on social networking sites. We don't stop you taking photos of your own children. There will be a collection after each performance. Half will go to the Benjamin Foundation charity and the other half will help us with our creative arts curriculum and enrichment.

The last 2 days of term the children can wear Christmas jumpers over their school uniform. If children don't have a Christmas jumper or you would prefer them not to wear one then any different jumper/top is fine with a school uniform bottom half.

We are trying really hard to keep our attendance levels high so more children are here for the start of a day and then make good progress and feel settled. The more your child is at school the more they learn. Please support us in this. Remember if you struggle to get your children to school in the mornings WE CAN HELP! Just ask.....we support our families as much as our children.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Rebecca Westall

RESPECT

HELP

LEARN

ENJOY

ACHIEVE



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.

Community News

Coffee

S.A.F.E - St Augustine's Family Event
Tuesday 27th November - 9.30 - 11.30am
St Augustine's Hall (behind the church) NR3 1DS

Silver Road Community Centre
Lantern Making Workshop - £3 per child
Saturday 15th December 10.15 -12.00.

To book your ticket please email jewills064@aol.com or call 07786694325.
Children under 5 need to be accompanied by an adult.

Well done to our **Eco Council** for planting hundreds of bulbs with other members of our community. Thank you to Jess King for organizing such a wonderful event.

PATHs workshop for Parents

Many thanks to the large number of parents who attended this event. Apologies some of you came the day before. It was probably our mistake in one of our letters. PATHs is embedded in our curriculum now and children and staff are enjoying giving each other compliments, being Star of the Day and talking more about their feelings. Some comments from parents who attended the workshop:

What did you find useful about the PATHS session today?

- "Useful to know the language I can use to help my child at home."
- "I feel like this will really help us at home!"
- "Great to see that the school is taking mental health seriously as a topic!"
- "I liked learning about the turtle technique and will definitely use it at home."



- 'It's good to know we're encouraging children to share their feelings with us. So important!"
- "Love the idea of star of the day!"
- "It's good to realize the importance of complimenting each other and yourself, which is probably something that we don't do enough!"
- "Good to know the language used to diffuse anger - my son occasionally struggles with this at home."

Inclusive Schools Trust update

A couple of the Trustees have visited Mousehold for a learning walk. They witnessed the children learning in many different way, indoors and outdoors and even saw part of a Forest Schools session.

Our Year 1 and 2 teachers have attended Trust moderation sessions with the Director of Achievement and other teachers from the Trust schools. This was a useful meeting to look at assessing children's work and to discuss expectations.

Parent Book Swap in our school library

Many thanks for the very generous donation of adult books from one of our parents. Please do come and borrow/swap books. The shelf is in the school library and can be accessed on Fridays after school.

Dates for your diary

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

Flu vaccinations (Year R, 1 and 2) - Thursday 6th December (Forms must be returned before this date)

Christmas lunch - Wednesday 12th December (orders to be in at the office by 3rd December)

Friends Christmas Fayre - Friday 14th December after school

Christmas jumper days for children and staff: just for fun! - Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th December.

Back to school on Thursday 3rd January



Class Assemblies Spring and Summer term. All assemblies are on a Friday and start at 9.05am

18/1/19	Year R	Class 7	Miss Dowsing
25/1/19	Year R	Class 8	Mr Hillman
1/2/19	Year R	Class 9	Miss Wood
15/3/19	Year 2	Class 1	Mrs Conway
22/3/19	Year 1	Class 5	Miss Humphrey
29/3/19	Year 2	Class 2	Mrs Coathup /Mr Tolson
5/4/19	Year 1	Class 4	Mrs Allen/ Mrs Beaumont-Brown
3/5/19	Year 2	Class 3	Mrs Jenkins
10/5/19	Year 1	Class 6	Mrs Woodward/Mrs Graham
14/6/19	Year R	Class 7	Miss Dowsing
21/6/19	Year R	Class 8	Mr Hillman
5/7/19	Year R	Class 9	Miss Wood

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

Many of our staff have been updated with their Epilepsy awareness training.

Our Maths leads, Mrs Conway and Mrs Allen have attended a county wide cluster meeting for Maths leaders to share good practice

Friends of School - Registered Charity.

Friends of School NEED help PLEASE. They are at risk of disbanding due to very low numbers of helpers. Emma Waller now has a job taking up her time during the school days so this limits the capacity to organize and run events. In a school of 310 children we have 3 or 4 committed helpers who raise vast amounts of money for your children. If you can help at the fayre and/or with future planning of events then please let the office know as soon as possible. So much of the enrichment we provide for the children has been funded by Friends of School, including school trips, book bags, pirate ship, resources for classes.....we would hate to lose that support. 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 8020 – Call CADS...

Children's Advice and Duty Service

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**

Safeguarding - Operation Encompass

Along with many other schools in Norfolk we are registered with **Operation Encompass**. This means that Norfolk Police will contact the school concerning any domestic incidents which involve the families of our children the day after the incident occurred. This enables us to help support the children and families. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Westall, Mr Tolson or Miss Wood.

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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