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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very happy new year to you all. We have started the new term well at Mousehold and Spring term is always the countdown to lighter evenings and warmer days. Our children love learning outdoors whatever the weather! Our Year 1 children have even visited the Moon this week. What an incredible experience for them!

We are having a big focus this term on **improving attendance and punctuality and road safety outside the school gates**. You will hear more about this as the term goes on. We would like to see all children arriving to school on time so all children start the day smoothly with their friends. This has a big impact on their learning and self-esteem.

There has been some confusion as to whether mobile phones are allowed to be used on the school playground. They are allowed to be used as long as they aren't used to take photos of children. We ask for them not to be used in classrooms.

We do not want to ban parents taking photos or videos of their children in school performances however some parents are not following the policy of **NO PHOTOS ON FACEBOOK or SOCIAL MEDIA**. Please stick to this rule because we have some children who could be at serious risk if their photo appears outside school. This includes photos with children in the background.

Thank you for the Christmas Trees. They will be put to good use in our Forest Schools work!

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.**

### New Staff

We welcome Mrs Thirtle as a Teaching Assistant in Reception, currently working in Class 9.

### Thank you for your generosity.

Our Christmas performances were a wonderful opportunity for the children to shine and grow in confidence. Thank you for your generous donations after the performances. We are able to write a cheque to the Benjamin Foundation for £216 and a further £216 for our Creative Arts Curriculum.

### Music Mark Achievement

We are delighted to receive notification of our 'Music Mark' Award in recognition of providing high quality music education for all of our children. All of our children leave Mousehold able to play a tuned and un-tuned musical instrument and we weave music in and out of our whole curriculum. Staff are often heard singing up and down the corridors too. It is wonderful!

### A message from our Parent Support Advisor

**Sleep East** is a fantastic agency - they support parents who are struggling to get their children to sleep. The feedback I have received from parents who have attended workshops has always been positive. More importantly, their advice works!

Here is a message from Sleep East:

If you are wishing for Silent Nights then come to one of our Sleep Workshop for exhausted parents. On **13 February** we will be at the **Hamlet Centre Trust** in Norwich. We look at self-settling, sleeping through the night, managing early awakenings. Places are limited and at the subsidised cost of **£16.00**.

If you are interested in booking a place, please contact Sleep East direct:

**Contact Joy Bishop 01692 402240 or email [joybishop@sleepeast.co.uk](mailto:joybishop@sleepeast.co.uk)**

Thank you

**Ellie, Parent Support Adviser**



### Inclusive Schools Trust update

Mrs Westall has attended an Achievement, Standards and Risk Committee meeting to share work on progress, attendance and safeguarding. It is valuable sharing ideas for improvement with the other schools in the Trust.

### Dates for your diary

#### Evening Reading Café

**4.30 – 5.15pm Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2019**



Children are invited to come back into school in their pyjamas to listen to bedtime stories. Children must all be accompanied by an adult (see separate letter sent home.)

**Half-term** – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Dates for **Reading Cafes** will follow in the next newsletter.

### 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?

**All teachers** have had their second session of PATHS training to support in delivering our new PSHE curriculum. This was excellent training and we were trained with another primary school so could share ideas and next steps.

### Friends of School - Registered Charity.

Our Christmas Fayre raised **£734** profit. Well done and thank you to all who organized and supported this event.  
More information will follow on future Friends events.

**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 - School Council and Road Safety

#### A message from Mrs Jennings.

The School Council would like to say a huge thank you to all of the families who contributed to our Sugar for Shelters collection before Christmas. We collected a whopping 150 bags of sugar for the appeal!

Our School Council are currently working with our local councillor Julie Brociek-Coulton to improve road safety around our school. They met with her before Christmas and will continue to work with the council in the Spring term. Every child in school has had the chance to design a road safety poster for a competition which will be judged by Julie and a representative from the police community team. We hope these posters will be displayed along Mousehold Avenue before the end of term - keep your eyes peeled!



### Attendance and Punctuality

The children who won the prize draw for arriving to school on time, with no lates were: Amelie in Class 5 and Alex in Class 3. Well done! They won a lovely hamper of activities to enjoy; books and Christmas chocolates. This draw takes place at the end of each half-term and rewards the children and their families for making a good effort in getting their children to school on time.  
We have recently looked again at the attendance of all children. We understand

that children are poorly sometimes but want them to be in school when they are well with no unauthorized absences. Please let us know if we can help in any way.

### **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.

**[www.mouseholdinfants.com](http://www.mouseholdinfants.com)**

### **Special lunch - 17<sup>th</sup> January**

On 17<sup>th</sup> January there will be a special lunch, the menu is attached to the back of this newsletter. You will see that this was a competition for school children to design a menu. Just in case you were wondering why your child hadn't mentioned it, we felt that our children were already very busy at that time and decided not to take part.