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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had such an enjoyable few weeks since coming back to school after Christmas. The highlight for me has to be the **Bedtime Reading Café** on Monday this week. It was so magical with the classrooms transformed into cosy areas full of blankets, cushions and little lights. Children, staff, parents and carers enjoyed sharing books with cookies and milk. We will definitely do this again. Thank you for all of your support. We have had some very positive feedback. Bedtime stories are special at home or school!

For some of you this may be the last printed copy of the newsletter that you receive. We are hoping to start emailing newsletters and other letters in the next couple of weeks, in order to divert some of the money we spend on printing and paper into other resources that will benefit the children, as well as becoming more eco-friendly. It's not too late to let the office know that you would prefer to receive letters by email, and you can change your mind at any time. Don't worry, if we send out a letter with a reply-slip you will always be sent a paper copy, as we don't expect you to have to print out our letters at home.

As the weather is due to get colder we will do our best to keep school open. We have to consider the safety of the site as well as the safety of staff and children getting to school. We also have to ensure water and heating is all ok. It is always a tricky decision but please bear in mind the decision is never made lightly and has to be made very quickly in a short space of time with me in North Norfolk communicating with staff here with sometimes very different weather. In the unlikely event that school has to close we will text you as soon as we know, and it will be on the online county emergency closure list, and on local radio stations.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Rebecca Westall

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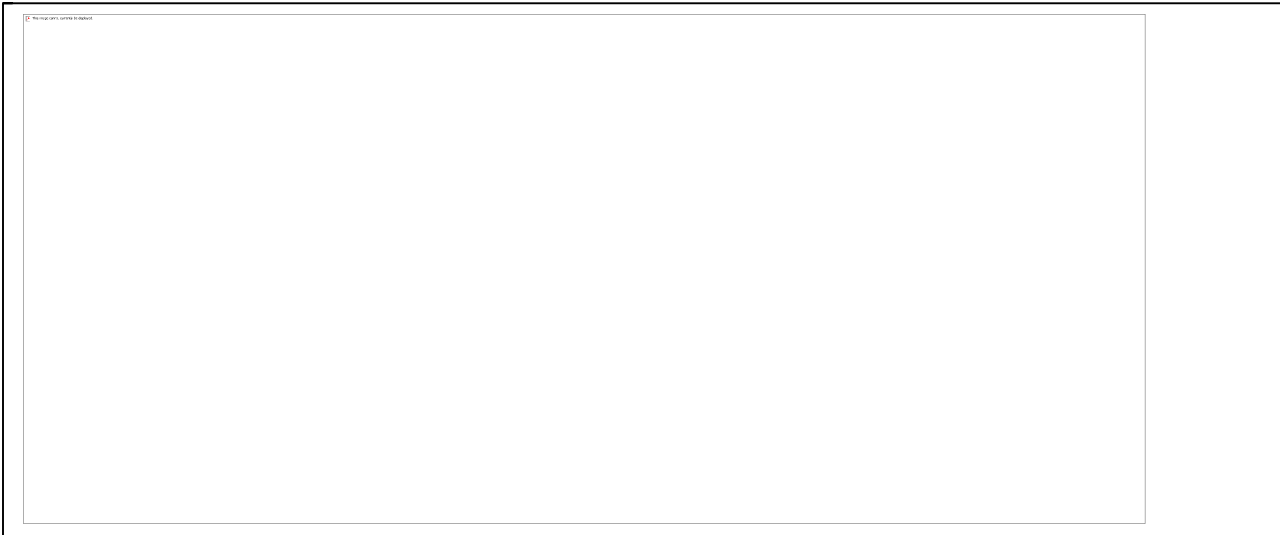
ACHIEVE



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.



Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 5th February

This year Mousehold will be taking part in 'Safer Internet Day' on Tuesday 5th February, with the theme 'Together for a better internet'. The children will share in a special assembly and enjoy related activities in class to inspire conversations about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. The celebration sees hundreds of schools and organisations join together to raise awareness of online safety issues. Find out more and get involved! www.saferinternetday.org.uk #SaferInternetDay2019



Reading Ribbons

The children are loving receiving ribbons for their reading bookmarks when they have 10 signatures in their book from home or school. Some bookmarks are absolutely full of ribbons now. Please read with your children as much as you can. It really does make a difference to how much progress they make.



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

Thank you

Ellie, Parent Support Adviser

Inclusive Schools Trust update

The Members from the Inclusive Schools Trust visited the school on Wednesday. They enjoyed a learning walk and a tour of the school with Mrs Westall and commented positively on the vibrant learning environments and calm, purposeful atmosphere across the school.

Gardening Club - Please help us!

Our Gardening Club are keen and would like any spare resources you have to help them make our natural areas more beautiful. This could be tools, seeds, flowers, trays, watering cans, pots.

Gardening club would also like empty plastic milk bottles. This is a great way to reuse and recycle.

Mrs Beaumont-Brown

We will be saying farewell to Mrs Beaumont-Brown at half-term as she starts her Maternity leave. We wish her all the best and will see her back at school at the end of her leave.

Mrs Coathup will be teaching in Class 4 on a Thursday and Friday after February half-term. Mrs Coathup works Monday and Tuesday in Class 2 so she knows the school very well.

Dates for your diary

Chinese New Year special lunch - Tuesday 5th February



Cake sale: Thursday 14th February after school
Half-term - Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February.

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

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?

Miss Dowsing has been on a briefing to support her in her role as Mental Health lead for the children in our school.

Mrs Westall and Miss Humphrey attended a conference focused on Curriculum. There is a new Ofsted Framework for September 2019 open for consultation and this is heavily focused on Curriculum and the subjects other than English and Maths. We are very proud of our broad curriculum and will be looking closely at the progression from one year to the next as children move through our school.

Friends of School - Registered Charity.

Claire, Mum of Jessica in Class 3, is now Chair of Friends and is looking forward to working with a strong team of willing volunteers. Please ask at the school office for more information or approach Claire on the playground. We need helpers to be able to continue with school events to raise money for your children.

Our next Friends event is a cake sale **Thursday 14th February** straight after school. Please support this by bringing in cakes to sell and buying them on the day!

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 in the Community

We had a visit from PC Jamie Willetts last week informing us of the new Neighbourhood Team to help our community. He is a Beat Manager and will be visiting our school at different times during the school day and will chat to children, staff and parents. If you see him on the playground or at the school gates then please do talk to him. He is very approachable and happy to help.

Attendance and Punctuality

We have noticed that some children who have arrived late to school in the past are now arriving to school on time. It doesn't go unnoticed! Well done to families for working hard to improve this. I am spending longer at the school gates most days to support families as they arrive to school and offer solutions on improving punctuality.

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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