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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a great few weeks at Mousehold. We have had a big push on **road safety** outside school as well as **Attendance and Punctuality**. We feel the whole school community is working hard on this and we recognise everyone's efforts. Thank you!

If you get chance on a Friday after school, please take a look at the evolving new displays in and around school. It is a great way to see what your child is learning at school and it has inspired some children to continue their learning at home. We are seeing large and small shiny home-made robots walking to school and these add real character to the classrooms!

Our **PATHs** curriculum is having a positive impact on children's self esteem, confidence and ability to express their feelings. The children who are **Star of the Day** enjoy hearing compliments from others and children are able to articulate their feelings and thoughts so well. We have some displays in the hall linking feelings and artists' work. Some examples are Van Gogh, Monet and Picasso, as well as some less well known artists. Do come and have a look.

Please look at the **Diary Dates** section. There is information on there about **World Book Day** as well as **Learning Cafés**.

Do keep coming to chat to me on the playground. I love hearing your news and will always try to resolve any issues you have that can often be sorted quickly.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Rebecca Westall

RESPECT

HELP

LEARN

ENJOY

ACHIEVE



Parent and Staff book borrowing shelf

We have a selection of books in our school library for staff, parents and carers to borrow. Please feel free to browse and borrow books. We have recently added a bookmark to each book for comments and reviews. You are welcome to add to these or just use them to help you to select your next book.

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.

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.

Eco work in school and our community - Terracycle.

One of our parents, Jess King, has been coordinating our Terracycle collections. Thank you to parents who have contributed to these collections so far.

As a reminder for new parents:

All recycling earns credits which Terracycle convert into charitable donations towards the Friends of Mousehold School.

There are 3 recycling bins in the bike area for you to drop off your plastic packaging:

You can bring in your:

Cleaning and home plastics:

- trigger pack pump heads*
- cleaning product bottle caps*
- cleaning wipe packets*
- plug in air fresheners and refills (including packaging)*



Beauty plastics:

- flexible tubes and plastic pots (moisturiser, hand cream, foundation etc...)
- beauty wipe packets (not baby wipes)
- beauty product pumps and caps

Stationery plastics:

- pens
- highlighters
- glue sticks
- tippex pots
- markers

And did you know? The Lord Rosebery Pub on Rosebery has a drop off blue bin for many more items (from crisp packets to ink cartridges) - raising money for Hallswood Animal Sanctuary.

Rinsed Pet Food Pouches / Biscuit Bags / Treat Wrappers (cat & dog only)

Pringles Tubes, Lids and Seals

Toothpaste Tubes and Caps

Toothpaste Packaging

Toothbrushes

Toothbrush Packaging

Electric Toothbrush Head's

Any brand of disposable soft Contact Lenses, Blister Packs and Foil Covers

Empty Crisp Packets including the multipack wrapper

Empty Ink Cartridges

Biscuit Wrappers

Cake Bar Packaging (outer and individual bar)

Single Use Mask Packaging and Blue Film

Hair Colourant Kits (not rigid bottles or cardboard, they can go in your recycling bin)

Baby Food Pouches and Caps (rinsed), Baby Food Snack Packets and Pouches

Used Postage Stamps

Foreign Coins

Tassimo or L'or pods and Packaging

Douwe Egbert Coffee Jars

GU Jars

Small wine bottles and their metal lids

Inclusive Schools Trust update

Mrs Westall attended a 'Progress Board' meeting with representatives from the Trust and external advisors. This helped verify our judgements of the quality of education at Mousehold. It was a challenging but very positive experience.



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

Mrs Severson

Mrs Severson who works in Year 1 and Early Club on a Monday and Tuesday will be leaving us next Tuesday. She has a new job with a different agency using her skills of therapeutic work. She will be amazing and we wish her all the best.

Dates for your diary

Cake sale: Thursday 14th February after school. Please bring cakes in and come along to buy some too!

Half-term - Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February.

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March - Please come dressed as a book character.

Parents' evenings - week beginning Monday 11th March. Monday is the late parents' evening. More information will follow.

Comic Relief Fundraising day - Friday 15th March - Please wear red and bring some loose change to fill a giant red nose.

Year 1 Cathedral Trip - Wednesday 27th March and Thursday 28th March -. More details will follow about the day your child is going.

Year 2 Cathedral Trip - Tuesday 26th march and Friday 29th March. More details will follow about the day your child is going.



Learning Cafes:

Thursday 14th February - PE Cafés - Slanted Dance:

Class 1 - 9am, Class 3 - 10am, Class 2 - 11am

Tuesday 26th March - PE Cafés - Capoeira:

Class 4 - 9:15 - 9:45am, Class 6 - 10:15 - 10:45am, Class 5 - 11:15 - 11:45am

Last Day of Term - Friday 5th April

First day back to school - Monday 22nd April

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

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

Community News

Free local events in the half-term holiday:

Free art activities at the Anteros Foundation and The Forum (see the attached flyer on the back page)

On Tuesday 19th February you will find "Treasure Island" at Anglia Square, a FREE family activity where children can become a pirate for the day, with free pirate hats, maps and eye-patches, complete a treasure trail, jump on the pirate bouncy castle and get their face painted, 10am-3pm

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

Miss Balachandre was on the interview panel for students applying for a PGCE teaching course. This is a great learning experience for Miss Balachandre. We have UEA students doing placements at our school so it is great to have this partnership with the UEA.



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. Further details will follow of any meeting dates.

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!

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 Road Safety outside school

Our school council have been working hard with our local Councillor on a big Road Safety Project. Watch this space!

Safety outside the school gates has improved slightly the last week with more parents taking care when driving and parking. Thank you for working with us on this.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to all families trying hard to get their children to school on time. We record how many children are late and by how many minutes and the loss of learning time is reducing. Please keep working with us on this as it does benefit your children hugely.

The next prize draw will take place in assembly next week to reward 2 children who are never late to school.



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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**Get creative in the School Holidays
with Anteros Arts Foundation**

Tues 19th Feb until Sat 23rd Feb
FREE self-directed creative activities in
the Anteros Art Reference Library.

Anteros at Norfolk Makers Festival

Join us on Tuesday 19th February at The Forum
for our Art History Paper Sculptures Workshop
10am-12pm, £4, suitable for ages 4+
email: melissa@anterosfoundation.com to book your place

Friday 22nd February 10-4
Visit our stall at The Forum and take part in
creative activities for all ages

Make Art! **Yeah!**

ANTEROS ARTS FOUNDATION 11-15 FYE BRIDGE STREET NORWICH NR3 1LJ TEL: 01603 766 129