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15th March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's hard to believe we are in the middle of March already. Our **Gardening Club** has been busy planting and weeding. We have also had some help from a parent too, in improving our planting areas at the back of the school.

I have heard nearly all of the children in the school read. This has been wonderful for me to have that involvement in supporting them and communicating with you, as parents, in their Reading Records. It is great to see so many reading ribbons throughout the school too.

Please note that **Class Photos** are on **Wednesday 20th March**.

On **Thursday 21st March Class 7** will be fundraising for the charity, '**Down's Syndrome Norfolk**.' This charity is close to our hearts and we would like to support it as well as we can. The children will be making friendship bracelets/bands to sell after school. This sale is open to the whole school. Please visit them at the end of the school day.

You will see that next academic year's **term dates** are attached to this letter. The schools within the Cluster have looked at the Norfolk Model Calendar and most schools have adapted it slightly to suit the needs of their school. Please look at it carefully so you know when your children start back at school in September. This will be **Tuesday 3rd September**. Getting this out early will help you with planning your holidays. **George White Junior School's** term dates will be the same. Please use this calendar, rather than the one on the Norfolk Schools Website.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Rebecca Westall

RESPECT



HELP



LEARN

ENJOY

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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.

Fundraising for Bantama Primary School, Ghana

Mrs Woodward and Miss Humphrey, who travelled to Ghana as part of a British Council Connecting Classrooms programme, have recently had a message from their teacher friends there. They would like to pass on a message from Bantama School, children and parents to the whole Mousehold School community to say thank you for the donation of money we sent to them. They are extremely grateful as they have little or no resources. They have raised some funds to add to ours and have managed to build a classroom for Year 1 children which they are very happy about. They have furnished it with four tables and sixteen chairs. They are continuing with the Zero Waste project, including making EcoBricks for building, and have sent some photos of the things they have made. If you are in school please have a look at our Ghana display which shows the partnership that we have.

Inclusive Schools Trust (IST) update

We continue to network with other schools within the Trust and beyond. This has opened up many opportunities for sharing resources and ideas.

Community Links

Surrey Chapel FREE events. - 2-6 Botolph Street, NR3 1DU

-Smarties toddlers group, Fridays 9.30-11.30am, for 0-4 year olds and their parents with lots of play equipment, tea and coffee.



- Messy Church Easter Eggstravaganza, Saturday 6th April, 9.30-11.30am, for all ages with breakfast, songs, crafts and games.
- Easter Backpackers Holiday Club, Tuesday 16th April-Thursday 18th April, 9.15am-12.15pm, for 4-12 year olds with crafts, singing, competitions, games, snacks, cooking and travel-themed learning about Easter!

Website to sign up is: <http://www.surreychapel.org.uk/holiday-club-easter-2019/>

Contact is Annie Creed.

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Phone: 07896239563

Celebrating Internationalism

We celebrate our internationalism and value the contribution it brings to all children's development and understanding of the world we live in.

A few of our children will be coming to school in traditional dress to celebrate **Kurdish New Year on 21st March.**

We welcome input from families for all of the cultures represented in our school community. Please see Mrs Westall if you have something to offer.

Dates for your diary

Class Photos - Wednesday 20th March

Thursday 21st March - Visit Class 7 after school to raise awareness for 'Down's Syndrome Norfolk.'

Non uniform day for raffle prizes for Easter Fayre - Friday 22nd March

Year 1 Cathedral Trip - Wednesday 27th March and Thursday 28th March. You will have received letters about this trip.

Year 2 Cathedral Trip - Tuesday 26th March and Friday 29th March. You will have received letters about this trip.

Easter Fayre - Thursday 4th April - after school.

Learning Cafes:

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 - Tuesday 23rd April



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

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| 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 Coathup |
| 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?

Mrs Westall, Mr Tolson, Mrs Bright, Miss Wood and Miss Jackman have had some joint training with leaders from George White Junior School. This training has been on the Family Support Planning Process (FSPs.) This is a framework we sometimes use to support families with multi agency involvement.

Friends of School - Registered Charity.

Our **Easter Fayre** date has been set. It is **Thursday 4th April** after school. We are hoping to hold some of it outside if the weather is fine, to give everyone more space. There is a **non-uniform day** in exchange for raffle prizes for the fayre. This is on **Friday 22nd March**.

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

Vandalism to cars

There have been some recent reports of cars being broken into and personal items stolen from the seats. This has happened along Mousehold Avenue. Please look after yourselves and your vehicles and remove any valuable possessions from your car.



Attendance and Punctuality

Our minutes late to school have reduced significantly - thank you all!

Letters have gone out to families recently if attendance is a concern. Mrs Westall has met with some families and practical support has been discussed. Remember - we are here to help you as a family as well as your children. Our Parent Support Advisor, Ellie Jackman is also around to support in many different ways.

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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British Science Association Norwich Branch ...

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It's that time of year again... spring's just around the corner, the days are longer and British Science Week is approaching!

We'll be running our annual Science Treasure Hunt around Norwich again this year on Saturday 16th March. If you loved finding out some fun facts over the last couple of years then be sure to come and see us again this year. If you haven't been before then this is the perfect year to start!

We'll have stalls popping up around the city between 10am and 4pm. Each will highlight a different area of fun science with activities that all ages can take part in!

Keep your eyes peeled for more details and clues to what we'll be doing on the day but for now keep the 16th free in your diaries! 😊