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10th May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend. The children have come back this week full of energy and lots of stories to tell about their weekends.

The **Reception Sports Day** was very enjoyable last week. The children coped well with such a big audience and their first Sports Day is always a memorable occasion for families.

Our **School Council** visited Smurfit Kappa last week. This company provided the High-Vis jackets. The children had an amazing time and were a credit to the school. Well done to the children who are wearing their High-Vis jackets to school. It really helps them be more visible when walking to school. **Thank you** to the parents who park and drive considerately outside our school.

I have given the children in Year 1 and 2 the opportunity to help me with parts of my job and be Headteacher for 5 minutes, 1 hour or even longer! So many children are interested. This came about after the children voted for which cuddly toy they would like to be Headteacher for the day if I wasn't here. They voted for Sheep who said that if he got voted in then children could be teachers for the day! They learnt that this is '**democracy**'.

Thank you to the parents who have returned our **Parent Survey**. We have lots of responses and so far Class 9 are in the lead!

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.

School Council Visit to Smurfit Kappa

The Reception and Year 1 Reps were lucky enough to be invited to visit the Smurfit Kappa factory in Fishergate. The children were an absolute credit to our school and learnt so much about 'corrugated' (the correct name for cardboard). They took part in a range of activities learning about where corrugated comes from, recycling and how to keep safe in a factory environment. We even watched the fork lift trucks lifting enormous rolls of corrugated and gigantic sacks of starch!



One of our favourite activities was protecting an egg from breaking when dropped from a height. The children worked in teams to select materials and package the egg safely. They were all absolutely thrilled to discover they were all still intact - even after they had been stamped on! A huge thank you to Smurfit Kappa for their hospitality and generosity to our school.

The School Council would like to remind everyone to continue to wear their Hi-Vis vests to school even in the lighter, warmer weather, they are still important to keep you safe!

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.

Inclusive Schools Trust (IST) update

Ofsted Inspection - George White Junior.

George White Junior School (our feeder Junior School) was inspected by Ofsted on 26th March. Here are some quotes from their Ofsted Report. This is the link if you want to read the report in full. It is wonderful! <http://www.georgewhitejunior.co.uk/ofsted-reports/>

Most pupils are very happy at school and love the strong friendships they have and their interesting lessons. One pupil told me: 'I really like how the children and teachers have a bond, because children improve a school and the teachers help. Teachers here make learning fun.' Another pupil talked about friendships: 'I like how every child here has a friend and we all help each other. Everyone is always kind to each other and shares and helps.'

You have made strong provision to ensure that pupils feel safe at school. For example, every pupil has identified five adults they can talk to if they are worried and you provide an independent counselling service for any pupils who need an adult to talk to about their worries.

The parent support adviser (PSA) and school leaders work effectively with the most vulnerable families. The PSA has built strong relationships with families. Consequently, parents are confident to share any concerns they have.

The chief executive officer (CEO) and trustees provide strong support and challenge to school leaders, for example through the termly progress boards. These are chaired by the trust's external improvement partner and senior leaders are required to account for the progress pupils are making and the impact of actions they are taking to improve teaching and learning.



Dates for your diary

HALF-TERM: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Last day of term: Wednesday 24th July.

Open Evenings for new parents:

Tuesday 11th June 6.30pm - Open Evening for new Nursery parents.

Tuesday 25th June 6.30pm - Open Evening for new Reception parents.

Performances for parents:

Wednesday 26th June 2.30pm - Choir and Recorder Club performance

Year 2 leavers' performance date will follow....

Sports Days

Nursery: Thursday 13th June 10.30am and 2.30pm

Year 1 and 2: Friday 28th June 9.15am

School trips: Letters for June & July trips will follow

Wednesday 15th May - Year 1 How Hill - Class 4 and half of Class 6

Thursday 16th May - Year 1 How Hill - Class 5 and half of Class 6

Thursday 20th June - Year 2 Edith Cavell trip (Cathedral) - Class 1 and half of Class 2

Friday 21st June - Year 2 Edith Cavell trip (Cathedral) - Class 3 and half of Class 2

Friday 21st June - Banham Zoo visiting Nursery.

Thursday 11th July - Year R Gressenhall

Thursday 18th July - Year 2 Bewilderwood

Reading Cafés 9am - 10am:

Monday 17th June - Year R

Wednesday 19th June - Year 2

Thursday 20th June - Year 1

Art Café

Thursday 27th June - 30 Places available across the whole school

Nursery Stay and Play sessions for parents (Sept 2019 intake):

Wednesday 3rd July 9.30am and 1.40pm

Thursday 4th July 9.30am and 1.40pm

Reports go home on Friday 5th July.

You will find out what class your child is in in September on **Friday 14th June** (for the Sept 2019 Year 1 and 2 children)

Transition meeting for parents of Year R moving into Year 1:

Wednesday 3rd July 2019 2.15pm



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

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 Notices

Bike Marking event

Saturday 11th May 2019 4.00-7.00pm

Silver Road Community Centre, Silver Road, Norwich,
Norfolk, NR3 4TB

Local officers will also be available to give you advice and support on policing issues that matter to you.

S.A.F.E – St Augustine’s Family Events



Picnic in the Park – Sunday 19th May, 1pm till 4pm

Join us for a picnic in the park! You'll be able to find us in the children play area with the bunting flags!

Please bring a picnic for your family or to share. Everyone welcome!

Gildencroft Park (off Chatham Street) NR3 1DS

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

Mr Tame, our Site Manager has been on a training course for 'Risk Management of Trees for outdoor learning and site management.' This has given Mr Tame the skills to carry out the Level 1 inspection of trees for schools.

Friends of School – Registered Charity.

Watch this space for information about our next fundraising event.

Friends of School are contributing £5 per child for our Summer school trips. This saves parents money and ensures all children benefit from the money raised. Thank you!



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 Zoe 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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