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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy and productive term so far and the children have been so enthusiastic about their learning in all areas of the curriculum.

**Year 2** children have thoroughly enjoyed their History work on World War 1 and have used good quality texts to support their learning, mostly through the eyes of animals who lived through the war.

**Year 1** have been learning to play the ukelele in their Music lessons. It is always a proud moment watching them learn to play a tuned instrument at the ages of 5 and 6.

**Reception and Nursery** have been focusing on Personal Development and PSHE. This has involved making friends, building relationships, learning to take turns, starting to be a bit more independent and learning what our High Five means.

Our **High Five** is the golden thread running through our school. You will see the 5 special words at the bottom of this page. It forms part of our Behaviour Policy and our Curriculum Intent. If children are caught demonstrating one of these values, at home or school, then we celebrate it by children receiving a High Five letter. Please remember to tell us of any achievements outside school.

**The staff have worked just as hard as the children this term. I would like to say a public thank you and well done to all of our very hard working staff team. They are worth their weight in gold.**

Have a great half-term holiday and we look forward to seeing you back in school on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October**.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Rebecca Westall

RESPECT

HELP

LEARN

ENJOY

ACHIEVE



### Parentmail Launch

During the half-term holiday we will be launching Parentmail - a new way of communicating with all our families which includes a useful app.

During the holiday the **primary contact\*** from each family will receive an email invitation to register with Parentmail. We will text you when this is happening so that you know to look out for it. If it does not arrive in your inbox when expected, do check your junk and spam folders. If you still don't receive it you may need to speak with the office staff when we return to school to check your email address is correct.

From the launch date Parentmail will be the primary means of communicating with you, sending newsletters, messages, invitations to events. It will also be the preferred method for you to book and pay for Early Club, book a parents' evening appointment (which take place w/c 4<sup>th</sup> November), pay for Nursery lunch supervision fees and Nursery non-funded sessions, pay for school trips and give permissions for them, and much more. This makes it really important that you do register.

\*One invitation will be sent per family initially, and parents will be expected to share their registration. Where families are separated and this will not be possible we can create separate accounts and we are already aware of some cases where this will be required. Please speak to the office staff (or email [finance@mousehold.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:finance@mousehold.norfolk.sch.uk)) if you think this might affect you.

### Dates for your diary

#### Learning Cafes for families to attend if able to:

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November - 9am - Year 2 Maths Café

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November - 9am - Year R Maths Café

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November - 9am - Year 1 Maths Café

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 4.30pm - 5.15pm - Bedtime Reading Café with parents

#### School Photos

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Class photos.



### **Friends of School dates**

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Cake sale

### **Parents Evenings**

W/B Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Parents evenings ( Late parents evening Monday )

W/B 9<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Evenings ( Monday late one. )

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November - 10am - Open Morning for new Year R children Sept 2020

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November - 1.45pm - Open Afternoon for new Year R children Sept 2020

### **Christmas Performances to families**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December - 9.30am - Yr R performance to parents.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 and 2pm - Nursery performance to parents.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 - Year 1 performance to parents.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am - Y2 Performance to parents.

### **Friends Events**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fayre.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Fayre

### **Sports Days**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Year R Sports Day

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Year R Sports Day reserve

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Nursery Sports Day - 10.30 and 2pm.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Nursery Sports Day reserve.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June - KS1 Sports Day

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - KS1 Sports Day reserve

### **Concerts to families**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - 2.30pm Music concert to parents

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Year 2 Leavers show ( and Samba )

### Class Assemblies

These start at 9.05am and last no longer than 25 minutes. Parents and Carers are welcome.

24/1/20	Year 2	Class 1	Miss Balachandre
31/1/20	Year 1	Class 4	Mrs Woodward/Mrs Graham
14/2/20	Year R	Class 7	Mr Hillman
13/3/20	Year 2	Class 2	Mrs Coathup /Mr Tolson
20/3/20	Year 1	Class 5	Miss Dowsing
27/3/20	Year R	Class 8	Mrs Allen/ Mrs Jennings
1/5/20	Year 2	Class 3	Mrs Conway
15/5/20	Year 1	Class 6	Miss Humphrey
22/5/20	Year R	Class 9	Mrs Jenkins

### **Online Safety Guide for Parents**

Please look out for the 'Digital Parenting' safety guide that will be coming home with your child today. The guide, created by **The Vodafone Foundation** and **Parent Zone** is packed with important safety information and expert advice on issues such as healthy screen time and sleep, creating a better family digital-life balance, setting digital boundaries...and lots more.

Online copies are also available at: <https://parentzone.org.uk/digitalparenting>



### Healthy Living

Mr Hillman is our PE and Healthy Living lead. He has sent you this message:

*' We would like to raise the profile of 'Healthy Living' within the school and are looking for exciting opportunities to teach the children about the importance of being healthy and active. If you have any expertise in this area (for example if you are a health professional, or a fitness or sports coach/teacher etc.) and want to help out in any way, please get in touch.'*

***Thank you to the parents and carers who have already come forward offering support.***

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

Mr Tolson is our **Inclusion Champion** and he works with other teachers from across the Norwich Opportunity Area to work on ways to support children who need a slightly different approach, more time or alternative settings. Mr Tolson has attended a meeting and has reported back to staff.

Miss Humphrey has completed her 2 year leadership course with Ambition School Leadership. This has supported her in her key leadership roles in school and has impacted on school improvement. Well done Miss Humphrey!

### Attendance and Punctuality

Today we had our prize draw for 2 lucky winners. The children who arrive to school on time every day have a chance of winning the half-termly prize. It doesn't matter if they have been absent from school unwell. It is just the punctuality we celebrate in this prize draw.

### Friends of School - Registered Charity.

**Cake sale Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct.** Please bring cakes to school that morning to help raise funds for your children.



### Community News

Unite Community Norfolk branch are giving out **FREE** lunches from 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> October, no questions asked, children need to be accompanied by an adult, packed lunches collected between 12-1.30pm from the Phoenix Centre on Mile Cross Road. Each lunch will have, a filled roll (meat or fish), a piece of fruit, a fruit juice, a yoghurt drink, and a treat. In addition there will also be food from supermarkets that can be taken home.  
Food is supplied by Unite the Union and Norwich Foodhub.

### Remembrance Day - Poppies

We will be selling Remembrance Day Poppies after half-term. Year 2 will visit each classroom at the end of the afternoon. We have both reflective and paper poppies, we recommend a donation of £1 for the reflective ones or a donation of your choice for the paper ones. Thank you for your support.

**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**

Please remember to look at our school website for exciting updates.  
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