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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have made it to the end of the academic year. It hasn't been easy for any of us but we should all be very proud of all we have achieved. We've become stronger as a school community. Our Year 2 children are leaving us today. We would love to keep them with us for longer, but they are more than ready for the next step in their school journey. They have been a super year group and have contributed so much to school life. They have all received a High Five letter today as a memento of their time at Mousehold. We wish them the very best as they start Year 3 in September. The rest of the children in the school are soon to be moving into their new year groups. I hope they will look forward to September when they will be able to make new friends as well as keeping old friends. With no bubbles planned, children will be able to spend time together on the playground more freely. We will also be able to have assemblies and invite parents into school more frequently. The outdoor samba and capoeira performances this week were brilliant and we are excited to do more outdoor performances in the months ahead.

Positive cases of Covid - w/b 12th July - We have had 1 positive case this week.

Summer activities in the community

Please see attached information sheet. There are lots of activities planned for the summer.

Community news – New Stay and Play group at Mousehold Hub.

A message from one of our Nursery parents who is doing amazing work organizing this....

Stay and Play sessions will be starting at the Mousehold Hub on Mousehold Avenue in September, and we would greatly appreciate donations of any preloved toys suitable for children under 5 years old. Donations can be left at the Mousehold Hub cafe on Saturdays, between 10am-4pm, or at 88 Romany Road. Thanks!

Safeguarding

We are concerned that some children aren't wearing seatbelts in cars on their way to and from school. We want to make sure children are as safe as they can be in and out of school. If children don't wear seatbelts it is not only unsafe, it is against the law. Please put your children's safety first.

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Designated safeguarding leads: Mrs Westall, Mr Tolson, Miss Wood, Miss Balachandre



Miss Balachandre is now a safeguarding lead, along with Mrs Westall, Mr Tolson and Miss Wood. She has completed her training and is part of the safeguarding team.

Please remember to look at our website to remind you of how safeguarding is always the main priority at Mousehold.

<https://www.mouseholdinfants.com/safeguarding/>

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mrs Westall, Mr Tolson, Miss Wood, Miss Balachandre

These members of staff monitor and manage all safeguarding practices and ensure staff are supported and have the training they need. Please ask to see one of these adults if you are worried about the safety of a child at school.

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours then the number to ring is:

CADS – Children’s Advice and Duty Service - 0344 800 8020.

Communication from our Mental Health Champions (Mrs Graham, Mrs Abeyta, Mrs Desouky)

"Taking care of yourself is part of taking care of your children ..."

Care for the family <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/> is a national charity that seeks to support all aspects of family life helping families to not only survive but thrive, covering support for single parents, step families, parenting teenagers, to name but a few. The e-newsletter will send you useful tips and personal stories every few months - - <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/family-life/parent-support>
The top tips leaflets are also a really good read too <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/top-tips-leaflets-downloads>.

The school Summer break for so many of us can be a time of relaxed routine and family time but for some we may feel overwhelmed. This Mental Health Hub website is full of useful tips, <https://www.mentalwealthub.com/blogs/parents-survival-guide-to-the-summer-holidays/> with self-care being a focus on the Anna Freud website - <https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/self-care/>

On a practical note, for ideas of what to do in our local area, go to Norfolk Mumbler, a local Parenting Blog <https://norwich.mumbler.co.uk/> (See Facebook and Instagram too).

Learning Update – Music at Mousehold!

We have continued to hear music being played throughout the school during the pandemic but it has been especially lovely to hear children singing in class this term. We look forward to reintroducing whole school singing assembly, choir and Year Two recorder club next academic year, as the restrictions ease.

Sing Up Day

On Wednesday 30th June all classes in Reception, Year One and Year Two took part in Sing Up Day. Since half term we have been rehearsing songs, along with other infant schools in Norfolk, via zoom. It was great fun and lovely to see so many other children taking part!

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Ukulele and Samba drumming lessons

Year One children have really enjoyed their weekly ukulele lessons and Year Two children have really enjoyed their weekly samba drumming lessons. Anna and Jon, their teachers, have been fantastic at continuing to teach alongside government guidelines and we look forward to welcoming them back in September. We hope those Year Two parents, who were able to join us, enjoyed watching the outdoor samba performances this week.

Guildhall School of Music

Year Two children had a real treat on Friday 9th July when students from the Guildhall School of Music visited our school to perform to them. As your child starts junior school remember to look out for opportunities to learn to play a musical instrument

Clare Allen
Music Subject Leader

Dates for your diary:

Monday 6th September – First day back at school for the children. Office open for phone calls from Thursday 2nd September.

In September there will be no staggered start times, unless guidance changes. The times of the school day will be **8.50am until 3pm**. Please be very careful when driving outside school as there will be more traffic. Please don't mount the pavements as young children can sometimes not be seen.

As we start the Summer holidays, I wish you a restful, safe and fun time with your families. Enjoy the break and take care of each other. Thank you for your kindness and patience over the last year as we have navigated our way through together.

I feel privileged to be leading the school into the next academic year, with such committed staff. Thank you to all of the wonderful staff at Mousehold. They have been absolutely incredible this year and always go the extra mile.

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Westall
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Summer Activities

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun is back and open for bookings for the Summer holidays. Families eligible for means tested free school meals can access FREE holiday activity places for their children aged 5-16. Children will be able to access up to 16 days of free activity throughout the summer holidays, the sessions will include a variety of fun activities, including sports, music, arts and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop skills, alongside a nutritious meal each day.

See the attached Summer Big Holiday Fun catalogue, parents letter, young people digi postcard and parents digi postcard for details for getting a code, which enables parents to book children on to free activities.

You can also find details of activities, info about getting a code etc from here: <https://www.activenorfolk.org/getmycode/>

GoGo Dinosaurs - Get ready to GoGo on a FREE Jurassic jaunt this Summer!

GoGo Discover is Break's latest art trail in partnership with Wild in Art. It features 21 individually designed T.rex sculptures which have stomped through the streets of Norwich as a guided route to Norwich Cathedral and Dippy the Diplodocus. It encourages explorers of all ages to have fun and learn more about the City while also raising vital money for vulnerable children and young people across the region. The Jurassic trail will be on the streets of Norwich from Monday 12th July until Saturday 11th September 2021. No booking needed, free trail.

<https://www.break-charity.org/gogodiscover/>

Dippy the Dinosaur is coming to Norwich Cathedral! FREE of charge. On Tuesday 13 July 2021, Dippy on Tour will be open from 1pm until 4pm.

From Wednesday 14 July to Saturday 30 October 2021, the normal opening times will be:

Monday to Friday: 10am-4pm

Friday late: 7pm-9pm (from July 30)

Saturday: 9.30am-5.30pm

Sunday: Closed

Last entry 30 minutes before closing

Dippy is free to enter and there is no need to book unless you are part of a group of more than six people or an organised tour. For more info email: dippy@cathedral.org.uk or phone: 01603 218300

Brick Dinos at The Forum in Norwich - <https://theforumnorwich.co.uk/whats-on/brick-dinos>

FREE event but booking is essential (follow the above link to Eventbrite booking) 19th July – 30th August, Monday to Sunday 9am – 5pm.

Brick Dinos is a free, family friendly exhibition featuring a huge selection of dinosaurs created from LEGO® bricks!

Developed by artist Warren Elsmore in conjunction with palaeontologists the exhibition is an incredible educational and entertaining exhibition.

The exhibition also features a range of prehistoric creatures as well as dinosaurs. From tiny insects to a four-metre-long raptor-like Masiakasaurus come face to face with these amazing creatures!

Dino-Mite Adventures at Castle Quarter

From Thursday 22nd July to Thursday 5th August, Castle Quarter is part of the Go Go Discover T-rex trail this summer. There will be dinosaurs hidden in the centre and they need your help to find them! Tick them off on the trail sheet as you find them for your chance to WIN £50 to spend in your favourite store.

Also animatronic creatures will be roaming around in Castle Quarter at intervals between 11am and 3pm from Tuesday 10th and 31st August.

10th August | Baby dinosaurs

17th August | T-rex

24th August | Raptor

31st August | Spinosaurus

Dino-sheets will be available from this link

soon: <https://castlequarternorwich.co.uk/fun/dino-mite-adventure/>

Children's Wildlife Watch Zoom Session – Bats. Saturday 11 September, 2021. FREE.

Bats are the only flying mammal in the world. They appear in many mythical stories but do you know your fact from fiction? Join Norfolk Wildlife Trust to find out the truth about these amazing animals!

Free zoom session (donation is optional). Booking

required: <https://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/whats-on/all-events/2021-09-11-children-s-wildlife-watch-zoom>

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays and aims to support children's reading for pleasure and prevent a dip in reading over the six-week break. Your child will receive a FREE pack that includes a map of the fictional town of Wilderville. The aim of the game is to read a book, collect a sticker to put on the map (some are scratch and sniff!) and solve the clues.

To make the Summer Reading Challenge even more fun, we are providing a different free activity sheet every week during the summer holidays to pick up when you visit us. Join the library free of charge to access all of their services: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/your-library-account/join-the-library>

Norfolk Libraries – FREE online events for children and young people, including story time, fun information sessions, coding sessions to make your own game and loads more:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/whats-on/online-activities-for-children-and-families>

Big Local (Catton Grove area) - are offering FREE activities to children and young people in the Big Local area only. Activities include a film workshop, arts and crafts, trampolining and loads more. Booking required (see details on the flyer) and there's a flyer attached to show the area covered by Big Local.

Henderson Trust – are offering a FREE panto in the park, August 27th. Oh, yes they are! Booking required (details on attached flyer).

They are also offering a huge amount and range of FREE fabulous activities as part of the HAF fund for 10 – 16year olds (see booking form, consent form, activities and info T&Cs flyers attached)

National Wildlife Trust Open Garden and BioBlitz at the Bishop's House in Norwich, in aid of the Children And Nature Fund. Explore the historic garden, take part in an interactive day of wildlife recording, and discover the species that call this magnificent city centre garden home. Refreshments available. All funds raised will directly benefit NWT projects connecting children with the natural world. Entry £5 but free to wheelchair users and children. Booking required: <https://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/whats-on/all-events/2021-09-19-nwt-bishop-s-garden-bioblitz>.

The Garage in Chapelfield, Norwich is offering a range of arts activities throughout the Summer. They offer discounts (link to details on this page) - <https://thegarage.org.uk/holiday-activities/>

Solihull parenting courses online - <https://solihullapproachparenting.com/trainings/online-courses/>

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