



Mousehold Infant and Nursery School Mousehold Avenue Norwich NR3 4RS
01603 427012 officemousehold@istnorfolk.co.uk www.mouseholdinfants.com

10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very happy at Mousehold this week. There has been such a wonderful atmosphere in school with children excited to be back at school. They have enjoyed exploring the outdoor learning environments as much as the indoor provision. New friendships are forming and children are developing positive relationships with their class staff. It is wonderful to see! We enjoyed welcoming in our new EYFS children. We look forward to getting to know them over the next few weeks as they settle into school. Our Year 1 and 2 children had the pleasure of watching a live jazz performance today as part of 'Live Music Week.' It will be an experience the children won't forget seeing and hearing real instruments being played with such enjoyment.

Please keep an eye on our school Facebook page. We often put messages on there, celebration photos and it's a good way to connect the school community: Mousehold Infant & Nursery School.

Platinum Jubilee 2022

In 2022, Her Majesty the Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service, having acceded to the throne on 6th February 1952 when Her Majesty was 25 years old. An extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June (May half-term), will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate this historic milestone. The four days of celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on The Queen's 70 years of service. Because this falls in half-term schools have to decide on when they have an extra day not at school. We have decided that Mousehold and George White Junior will have their extra day after the Easter Holiday. This means that children will **come back to school on Thursday 21st April**, rather than Wednesday 20th April as stated in the Norfolk Term Dates calendar.

Headteacher: Mrs Rebecca Westall Deputy Headteacher: Mr Ian Tolson
Designated safeguarding leads: Mrs Westall, Mr Tolson, Miss Wood. Miss Balachandre



Safeguarding

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.

Mental Health and Wellbeing - a message from The Mental Health Champions Team

At our school we have a Mental Health Champion Team, the three of us (Mrs Graham, Mrs Desouky and Mrs Abeyta) are a team of individuals who are passionate about the wellbeing of children, families and staff. Please see our school website to read more about how we can support you.

<https://www.mouseholdinfants.com/safeguarding/mental-health-support/>

For those of you who have children beginning their school journey this September it can be a mixed time of emotions. You may feel happy that you’ve got to this point, perhaps sad because your children are growing up, possibly anxious about your child managing the school day. These are all very normal emotions. If you are finding this struggle hard, please come and talk to us. As a mental health champion team we are always happy to talk as is Mrs Derer our Parent Support Advisor. (see our website for more details)

Here are a few websites that you might find helpful:

<https://www.mumsnet.com/articles/starting-primary-school>

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/childhood-development-additional-needs/supporting-development/starting-school>

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/return-to-school/resources-for-families/school-anxiety-tips>

“It can be tempting to plan lots of things in for yourself once the children are back in school but the first week back can be physically and emotionally exhausting for everyone, build in a little time for yourself, that way, everyone in the family will benefit. (Care for the family-Back to school tips)

Enjoy your weekend together. Fancy celebrating that you’ve made it through the first week? Why not try this recipe for an Autumn Sponge? It’s from the from Norse Catering website, the company that designs our delicious school menu! Mrs Horth and our team of school cooks will be super impressed I’m sure!

<https://norsecatering.co.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Primary-School-Recipe-Feature-Autumn-Feast-Sponge.pdf>

Headteacher: Mrs Rebecca Westall Deputy Headteacher: Mr Ian Tolson
Designated safeguarding leads: Mrs Westall, Mr Tolson, Miss Wood. Miss Balachandre



Free Bikes for Kids (Norfolk)

Bicycle Links in Norwich is running a crowdfunder with support from the Aviva Community Fund called 'Free Bikes for Kids'. The crowdfunder is live and pledges are very welcome!

All money raised will support the scheme to repair second-hand children's bikes and distribute them free to low income families:

www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/free-bikes-for-kids-norfolk-1

Once the crowdfunder has ended we will be releasing bikes, but we're happy to take requests for bikes now. Please use the online form below:

<https://forms.gle/QFEA53sG7Vyjcfey9>

Each bike will come with a new helmet, and older children will also be supplied with lights and a lock.



The procedures for positive cases of Covid 19 are as follows:

If you contract Covid - you isolate for 10 full days from start of symptoms or from date of PCR test.

These are the national guidelines which as a school we will follow:

- If we have a positive student case, the parent/carer will notify the school but any requirement for track and tracing will be carried out by NHS track and trace.
- Close contacts identified by NHS track and trace will be advised to take a PCR test but will not need to self-isolate if they are up to 18 years and 6 months or double vaccinated, this includes those in the same household of a positive case.
- We will recommend, if we have siblings in school, to the parent/carer that they take a PCR test.

Headteacher: Mrs Rebecca Westall Deputy Headteacher: Mr Ian Tolson
Designated safeguarding leads: Mrs Westall, Mr Tolson, Miss Wood. Miss Balachandre



The people exempt from isolation as a close contact are where:

- you are fully vaccinated
- you are below the age of 18 years 6 months
- you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

This applies whether the positive case is a household member or someone else.

If we have an outbreak then public health will guide us with next steps.

Please see the attached Contingency Plan with more information on.

Diary Dates

14th October – Individual school photos in school hall

21st October- Phonics presentation for parents (zoom).

HALFTERM – Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October

Week beginning 1st November – Parents Evenings – meetings with class teachers.

12th November – Children in Need – fundraising day.

Last day of term - Friday 17th December 2021.

First day back to school in Spring Term: Wednesday 5th January 2022.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and the sun shines for you all.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Rebecca Westall
Headteacher

Headteacher: Mrs Rebecca Westall Deputy Headteacher: Mr Ian Tolson
Designated safeguarding leads: Mrs Westall, Mr Tolson, Miss Wood. Miss Balachandre

