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1st October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a change of weather this week and Autumn has arrived. The children are enjoying the changes of the seasons with time outdoors, in our Secret Garden, on our field and behind school in the outdoor learning areas. I enjoyed watching some of our Reception children take part in a Forest Schools Lesson, using hammers safely to bang leaves to imprint onto cloth bunting. It was like magic! It is now beautifully hung above our wooden toadstools in the Secret Garden.

I would like to share with you some information about our curriculum. You can see regular posts on our school **Facebook** page of some of the hands on, exciting learning taking place each day:

Our curriculum is built upon our context and culture of being in the heart of Norwich with wonderful children with roots from all over the world being at the centre of it. The curriculum makes learning fun, hands on and is stimulating by providing real life experiences so that all children learn from the same starting point regardless of their first language or ability. We provide a highly inclusive and creative curriculum which enables pupils to achieve in a happy and safe environment. The sequenced curriculum is rich, purposeful and challenging for all children. All children throughout their time with us experience well planned local visits, visiting authors, musicians and artists and a wide range of activities indoors and outdoors to enhance the curriculum. We focus on our locality and give children experiences of the wonderful architecture, history and culture right on our doorstep. This highly inclusive curriculum enables pupils to achieve and enjoy learning in a happy, fun and safe environment.

Proud to be: Black history month 2021.

We are proud to announce the launch of Black history month taking place over the month of October. All children from Mousehold will be given a unique opportunity to celebrate, learn and commemorate significant figures from Black history. We will focus on influential Black activists, musicians, athletes and performers by using fantastic imagery, stories and art.

Teaching Black history is essential in ensuring a strong understanding of British, and world history. Black history works to highlight the importance of remembering significant people and events beyond living memory. Mousehold are dedicated to sharing a diverse, complementary history curriculum.

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Safeguarding and Support

Safeguarding Hands

Your children will all have made a safeguarding hand in school. Ask them to tell you about it. On that hand there are 5 people who they have named who they know and trust to talk to. This might include school staff, family, friends and sometimes pets. We encourage children to use the safeguarding hand as a prompt for talking to someone if they are worried, upset or feel unsafe at any point.

A reminder about collection from school

If someone else is collecting your child can you please let your child's class teacher know that morning. If you need to change your plans during the school day and someone else will be collecting your child at short notice, please ring the office and they will pass the message on. This is really important to ensure we send children home safely.

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.

Leading Through the Pandemic – continued from last week....
Rebecca Westall – Headteacher of Mousehold Infant and Nursery School
August 2021

What the children of Mousehold said in July 2021...

Year 1

We had to have lockdown in our houses. We had to stay there. It was kind of fun doing learning at home but I still missed my friends. I came into school 3 days a week. It was a bit better but not like it is now with the whole class there. Being with the whole class is special because I like being with my friends. We still met friends on zoom. At least I got to see my friends. It's better than nothing.

Coronavirus is eventually shrinking a little every day. I want it to go away because coronavirus makes you poorly. It was boring at home because I didn't get to play on my tablet because

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electricity was shut down during the day time. There wasn't a lot to do. Being back at school is fun. I like being in a bubble.

Year 2

It's changed what we've been like. We used to play with everyone, but now only our bubble.

It is very tiny and very contagious. It's dangerous for adults and makes less public places be open. I preferred school before. As a Christian, I pray to God every night, that covid will go away. I am hoping it dies down.

There's little balls and particles and they try and make you get really sick. I worry because my whole entire family will get it and I won't be able to see my friends at school. I think I miss all of the school trips because you normally go to Bewilderwood in Year 2, my sister told me. When I was at home in lockdown it felt like I was at school but I didn't have friends or teachers.

The people who are wearing masks are protecting others. I'd rather not be in bubbles. Boris Johnson said in 2 weeks no more bubbles or masks. I'll be excited and scared.

Diary Dates

8th October – non-uniform day for World Mental Health day

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.

Friday 17th December 2021 - Last day of term -

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

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Rebecca Westall
Headteacher

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