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19th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I had the pleasure of spending time in every classroom this week, observing the children learning, looking in their books, the learning environments and talking to the children. I saw an enriched curriculum where every child was enjoying their learning. It really struck me how the children have formed such positive relationships with staff and with each other and are very familiar with the daily routines of school. Our youngest children in Nursery were accessing many sensory experiences such as painting with conkers, cutting leaves with scissors and exploring the willow tunnels in the outdoor learning environment. Our Reception children were keen to show me how to make soup with petals, leaves and water and were role playing traditional tales on their obstacle course outside. Our Year 1 children were confidently playing the ukulele and also enjoying Phonics lessons. Our Year 2 children were Samba drumming and reading with fluency and confidence in classrooms enriched with their Art work and learning from Remembrance Day and Diwali.

Partnership news

The leaders from each school are working closely together, with the staff from both schools and discussing future plans and ideas. It is an exciting time for both schools.

Mr Seaman

Mr Seaman will be leaving us on Friday 26th November. He will be training to be a fitter in a company that specialises in fitted bedrooms, offices etc. This is a great opportunity for Mr Seaman and a chance for him to use a different skill set. Mr Seaman will be missed at Mousehold by children, staff and families. Nothing is ever too much trouble for him. We wish Mr Seaman the very best in his new line of work.

Children in Need

Thank you for supporting our charity day. We will let you know how much money we have raised next week. It has been a fun day in true Mousehold style and it will be a day to remember.

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Safeguarding and Support

Please help us keep our children safe by **closing the gate** onto the playground if you come to collect your child between 9am and 3pm, this includes Nursery collection times. It is important the gate is closed at all times.

Before and after school

One- way system

We have a one- way system with an 'in' and an 'out' gate when you come onto and leave the playground. This is to ensure that children and adults enter and leave school in a safe way.

Playground equipment

The children enjoy the play equipment at lunchtimes and playtimes and at other times of the day. Please can you ensure your children don't use this before and after school as it is not supervised by school staff.

Eco Schools News

Our Eco Council made up of Eco Warriors have launched a competition for a new Eco Schools Logo. Please see attached information. Well done Eco Warriors!

School Council News

Our School Council met yesterday and talked about safety outside school. Here are some of their quotes. These quotes will form part of our video campaign for keeping children safe outside the school gates:

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- Me and Daddy saw a car bump into the bricks on the pavement.
- Some cars speed over 20mph and that's not ok because the school is on the road.
- Sometimes I see lots of cars parked on the pavement so I have to hold Mummy's hand to cross the road to get to school.
- You must wear your helmet if you go on your bike to school
- You should stay on the inside when walking on the path.
- Cars shouldn't bash into things and they should use wipers when it's raining.
- We could have cones outside school.

Just One Norfolk

This website is excellent in supporting families and is the go to health website for Norfolk families. It covers all aspects of physical and mental health. The number to ring for support and advice is: **0300 300 0123**

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>

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<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.

Christmas Performances

Last year the children all performed for a video, that was shared securely on our school Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) for parents and carers to enjoy. This looked different in each year group and included songs, some dressing up, poems etc. Each class will do the same this year. We don’t feel it would be sensible to invite lots of parents into our school hall at this time and it will be far too cold for outside performances. We are hoping as the academic year progresses we can invite parents in again for Learning Cafes and as the weather improves we can think about outdoor performances and celebrations.

Diary Dates

Friday 17th December 2021 - Last day of term

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

Yours faithfully

Mrs Rebecca Westall
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Competition Time for our Eco-Warriors and families

TOGETHER FOR OUR WORLD

After this year UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, we think it's time for our school to have a new Eco-School LOGO.

We would love for you to make a LOGO that symbolises all the changes that are happening to our planet.

You can draw, paint, or even if you are feeling a bit more adventurous use recycled materials.

So what are you waiting for?

The CLASS that WINS the competition will win...

Water Doodle Magic Mat or a XEXBUG nano playground.

The child/family that WINS the competition will win...

An EcoBuddiez made of Recycled Plastic Bottles and seed bombs made by our Eco-Warriors for your gardens.

Everyone get...

READY, SET, GOOOOOOOO

Closing date will be Friday 10th of December.

Winners will be announced Friday 16th of December.

All entries to be handed over at the office.

**Thank you,
The Eco Team**