



Learning, Caring &
Growing Together

Newsletter March 2016

It was great to see all the children dressed up as different book characters on World Book Day last week. I know that this does not just happen and takes a lot of hard work and effort from you as the children's parents. Thank you all so much for making this day so special for both children and staff.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who responded to the letter I sent out about responsible parking when dropping off and collecting your children. The parking has greatly improved. This ensures that everyone remains safe when travelling to and from school. However, I was alerted to an incident where a parent had parked inconsiderately causing an obstruction. The mobile library van was unable to get through due to cars parking in an inconsiderate way. Please can I remind you again to think carefully before you park your car. Alternatively, if you can walk or ride your bike to school it would be even better.

We are all looking forward to Science week, I hope the children will come home talking about all the learning they have been doing linked to the science activities.

Last week our assemblies were led by visitors to the school. On Monday Rev David Hagan-Palmer talked about the importance of good listening. On Thursday we had some very special dogs visit our school with their owners. The Pets for Therapy Dogs and owners taught us about how to look after a dog. Some of us spent some time with the dogs during the afternoon. It was great.

It has been such a short half term. I cannot believe it is nearly the Easter holidays. I hope you all have a great break and hope you do not eat too many Easter Eggs.

Please remember if you have anything you would like to share with me about the school both positive and areas for improvement please contact me directly.

Claire Bates

Dates for your diary...

Friday 11th March – Class Photographs AM

W/c 14th March – Science Week for all students

Friday 18th March – Friends School Disco – 6.15pm-7.30pm

Friday 18th March – 'Run a mile round school' in aid of Sports Relief

Wednesday 23rd March – Easter Lunch

Thursday 24th March – Silly Sock Day

Thursday 24th March – Last day of term - Easter Holidays

Monday 11th April – Pupils return to school

Thursday 21st April – Friends storytelling evening with Ben Miller @4.30pm (further details to follow)

Friday 22nd April – Theatre Royal visit for Yr 1 & Yr 2 – details to follow

Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

Friday 27th May – 3pm – half-term starts

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June – Half Term Holiday

Monday 6th June – Pupils return to school

1F Cake Sale – date to be advised for summer term

You told us

That parking is an issue outside the school. As a result we have written a letter to all parents and carers and spoken to local police, the children centre and Childerwood nursery to make them aware of the issues as well.



Severe Weather

At this time of year we send out a reminder regarding emergency school closure. We will inform you through the **local radio channels** and **Norfolk County Council website**.

We please ask that you **DO NOT** telephone the school as this blocks the phone lines for essential users.

MSA JOB VACANCY

We are looking for a permanent MSA to start immediately and 'supply' MSAs for odd days (to help cover sickness etc.).

For more details please ask at the school office

Remember Science Week - Week commencing 14th March 2016

Students can design their own poster, the theme being 'Space for Science: Science in Spaces'. Students should do some investigation into their ideas about the theme and present them as a poster. For ideas, follow the link <https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/>.

Playtime

Please could we remind you to send in wellies and joggers for the children to wear when playing on the field

Birthday Treats/Cakes

If a parent wishes for their child to bring in sweets and cakes to share with their class friends, the parent and child must be responsible for organising this. The parent and their child can stand by the classroom door at the end of the day and give the sweets or cakes out to the children at the end of the day. These will be given directly to the child and it will be their parents who decide when they should eat them.

The school takes no responsibility for this, including any allergies a specific child may have. Whilst we do not actively promote eating sweets or sugary foods on a regular basis we do want to show children that sweets can be eaten as part of a balanced diet.

MAY WE REMIND YOU THAT children should remain away from school for **48 hours** (2 days) after the last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea. In line with current school policy please advise the school on the first day of your child's absence and provide a written note when your child returns to school.

Textile Bank

You may have noticed that we have a new textile bank in the car park. This is to collect unwanted clothing and shoes. Most types of clean textiles can be collected, including clothing, underwear, accessories, shoes, trainers and household linens.

They are unable to accept quilts, mattresses and duvets. By donating you will raise money for the school and help the Salvation Army's work at home and abroad.

For more information google 'Recycle with Michael' or watch out for updates on our website.

Lost Property

Every term we accumulate an enormous heap of un-named (nearly new) articles of lost property. We have distributed any named items to their owners. We ask that if you are missing items of clothing please have a look through the lost property - we have lots of hats and gloves. Current lost property will be placed in the Main Reception conservatory w/c 14th March. Any items left after Friday 18th March will be donated to the school Textile Bank. We would kindly ask you to clearly name all items and to check regularly to see that they can still be identified by children, thank you.

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