SUMMER GALA
A big thank you to the ‘Friends’ for all their hard work in organising the annual Summer Gala. Once again, this event was a huge success with approximately £2,500 being raised. Thank you to all who supported or helped with this event.

Well done to the winners of the Gala Poster competition –
FS 1st Jasmine Lugo, RB
2nd Alice Ling, RG
KS1 1st Lila Eden, 2D
2nd Amelia Cook, 1I
KS2 1st Lauren Gower, 6P
2nd Clara Smethurst, 3B

KS2 PRODUCTION - PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN
Once again, the children were brilliant. Hours of practice paid off and the children performed to a full house at each evening’s performance. Thank you to the staff and helpers for all their hard work and well done to all the children who took part. £188.17 collected at the performances will go towards the ‘Hope Now’ charity, which supports orphanages in Ukraine.

FAREWELL TO PUPILS WHO ARE MOVING ON
On Wednesday 24th July at 10.00am, we are holding a KS2 Leavers Service at St John’s Church to say farewell to our current Year 6 pupils. All KS2 pupils will be attending the service. Y6 parents are welcome to attend. We wish the Y6 pupils good luck and hope that they will be happy in their new schools.

STAFFING UPDATE
This term we say goodbye to Miss Dowsing, who will be leaving her teaching post after 19 years at the school and to Mrs Griffie who will be leaving her TA post. We thank them both for their hard work and commitment to the school during their time here and wish them well for the future.

We are pleased to announce that Miss Hart will spend next year working at Burston Primary School. This exciting opportunity is a one year post and she will return to Harleston Primary School in September 2014.

We are also delighted to announce that Mrs Pritchard is expecting her first baby early next year.

This term, we welcomed Miss Garrett who joined the school as a Cleaner and MSA and Miss Stohlner who joined the MSA team.

We are pleased to report that we have also made two new appointments and Miss Conquer and Miss Shepherd will both be full time members of our teaching staff as from September. We also welcome back Miss Stead who will be returning to school in September following her one year secondment.

SAINSBURY VOUCHERS
A total of 5,882 vouchers were collected and we have placed an order for some sports and PE equipment.

END OF TERM
Please note that WEDNESDAY 24TH JULY IS THE LAST DAY OF TERM for pupils.
NON - UNIFORM DAY
£304.85 was raised from our recent non-uniform day when children came to school in the colours of the Ukrainian flag. This money will go towards the ‘Hope Now’ charity, to support the orphanage in Ukraine. Mrs Reeve and Mrs Pack fly out to Ukraine to visit the orphanage over the Summer holidays. A big thank you to those who have donated children’s clothes for them to take out with them.

SPORTS DAY
The legacy of the Olympics was clearly very strong at school on Friday 28th June as we all enjoyed an action packed Sports Day. The morning kicked off with a spectacular carnival parade which showcased some of the fantastic work that the children had done in the carnival workshops. There were grass skirts, garlands, hats and more on show to treat the spectators. The Sports Day was then opened with an official ceremony that the children had designed. Somehow, after all of this, the children still had the energy to take part in 6 events: sack race, skipping race, spacehopper race, over and under team game, egg and spoon race and the running race. All the events were fiercely, but fairly, contested and the smiles on the children’s faces told the story of how much fun the events were. The morning was rounded off by some Samba Dancing from Year 3 and a slightly early lunch. Even a heavy downpour in the afternoon couldn’t dampen everybody’s spirits as children and adults played the stalls set out by the Year 6 children. A fantastic Sports Day! Thank you for your help and support.

CATERING ASSISTANT VACANCY
A vacancy has arisen for a Catering Assistant to work in the school kitchen. The post is for 15.25 hours a week, term time only. Hourly rate is £6.19/hour. For further information or to apply for the post, contact Doris Lambert on 07850 518474.

Y2 TRIP TO RSPB MINSMERE
My favourite part of the day was pond dipping because we caught different creatures. Did you know that I learnt about the bittern? It makes a deep, booming sound. I liked bird watching because I saw a bittern and a marsh harrier.

YEAR 6 GOES TO CASTLETON!
Year 6 had a fabulous week in and around the Hollowford Centre in Castleton. The weather was perfect – sunshine all week, with just a touch of cloud to keep us cool on Wednesday for our 8 mile hike to the peak of Mam Tor (or Shivering Mountain as it’s known). At the summit, 517m high, the children proudly held the school’s flag and gathered together for a photo opportunity.

During the week, all children attempted every activity – they wasealled through the tiniest of crevices, they swung from the highest of ropes, zipped over the deepest of ponds, crawled through the darkest of caves and built and sailed the sturdiest of rafts! As expected, the children’s behaviour was impeccable. They proved to be great team players, supporting and encouraging each other when times were tough. The children were enthusiastic, polite and caring – something which was noted by all staff and instructors at the centre. A great week was had by all!

CAMP NIGHT
A beautifully sunny and warm evening made for a perfect setting for the school to host a Camp Night on Friday 14th June. It was brilliant to see so many families join us for some sporting activities, beautifully cooked food on BBQs and a huge campfire. As the night drew in and marshmallows were cooked on the open fire it was great to see so many families and children playing together and enjoy the summery weather. Despite the rain during the night the campers were not put off and many people wolfed down a bacon or sausage sandwich to set them up for the day. A brilliant time was had by all! Thank you to everyone that came and joined in the fun.

LOST SHOE
A small child’s shoe has been handed in. It is a Clarkes, purple, size 6.5 shoe.
COMMUNITY NEWS

HARLESTON AND WAVENEY FESTIVAL MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
The Pulham Orcestra are holding a Music Workshop for young people on 22nd August in conjunction with the Harleston and Waveney Festival. This will take place at Archbishop Sancroft High School, from 2pm until 5.30pm. Cost £1 (to cover the cost of light refreshments). To book a place visit the Pulham Orchestra Website www.pvo.org.uk or telephone Linda on 07791 395364.

BRIGHT SPARKS
‘Bright Sparks’ offers fun activities and worship for children up to 12 years old and will run during the 9.30 am service on every 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month at St John's Church. For more details, contact Rev Nigel Tuffnell on 01379 308905.

MESSY CHURCH (Feeding the 5000)
Saturday 27th July at St John's Church from 10.30 am with Open the Book, followed by children's activities and crafts. Bring a picnic to eat afterwards. Free of charge. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

SOUTH NORFOLK COUNCIL
KIDS CAMP - The ‘Kids Camp’ at Long Stratton Leisure Centre will run on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th August, Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th August and Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd August. A full day cost is £20.50 or £10.50 for a half day. For more information on Kids Camp visit www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/kids or call 01508 533820.

NATIONAL PLAY DAY – Wednesday 7th August 2013 at Long Stratton Leisure Centre, 10 am – 2 pm. A fun packed day with free activities for all the family. For further details contact 01508 533820.


NORFOLK RECORD OFFICE – FREE SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2013
MAKING JUNK MODELS - Tuesday 30th July 2013, 2 pm - 3.30 pm. Be inspired by the Watling Way exhibition and make a model of a public building. Create your own model to take home and work as a team to create a large model of Norwich City Hall to be exhibited in the Long Gallery throughout the summer.
INVENT YOUR OWN BOARD GAME - Wednesday 28th August 2013, 2pm - 3.30pm. Using images from Norfolk Record Office documents, invent your own board game to take home and play.
CREATE YOUR OWN HOLIDAY JOURNAL - Monday 2nd September, 2 pm - 3.30pm. Create your own journal or scrap book of your summer holiday 2013. Bring along 2-4 printed photographs to form the basis of your journal.
All sessions will take place in: The Green Room, The Archive Centre, Martineau Lane, Norwich. NR1 2DQ Telephone: 01603 222599, Email: norfrec@norfolk.gov.uk, Website: http://archives.norfolk.gov.uk

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES
The Harleston and Loddon Clusters would like to invite you to our STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAMME. This is a fun, informal 7 week course for young people aged 11-13 along with a parent/carer.

Are you worried about the teenage years?
Would you like life at home to be calmer?
Do you want some tips and new ideas on how to talk to your children so they listen?
Would you like to improve your relationship with your child?
The Programme begins on Thursday 26th September at Archbishop Sancroft High School in the Sancroft Centre, and then will be each week until 21st November (not including half term). Refreshments will be provided.
For more information or to book places please contact: Heather King or Gemma Leggett on: 01379 852561 or email: hking@ashs.org.uk/gleggett@ashs.org.uk
COMMUNITY NEWS CONTINUED

GYMNASTICS SUMMER CAMP
The Norfolk Academy of Gymnastics (TNAG), Besthorpe, Attleborough are hosting 2 days of gymnastics sessions for children who have little or no previous experience of gymnastics. These will take place on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th August 2013 between 11.00 am - 12.30pm. Cost £15 for two days or £8 for one day. To book or request an application form please email info@tnag.co.uk or call 01953 453309.

HIGH LODGE OPEN DAY
The Forestry Commission is offering free admission to High Lodge, Thetford Forest on 25th July for its 2013 Open Day. Throughout the day there will be a range of activities available. Try your hand at Forest Segway and archery, have a go at the free guided bike ride or enjoy pony rides and face painting. There will also be a free prize draw for a chance to win theatre tickets and two nights in a five star London hotel. For the more adventurous, Go Ape will be running free Tree Top Junior sessions between 8.00 am and 10.00 am.

SOUTH NORFOLK COUNCIL’S COMMUNITY CONSULTATION
South Norfolk Council’s community consultation is now open. Have your say and be entered into a prize draw. Please take part in this year's survey and let them know what priorities are really important to you and your community.

SQUASH COACHING
Oliver Bickley, a qualified England Squash and Racketball Level 2 Coach currently runs junior coaching sessions on Saturday mornings at Harleston Squash Club and offers 1:1 coaching. He is looking to start up an introductory 6 week course for 8 children between the ages of 7-11 starting in September for a total cost of £6. All equipment will be provided. If you are interested in reserving a place or require further information contact 01379 852441 or 07710 581795 or email oliverbickley@yahoo.co.uk

BMX TRACK – RECREATION GROUND
Harleston Play Association have had permission from the Town Council to extend and refurbish the BMX track. They are looking for volunteers to help make this happen so if you have any spare time on 20th/21st July or 27th/28th July, please go along from 8am with your spade, rake or wheelbarrow! They also need to paint the tyres (new and old) so if anyone has any paint that would be suitable for this, please bring it along with any spare brushes. Many thanks. Kellie Day 07788 500901 / Karen Reeve 07879 992530.

LAST NEWSLETTER FOR THIS YEAR
At the beginning of September, I spoke about looking ahead to a full programme of activities supporting our mainstay daily teaching work. I am proud to say how well our school has delivered on this commitment. We have offered over 25 different clubs, held three residential trips, taken part in numerous sporting competitions, put on 6 different performances, had hundreds of parents/carers visit our Come and Play and Reading/Maths Cafés, and we raised thousands of pounds for various charities on our 6 non-uniform days. This did not stop us working very hard to continue to ensure every child made good progress. Standards at the end of EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 were all pleasing. In particular, 92% of Y6 children achieved a level 4 in Maths, compared to 84% nationally and 15% level 6 compared to 3% nationally. In Reading, our results were 98% achieving level 4 compared to 87% nationally.

On behalf of the staff and governors, may I wish you all a happy, relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing you all in September.

R. Walsh, Headteacher
## TERM DATES 2013-2014

### Autumn Term
- **Begins**: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013 (Year 1 - 6)  
  (Staggered intake as advised for Nursery and Reception children)
- **Ends**: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2013
- **Half term**: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013

### Spring Term
- **Begins**: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014
- **Ends**: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014
- **Half term**: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014 to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014

### Summer Term
- **Begins**: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014
- **Ends**: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014
- **Half term**: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2014 to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014

### Staff Training Days: 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2014