



NEWSLETTER

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Spring Term - Newsletter 3

Wednesday 7th February 2018

The first part of this term seems to have flown by, and we are nearly at half term already. It has been a term where the children have come back ready to learn and have really worked hard. We have seen lots of progress since last term which the children are looking forward to showing you during open classrooms this week.

We have also worked hard this term to convert one of our mobiles into a state of the art computer suite. It is very close to completion and we look forward to the children being able to use this facility before Easter. I would like to thank Mr Carter, Mr Hewitt, Mr Cunliffe, Mrs Pack, Mrs Cunliffe and Mr Grimble for all the extra hours they have put in to ensure the completion of this project.

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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our theme for Collective Worship for next half term is Hope.

TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR (19th - 22ND March)

The travelling book fair will be attending the school on Monday 19th March until Thursday 22nd March. World Book Day Tokens can be redeemed against the price of a book. The more money we raise, the more resources we receive for the school library to benefit all pupils in the school.

EDWARDS & BLAKE

Please note the following changes to our regular menu.

PANCAKE DESSERT

With pancake day coming up, on Friday 9th February the previously advertised dessert will be replaced with Pancakes and Ice-Cream.

CHINESE MENU

To celebrate Chinese New Year, on Tuesday 20th February we will be serving:-

Chicken Noodle Stir Fry with Special Fried Rice
Vegetable Spring Roll
Vegetable Chow Mein (v)

Golden Syrup Dumplings with
Ice-cream

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

19th February No after school Street Dance
22nd February SSP Swimming competition at the UEA
26th February Y4 Off Road Cycling Group A & B
1st March World Book Day
Y3 & 4 Girls Football Competition
5th March Y6 CSI day at ASHS
Y4 Off Road Cycling Group A & B
7th March Y6 Reading Café at 2.15pm
9th March Mother's Day Assemblies:
9.15am Reception
11.00am Nursery AM
2.30pm Nursery PM
12th March Y4 Off Road Cycling Group C & D
14th March Y5 STEM day at ASHS
15th March Y5 & 6 Hi5 Netball at ASHS
19th March Y4 Off Road Cycling Group C & D
19th-22nd March Travelling book Fayre 3pm - 4pm
28th March Easter Service at St John's Church
Y6 Stepping Up

OPEN CLASSROOMS

Open Classrooms - Thursday 8th February 2018.
Classrooms for Year 1 & 2 will be open between 2.40pm and 3.00pm.
Classrooms for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be open between 2.50pm and 3.10pm.

This will give parents the chance to be shown around classrooms, explain how things work, and an opportunity for you and your child to look through their books together.

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at this event!

CHOIR AT THE CO-OP

On Monday 18th December the KS2 choir entertained shoppers at the Harleston Co-op. The choir sang a variety of Christmas songs to get shoppers in the Christmas spirit. The event proved to be very popular, and the Harleston Primary School choir featured in several local Newspapers.



KS2 PLAY AUDITIONS

It was wonderful to see so many children auditioning for parts in this year's KS2 Summer Performance of "Pirates of the Curry Bean".

Well done to everyone who performed. We received over 160 auditions for the 43 speaking and 43 chorus parts available, so unfortunately not everyone who performed an audition will have a part in the play this year, and priority has been given to children in Years 5 and 6.

Play letters for those with speaking parts will be sent out on Friday 9th February 2018.

WINTER FAYRE

The Friends of the school raised an amazing £1,165.85 at the annual Winter Fayre and all the money raised is going towards staging and other school equipment. They are always looking for new members. Please inform the School Office if you are interested in joining them in whatever capacity your spare time will allow.

SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

The EDP and Norwich Evening News have teamed up with Sports for Schools to kick-start a campaign, which will see schools and communities collect tokens to win a share of a £20,000 sports kit cash pot.



From Monday 5th February until 14th April 2018, special tokens will be printed in every edition of certain newspapers: Eastern Daily Press, Norwich Evening News, Great Yarmouth Mercury, Lowestoft Journal, Beccles and Bungay Journal, North Norfolk News and the Dereham & Fakenham Times. The top three schools with the most tokens - calculated on a pro rata basis based on pupil numbers - will receive prizes of £5,000, £3,000 or £2,000, while schools which collect 1,000 tokens will receive a free sports pack.

We kindly ask for you and your family to start collecting these tokens and bringing them into school. A token box will be left outside the reception area or you can send the tokens in via your child's home-school diary.

COOKERY CLUB

Our brand new after-school cookery club has been a great success so far! The children have enjoyed cooking a variety of different foods from countries around the world; using ingredients that not many of the children had tried before (including olives and raisins!)



Every week, the children have to accurately follow the recipe card and measure out each of the ingredients carefully using the weighing scales.

At the end of each cooking session, the children are able to take home their delicious creations to share with their family and friends, as well as a small laminated recipe card.



We very much look forward to seeing what delights they create next time!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

SICKNESS & DIARRHOEA POLICY

May we remind parents that if a child has vomiting and/or diarrhoea, they must stay away from the school until they are free of symptoms for **48 hours** and feel well. If your child is sick in school, we will ask you or your emergency contact to take your child home.

CAR PARKING

Please do not use the school car park to drop off or collect your child from school. The car park is for school visitors, staff and deliveries **only**. The car park can be very busy with buses, lorries and other vehicles using the car park at various times of the day, making it a dangerous place for your child/children.

PLAY APPARATUS

Please can all parents be aware that the play apparatus located near the upper school playground, and the apparatus near the lower school playground is out of bounds outside school hours. Please ensure your child/children do not climb the apparatus before school and at collection time after school. Thanks you.

sQUID UPDATE

The school uses sQuid as its preferred payment method for trips, uniform, clubs and dinner money. If you have not yet registered for sQuid, please contact the school office who will provide you with registration details.



Dinner money can be purchased in multiple packs. Ideally the pack will cover your child's lunch for the following week(s). Multiple packs are entered onto our system and every time your child has a lunch, the balance is automatically reduced.

Any payments made via sQuid can be tracked by viewing "Transactions". If your child does not have a school meal regularly, we suggest that payments and meals taken at school are marked on a calendar. We have provided a 2017-18 school calendar attached to this Newsletter. The School Office can be contacted for any balance enquiries.

PARENT'S CONSULTATIONS AND ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM

Parents Consultations will take place on Monday 19th February - Wednesday 21st February.

All consultations are to be booked online. In order to book a consultation please visit www.parents-booking.co.uk/harlestonprimary. You only need your title, name, your child's name and your child's date of birth to log in.

If you have more than one child at the school the Automated Wizard will pick the best available times for your meetings with all your children's teachers.

Please contact the school office, if you do not have access to the internet or need assistance to make the online booking.

RESIDENTIAL VISITS

Just a reminder to keep an eye on your payment schedules for the residential visits to ensure you meet the final payment deadlines. We advise you to keep to the suggested payment dates or you are welcome to pay the full cost at any time, but no later than the dates as detailed below.

Y4 Hilltop visit (£127.60)
to be paid in full by Friday 9th March

Y5 Holt Hall visit (£142)
to be paid in full by Friday 23rd February

SCHOOL CLOSURE NOTIFICATIONS

In the event of severe weather, please note that parents/carers will be notified of a school closure via a text.



Please ensure that your contact details are kept up to date, and that any new mobile phone numbers have been updated in order to receive any emergency information or announcements.

Alternatively, please listen out for Radio Norfolk or Heart FM 'on air' announcements of school closures or check the Norfolk County Council website at <http://www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk/>

SWIMMING REMINDER

Next half term, all Year 5 children will be swimming at Archbishop Sancroft High School.

Please make sure your child has their swimwear in school each Tuesday. We ask for a voluntary contribution of £3 towards the cost of the coach for the whole half term. This may be paid for using sQuid (our preferred method of payment).

SCHOOL DISCOS

The "Friend's" School Discos will be taking place on:-

Wednesday 7th February

Years 1 and 2 4.30pm-5.45pm

Years 5 and 6 6.00pm-7.30pm

Thursday 8th February

Nursery and Reception 4.30pm - 5.45pm

Years 3 and 4 6.00pm - 7.30pm

HALF TERM

School breaks up on FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2018 for the half-term holiday.
Children return to school on MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2018.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TOPCROFT CRICKET

Winter coaching undertaken by ECB Qualified Coaches, starting Sunday 4th March for 4 weekly sessions until Sunday 25th March 2018. Framingham Earl Community Sports Centre, Norwich Road, NR14 7QP

All Stars, Under 9, 11 and 13's - 6pm - 7pm £3 per person

Under 15 & Seniors - 7pm - 8.30pm £4 per person

Open to existing and potential new members.

For more information contact David Reeder david.reeder@hotmail.co.uk or 07909 921328

SOUTH NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL KIDS CAMP

Keep the kids active this half term at Long Stratton High School and Wymondham Leisure Centre
Ages 5-15 years. Just £25 per day, £12.50 per half day

Discounted rate available for Leisure Passport holders. Kids Camp is Ofsted registered. Childcare vouchers accepted.

FAMILY FIRST MAGAZINE

Please visit the websites below to download your copy of the Family First magazine.

Family First Magazine link: http://www.familyfirst.co.uk/ff_mag/

Family First Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/familyfirstuk>



BANHAM ZOO

Kids Go Free* - February Half Term Saturday 10th - Sunday 18th February 2018

*One child will receive FREE entry into Banham Zoo when accompanied by one person paying full admission price or a valid Annual/Two Year Pass holder. Visit their website to download your voucher now!



This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils
 Yellow dates - pupil holiday
 Red dates - bank holiday

Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 4 & 5 September, 20 October, 3 January and 29 March. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these.