

'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world'

# Nelson Mandela



### April 2019

Spring is finally here. As part of a broad and balanced curriculum, reception and year 1 children recently enjoyed a visit to the theatre to see 'Going on a Bear Hunt'. There was also a Science Day in school, where children had the opportunity to carry out their own experiments, Mothers' Day tea parties in nursery, a year 1 football tournament at the Norwich City training ground, a year 2 visit to Ivy Court and a multi-skills activity session at Easton College.







#### Term dates:

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Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	SATs information
	meeting for Year 2
	families
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 1 and Reception
May	Multi-Skills Festival
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Road Safety Magic
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Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 2 Multi-Skills
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Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	'Phonics Screening'
May	Meeting for Year 1
may	families
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> &	Reception visits to
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	May field Farm
May	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	'Moving on' Meetings
Мау	for nursery families
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Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for May half
	term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Children return to
June	School

#### Assessments:

After Easter children Year 2 children will be taking part in **Key Stage 1 SATs**. These are very important statutory assessments. We will be inviting families of Y2 children to a SATs information meeting on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 9am and again at 2.30pm.** Please attend, even if you have already had older children who have taken the SATs in the past.

The national **Phonics Screening** takes place in June. Mrs Daley will be inviting Y1/2 families to a meeting on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 9am**, to share information about this important assessment.

#### **Reception in September:**

Families of children who will be school age in September will be notified of their child's school place after Easter. We will be inviting those families to a 'Moving on' meeting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 9am and again at 12.30pm to explain how we will be supporting children to make that next move.

#### Up to Date Contact Information:

Please can families ensure the office has up to date contact details for **two named points of contact** for each child. If your contact details and/or the details of those named as second point of contact **change at any point** during the academic year please can you inform and update the office as soon as possible.

### Goodbye and Hello:

We say goodbye to Miss Pickin Nursery Admin Assistant and Emma Scott Speech & Language Assistant at the end of this term. We know you will want to thank them and wish them well for the future. We are however, pleased to announce that Jess Henery Speech & Language Assistant will be joining us after Easter

### Reading for Pleasure:

This term we have focussed on the enjoyment of reading led by Mrs Daley. We know how important developing a love of reading is from an early age. Year 1 and 2 children have enjoyed reading with children from the junior school and we hope to repeat this experience again next year. We were also delighted that so many children came back to school for a 'bedtime story' and thank you to the families who took part in this.

### 'Get Moving – healthy lifestyles':

Next term Mrs Greenfield and Miss Mack will be leading on ways we can all get fit and keep healthy. As marathon runners, they are very good role models and we know they will have some fun ideas for promoting healthy living, so watch this space!



# Beginning and End of the Day:

We are worried that there are still a number of children who are not keeping close to adults on the way into and out of school. Sometimes there has been as many as 7 minutes between a child coming through the main school gates and the adult arriving in the morning. We have also been aware of parents temporarily losing their child on the way into and out of school. Please ensure you keep your child **with you**, to keep them safe. If you would like to discuss strategies to support your child staying safe whilst out and about, please see Mrs Gray for a chat.

#### Breakfast:

This is served in all main school classes from **8.40 am**. To ensure that the class is ready for the school day at **9am**, children need to be here by **8.50 am at the latest** if they would like to join in.

#### Parents' Evening:

It was lovely to see so many families attend parents' evening recently. It's an opportunity to hear about your child's progress and how you can help them at home with their learning. If you missed an appointment please speak to your child's class teacher about rearranging it.

# Happy holidays to all our children and families. We look forward to seeing you all on

# **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Please do check the App and Facebook for any updates to events to events