

September 2019

We offer a warm welcome to the start of a new school year and a special welcome to children and families who are joining us for the first time. Mrs Mardell always tries to be out on the main doors at the beginning and end of the day to greet children and families. This year Mrs Hunter our new Deputy Head Teacher will also join her to welcome children and families.

Children are starting to settle into the routines of their new class and for families with children in main school, you will be invited to a 'welcome meeting' shortly, to explain how you can support your child to be an excellent learner. If you are invited, please make every effort to attend this meeting, even if you have an older child that has been through the school before, as it will contain some important and new information.

As well as children settling into school life, we also have several staff members who are new to the school.



Mrs Hunter is our new Deputy Head Teacher who is also responsible for Early Years Foundation Stage (reception and nursery) and Special Educational Needs (SENDCo)



Miss Blanch is class teacher in Elm Class



Mr Kiddy Teaching Assistant in Rowan Class



Miss Richards Teaching Assistant in Silver Birch class



Miss Barker Teaching Assistant across Year 1 & 2

Clubs:

Clubs will be starting on the week beginning 30th September. This year clubs will run after school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, straight after school with pick up at 4.15pm. Please ensure you are prompt to collect children at this time. Clubs being offered this term are Dance & Singing/choir, ICT & Kid's Fitness and Art & Multi Sports to year 1 and year 2 children.

Attendance:

We continue to be very proud of our overall attendance record which was 95% last year, despite a big bout of chickenpox! All the research tells us that poor attendance is linked to low academic outcomes, so getting into good habits from an early age is vital. If we are worried about a child's attendance we will talk to you. Please note that in line with other schools in the area, we do not authorise term time holidays.

Adult Conduct:

Our school aims to be a happy, safe and welcoming place and we expect families to support us in this aim. We will always talk to you in a polite and respectful manner and expect the same from you. Norfolk County Council will not tolerate abusive or violent behaviour towards its staff and action will be taken. Thank you for your support in this matter



Safeguarding:

All schools have a legal duty to protect children from harm. If we are worried about a child because of something they have said, something a parent or another adult says, or something we see, we will always talk to you about this. This is so we can work together to ensure that children are safe.

There are however, times when we have a legal duty to inform other agencies about our worries. If we are worried that telling a parent would put a child at greater risk of harm we will ask for advice from Children's Services and police first.

All staff and adults in school have a duty to safeguard children. However, Mrs Mardell has overall responsibility for safeguarding as Designated Safeguarding Lead, supported by Mrs Daley Alternate Safeguarding Lead, Miss Rodrigues Alternate Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Glaister Supporting Professional and Mrs Gray Supporting Professional.



Mrs Daley-
Alternate
Safeguarding Lead



Miss Rodrigues-
Alternate
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Glaister-
Supporting
Professional



Mrs Gray-
Supporting
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Gymnastics:

We are delighted that we can once again give reception, Year 1 & 2 children the opportunity to take part in gymnastics lessons at the Sportspark this year. We welcome parents helping to walk classes to and from the Sportspark, so if you are able to help, please see your child's class teacher. Please note that for safety reasons we can only use adults without buggies and younger siblings. The Sportspark staff are very clear that the children are taking part in a gymnastics lesson and that any adult supporting the classes are helping the children and not there to spectate. If you think you can help, please talk to your class teacher.

Behaviour:

Our 4 simple school rules are Keep Safe, Be Kind, Show Respect and Be Safe. Staff will support children to follow these rules, to ensure that everyone is able to learn and work in a safe and calm environment. Please help your child to follow these rules.....

Term Dates September:

Friday 20th	Yr. 2 Chestnut Gymnastics at UEA
Friday 27th	Yr.2 Chestnut Gymnastics at UEA

Term Dates October:

Friday 4th	Yr. 2 Oak Gymnastics at UEA
Friday 11th	Yr.2 Oak Gymnastics at UEA
Monday 15th	Yr. 2 Yr2 Cross Country @ Earlham Park
Friday 18th	Yr. 2 Oak Gymnastics at UEA
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR OCTOBER HALF TERM MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER- FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER	
Tuesday 29th	School Photos

Term Dates November:

Friday 1st	Yr.1 Rowan Gymnastic at UEA
Friday 1st	School disco
Friday 8th	Yr.1 Rowan Gymnastic at UEA
Friday 15th	Yr.1 Rowan Gymnastic at UEA
Friday 15th	Children in Need Non Uniform Day
Monday 18th	Parent review meetings from 3:30pm
Tuesday 19th	Parent review meetings from 3:30pm
Wednesday 20th	Parent review meetings from 3:30pm
Thursday 21st	Parent review meetings from 3:30pm
Friday 22nd	Yr.1 Elm Gymnastic at UEA
Monday 25th	Yr. 2 Multi-Skills
Wednesday 27th	Last day of clubs
Friday 29th	Flu vaccinations Reception, Yr.1 and Yr.2
Friday 29th	Yr.1 Elm Gymnastic at UEA

Term Dates December:

Thursday 5th	Christmas decoration day
Friday 6th	Christmas Fundraiser
Friday 6th	Yr.1 Elm Gymnastic at UEA
Tuesday 10th	Key Stage 1 Christmas performance- Dress rehearsal (AM)
Wednesday 11th	Key Stage 1 Christmas performance (PM)
Thursday 12th	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 12th	Key Stage 1 Christmas performance (Evening)
Friday 13th	Whole School trip TBC
Tuesday 17th	Christmas party day
Wednesday 18th	Last day of term
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER- FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY 2020	