

February 2020

This time of year can feel bleak, but it hasn't stopped our children taking part in a variety of activities. Nursery and Reception had a go at some Chinese New Year dragon dancing. Some of our Year 1 children confidently took part in the Schools' Sports Partnership Dance Show at the Open and stole the show as the youngest performers there. Year 2 returned to Eaton Vale to participate in more team building activities. They also visited the Apple Store in Norwich to learn how to program robots and Year 1 took part in Multi Skills activities at Easton College.

Yesterday all of the children joined in with Maths Monkeys 6th birthday and took part in lots of mathematical activities.

We are very excited to announce that in the week beginning 23rd March we will be looking after lambs as part of 'Loan a Lamb'. More information about this will be shared with you after half term.

All of these experiences are carefully planned to give children a wide range of opportunities to enhance their learning.



Parent Rep Meetings:

Our half termly meeting took place last month. We discussed a range of subjects including communication, cafes, the new Relationships and Sex Education curriculum that all schools must have in place by September and the Families Partnership Hub. If you have any suggestions that you would like Parent Reps to discuss at our next meeting after half term, please talk to your child's class parent rep.

Staffing:

Miss Bennett in Seedlings will be leaving us on Thursday 27th February. We thank Miss Bennett for all her hard work over the 2 years she has been with us and wish her well in her new job. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Peel will be joining us after half term as a teaching assistant. Mrs Peel will be mainly working with classes in Year 1 & 2.

Class Cafés:

We have been delighted that so many families have been able to join us for their child's class café. We welcome feedback on how we can make them as fun and informative as possible.

After School Clubs:

We are proud to be one of very few schools able to offer a wide range of after school clubs to children in Key Stage 1. These clubs are heavily subsidised by the school, with the aim of giving children extra-curricular opportunities. They are not after school child care. We aim always to be fair, but understand that some clubs can be more popular than others. If you have any queries about this please see Ms Shaw in the office.

After Easter we will be running clubs slightly differently. Further information and sign up forms will be sent out a few weeks before the Easter Holidays.

School Kitchen:

The School Kitchen, run by Norse Commercial Services has recently been awarded a 5 star hygiene rating. The visit was unannounced and the rating is a credit to the hard work of the kitchen team.

Replacement Fencing:

On Monday 10th February work began to replace much of the fencing that surrounds both the Infant and Junior school. The majority of the work required on the infant school side will be completed during the February half term; any work required during term time has been carefully planned with the safety and security of the children in mind.



The School Day:

Please remember that the school day in main school starts promptly at **9am** and arriving on time for both main school and nursery sessions is very important. RWI teaching begins straight after registration at 9am. If your child would like breakfast then they will need to be here by 8.50 am at the latest. Please be prompt when collecting your child at the end of the school day or nursery session at 3.15pm in main school and by 11.40am/3.30pm in nursery. If you are stuck in traffic or unable to collect and need to send someone else please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Term Dates Feb:

Friday 28th Feb	In to The Screen- KS1 Online Safety workshops
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Term Dates March:

Tuesday 17th	Parent Review Meetings- 3:30pm-6:00pm
Wednesday 18th	Parent Review Meetings- 3:30pm-6:00pm
Tuesday 24th	Saplings Café
Monday 30th	Reception Multi Skills Festival
Tuesday 31st	Year 2- Synagogue and Cathedral visits
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR EASTER HOLIDAY THURSDAY 2ND - FRIDAY 17TH APRIL 2020	

Safeguarding:

Norfolk Early Childhood & Family Service is for all families and carers with children aged 0-5 years. They offer a wide range of support. For more information visit their website www.norfolk.gov.uk/earlychildhood . If you are worried a child is at risk please call Children's Services on 0344 800 8020

We hope you enjoy the half term week! School starts again on Monday 24th February.

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