

October 2021

We are fast approaching October half term and it's the first time since March 2020, we have felt relatively normal in school. This has meant that we have been able to invite families into school again for information sharing meetings, 'Welcome Wednesdays' and story cafes (nursery) and both Y1 and Y2 have visited Dippy at the cathedral this month.

Year 1 & 2 visit the cathedral to see Dippy the dinosaur



Year 1 and 2 finally visited Dippy. This was postponed from last autumn. The children were amazed by its size and how tiny its head was, in comparison to its body. There is lots of follow up work planned back at school.

Mulberry

The children in Mulberry class have been learning about traditional tales. The children enjoyed reading and re-telling the story of The 3 Little Pigs using the masks they had made.

Reception



We are very pleased at how well children have settled into their classes. Lunchtimes are becoming more successful as the weeks go by, with more children encouraged to try new foods. Children in reception have been learning how to care for our environment with a litter pick and searching for signs of autumn on a recent walk.

Nursery



We were delighted to finally be able to hold a story cafe this half term. Lots of families took part and told us that it was nice to feel involved again and that they enjoyed spending time with their child in their learning environment.



Keeping children safe

Every class now has a copy of the **NSPCC Pants book**. **PANTS** is a simple way of talking to children about staying safe from sexual abuse. We would actively encourage all families to visit the **NSPCC PANTS website** to learn more about helping children understand that their body belongs to them and who to tell if they feel worried or upset. You may have heard in the news about **Squid Games** on Netflix. Please be aware that this is not suitable for young children and has a 15 rating due to references to suicide, sex and violence. **If you are worried about a child who you believe maybe at serious risk of harm, please call Norfolk County Council 0344 800 8020.**

SEE SOMETHING, HEAR SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

Ooky Spooky Day



On **Friday 5th November**, we are inviting all children to dress up (no masks please) for our annual Ooky Spooky Day. Donations will go to school funds. Straight after school, there will be a **disco for year 1 and 2 children**. The cost will be £2 (includes drink and biscuit) and can be paid at the school office.



Christmas

Each week, starting on **Wednesday 1st December**, there will be some festive events, including a tombola, cake stall, Christmas jumper day and raffle, all to raise money for school funds. More information to follow.

There will also be information about the Christmas performances for parents and our Christmas decoration cafes after half term.



Clubs

Multi-sports clubs will continue after school on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays** in **November** for **Year 1 and 2** children. Families can sign up on the day at the school office. Spaces are limited and prompt collection at 4.20pm is essential

Covid



We have been fairly lucky at school, in that we have only had a few cases amongst children and staff this half term. However, it is important to remember that **covid** is still very much about, as are bad

colds. At times, it has been difficult to know which is which. According to the Zoe Covid Study led by Kings College London, the **top 5 symptoms** for the fully vaccinated and children are **runny nose, headache, sneezing, sore throat, loss of smell**. If you're not sure whether your child has a bad cold or covid, talk to the office staff for further advice.



Parent Feedback

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to be a class rep this year. It is important that we hear your suggestions on how we can make our school the best it can be. We are hoping to have our first meeting next month and we will be in touch soon.

We asked families in reception, to let us know how they felt their child had been supported to settle into class. 50% of families completed the online survey. 85% of these families told us that they felt the gradual build up to full days was beneficial to the children. 85% told us that they felt they were given all the information they needed to help their child settle into reception. Thank you to all families for working with us to help settle the children.



School lunches



We are very lucky to have an awarding winning kitchen on site, to prepare and cook school lunches every day. The kitchen was recently given a food hygiene rating of 5, again. At a national catering awards ceremony last week, Caroline Crane won silver for her tray bake and Donna Amiteye won 'best in class' for her cupcakes. All children in main school are **entitled to a free school lunch** everyday and we are keen to ensure that **all children** take up their entitlement. If you have any worries about the menu, please **speak to Jane in the office**, who will be happy to work with you, to ensure your child eats their lunch.

Half Term holiday

I am sure you will agree, we are all ready for a break. We hope that you have a safe, restful and happy week away from school. **We break up for half term at the end of the day on Friday 22nd October and return to school on Monday 1st November**

