

#### **NEWSLETTER – October 2022**



### Keeping children safe

This month our online safety newsletter looks at various social media apps, including **BeReal** and **Snapchat** and recommendations for parental settings. More information is also available on the **NSPCC** website on '**Keeping Children Safe online**'

The latest copy of our school **Safeguarding Policy** can be found on our school website. Alternatively, you can request a copy from our school website.

If you are worried about a child you believe maybe at serious risk of harm, please call Norfolk Children's Advice & Duty Service (CADS) 0344 800 8020 , or the NSPCC 0808 800 5000 or Childline 0800 1111

### SEE SOMETHING, HEAR SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

### **Holiday Information**

Just a reminder that **St Elizabeth's on Cadge Road**, is open with a drop in food bank this half term and there is free financial advice available at **Oak Grove Community Church** on Catton Grove Road

#### **Oral hygiene**



Thank you for working with us, to promote the importance of oral hygiene. We recently asked families to complete an online survey and we had over 120 responses. We will share the results with you next month. We are very grateful to **John G Plummers dental practice** for enabling all children to have the opportunity to have a dental checkup here in school, last term. We are continuing to work with them this year and plan to run a family workshop in November and more activities with children, to raise awareness of the importance of good oral hygiene. You may be interested to learn, that last week, Mrs Hunter and the president of the British Dental Association were interviewed on BBC Radio Norfolk about the lack of dentists in Norfolk and our work with John G Plummers. Please can we remind all families that we **do not allow sweets on the school site.** 

### Dates for the diary

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October - Half term (school closed) Wednesday 2nd November - Year 1 visit to Strangers Hall Friday 18th November - Children in Need Week beginning 28th November - Christmas decoration cafes (more information to follow) Friday 2nd December - Reception visit to the theatre 7th December Willow - Christmas performance 8th December - Silver Birch Christmas performance 9th December - Hazel Christmas performance 12/13th December - Key Stage 1 Christmas performance

16th December – Disco with Santa (during school time)

### **Nursery**



In Conkers we are really pleased with how well the children have settled and already learning the routines in nursery. The children were very excited to meet Concept Cat for the first time and are enjoying the way we learn new words through 'Word Aware'.

This half term in Saplings and Seedlings we have been pleased to see both children returning and children new to our classes. We have enjoyed lots of exciting activities, including making and baking apple crumbles and planting beans, so that we can learn how they grow. Thank you to all the families that came to our recent Story Cafe and helped their children create 'All About Me' books. Look out for more Story Cafes after half term

#### **Reception**



Reception have been noticing the signs of autumn and talking about them. They recently went on an autumn walk and collected leaves, pine cones, acorns etc. They were inspired by the story **Leaf Man** and used what they had collected, to make pictures. The children have also been harvesting fruits and vegetables from our garden and then washing them, cutting them and eating them.

## <u>Year 1</u>



Year 1 hosted their first family and carers 'cafe' of this academic year. Our cafe was all about numbers to 10 and children used lots of different fruits to engage in different activities. Children were able to: make repeating patterns through paint printing with fruit, weigh and order fruit, complete a colour by numbers puzzle and they retold the story of Handa's Surprise.

# <u>Year 2</u>



Year 2 have been learning about how life has changed over the past 100 years. They travelled into Norwich, to search for evidence of history, in the buildings, windows, bridges and statues they saw. They also used compasses, maps and IPads to support the development of their geographical skills.

# **Mulberry**









After breakfast each morning, children take part in a sensory dance and bucket time. Children have really enjoyed experiencing all of the sensory items within the bucket. We have also been learning about how life has changed over the past 100 years and they have enjoyed planting seeds and bulbs.

Finally, we are saying **goodbye** to Mrs May cover supervisor and Mrs Walker teaching assistant, both of whom, have been at our school for many years and are now moving on to new professions. We would like to thank them for the years they have given to the school and wish them best of luck for the future.

Have a lovely half term break and see you all on Monday 31st October