

Welcome to the last newsletter of this academic year. All of our newsletters can be found on our school website and I hope they give you an insight into all the amazing learning opportunities children have during their time at WEINS. The end of the academic year is always a time for some goodbyes. We will be saying goodbye to our wonderful **Year 2 children** on Friday, as well as goodbye to **Mrs Woodman** in the school office who has been at the school for 6 years and **Miss Gascoyne** who has been with us for just over a year. It is also my time to say goodbye to all of you. I take with me very happy memories of my 12 years at the school and I want to thank children, colleagues, families and governors past and present for making my time at this fabulous school so personally fulfilling and rewarding.

### Nursery



Children in Conkers (2-year-old provision) have been developing their understanding and use of concepts and verbs this year, which is so important for language development. This half term, staff have been supporting children's transition to Seedlings/Saplings classes, with visits to their new classes and sharing photos that families can talk about at home

Seedlings/Saplings (funded 3-year-old provision) have enjoyed learning 'The Three Little Pigs' in T4W. The children have used a range of resources to build houses, including some den building. They have also been experimenting with different ways of making things move by blowing, including a boat race! The children moving up to Reception, have benefitted from visiting their new classes this month. They enjoyed their party this week and are currently preparing for a 'Leavers' Story Cafe this Thursday.

### YR- Visit to Gressenhall & Sports Day



We managed to avoid the rain and hold our reception sports day, earlier this month. The children were enthusiastic about having a go at all the races. It was really lovely to see them not giving up and crossing the finish line. They also enjoyed a recent visit to Gressenhall for a 'Once Upon a Time' story experience, which concluded our learning on traditional tales. The children were so excited to meet Cinderella, Jack (from Jack and the Beanstalk) and the Wicked Witch and they helped the curator find all the lost museum treasures! We were also very proud to be told by the museum staff that our children's behaviour during the visit was excellent.

### Y1's visit to Banham Zoo and being scientists for the day



Year 1 had a very hot, but interesting visit to Banham Zoo recently. They loved seeing animals from the different animal groups they have been learning about in science - mammals, reptiles, amphibians and insects. The children especially enjoyed riding on the train around the zoo! Earlier this half term, children met some real scientists when they came to school. Children learnt how to measure fish and identify how old they were. They also learnt about different marine habitats, how to sort and recycle rubbish to avoid ocean pollution and which sea life lives in which sea, due to temperatures. I think we now have lots of aspiring scientists!

## Year 2 swimming and The Art and Science Summer Project



Year 2 had 5 swimming sessions at the UEA Sports Park this term. These sessions are funded by the Sports Premium Grant that schools receive each year as a government initiative to enhance sports provision in primary schools. The main aim of the swimming sessions is to develop confidence in the water, as well as swimming skills. It has been fabulous to observe how positive children are by the final session. Children commented that at first, 'I was a bit scared' or 'a bit worried' but now I am 'excited' 'happy' and they are proud of their abilities 'I can nearly swim with no noodle' 'I don't hold onto the sides as much'.

Year 2 were fortunate enough to experience a 4-day project this summer term in collaboration with the Sainsbury Centre. This Art and Science project took place over 4 weeks. It began with a visit to the Sainsbury Centre, where children were able to view the artwork on display and make observational drawings, as well as create their own sculptures using natural resources which had been collected during a walk around the lake. Jo Chapman, a local artist attended each session and children worked together as a team to create a final piece of art that connected art and nature. Our vibrant sculptures can be found in our garden area, with the purpose of attracting pollinators and minibeasts, by doubling up as a bug hotel!

## Mulberry and the importance of the outdoors



Children in Mulberry, have enjoyed weekly outdoor learning sessions this year. They planted and harvested their own potatoes and made delicious roast potatoes in a cooking session, to take home. Earlier in the year, they also prepared and cooked fresh peas that they had planted and they sowed wildflower seeds, sent by the King, to attract insects. They are now looking forward to watching birds visit the new feeding station which has just been set up.



## Update from our Family Support Worker including information on summer holiday activities

We have run two very successful **Solihull parenting courses** this year. Parents have commented on how it has helped them manage their children's behaviour more effectively. 'Oh, my goodness, it's the best thing I have done to help me manage the children' "Everybody needs to do this, it has changed my whole family in coping with anger and tantrums." Look out for the next course starting this September.

Other courses for parents this year included 'Cooking on a Budget'. Parents who attended, received a slow cooker and all the ingredients to cook a meal. This course is due to run again in January 2024, so if you are interested please let Clare know.

As always there are lots of free summer activities running in the community over the summer holidays. Please check Class Dojo and our school Facebook page, for more information.

## Attendance

Please make sure you read the attached leaflet on attendance as it has the **NEW REGISTRATION TIMES** from September 23.

## Safeguarding

We know that during the school holidays, children spend more time online. I hope you have been finding the monthly **Online Safety** newsletters helpful for advice and information. They can all be found on our school website Parents/Carers/Online Safety. We have recently uploaded to the website, a revised version of the **Parental Controls** booklet, so do take a look. As always if you are worried about the safety of a child you can call the NSPCC or Norfolk CC 0344 800 8020 and, in an emergency, always call the police on 999



**HEAR SOMETHING, SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING**

## Staff changes from September

**Acting Head Teacher** - Mrs Hunter

**Interim Assistant Head Teacher** - Mrs Marriage

**Interim Early Years Lead** - Mrs Holland

We also welcome the following new staff:-

**Willow Class Teacher (Maternity cover)** - Mrs Ready (Wed/Thurs/Fri)

**Hazel Class Teacher (Maternity cover)** - Miss Fisher

**Finance Officer** - Miss Davidson

**Reception Teaching Assistant** - Mrs Farrelly (AM)

**Cover Supervisor** - Mrs Lord

**Year 1 Teaching assistant** - Miss Fowler

**Conkers Early Years Educator** - Miss Marr

**Saplings Early Years Educator** – Miss Butcher (AM session)



## Dates for calendar

Wednesday 6th September - School reopens 8.35am

*Nursery - Seedlings reopens on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September*

*Nursery - Saplings- Please refer to your individual letters for information. Full time from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September.*

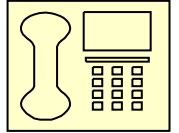
*Nursery - Conkers -To allow time for home visits for new starters, please note that we will welcome back children returning to Conkers on Monday 11th September.*

It's a parent's duty to ensure that their child/children of compulsory school age attend regularly. Regular and punctual attendance at school is a LEGAL requirement.



Breakfast available 8:35am - school registration 8:45am late arrival after registers close is included as unauthorised.

If your child is going to be absent, call the school office ideally between 8-9am.



Being sure that a child is well enough to go to school can be tough for any parent. It often comes down to whether the child can still participate at school. Having a sore throat, cough, or mild congestion doesn't always mean children can't handle class and other activities. If you are unsure please call the school.

The government remains very clear that no child should miss school apart from in exceptional circumstances and schools must continue to take steps to reduce absence to support children's attainment.



We cannot authorise term time holidays and can result in a fixed penalty notice.



We encourage families to book appointments where possible outside school hours.

If a child has repeated absences or long-term absences, we may require medical evidence.



If your child's attendance is causing concern, we may ask you to attend an Attendance Support meeting. Failure to improve attendance may result in a referral for a Fixed Penalty Notice or the Fast Track process being implemented.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance we would ask that you contact the school to discuss any issues that could be preventing your child from attending school regularly. We are eager to support families in ensuring their children attend school, so they receive the most from their learning.

### Contact Information

It is very important that we always hold the correct contact information for you and your child. We also send regular texts to keep you up-to-date with what is going on at school (we only send these to the first preferred contact/parent) so please ensure we have your correct mobile number.

Please therefore let the school office know if any of your details change.