



Newsletter – September 2023

Welcome to the first newsletter of the school year. The children have all settled in so well and made us all so proud. We hope you all had a great Summer. A warm welcome to all of our new families.

Staffing changes in school.

Following Mrs Mardell retiring in July, I, Mrs Hunter, will be acting Head Teacher whilst governors are working hard to appoint the next headteacher. Mrs Marriage who has been with us as SEND teacher is currently acting Deputy Head Teacher and SENDCo. Mr Mayes continues to be Key Stage one lead and Mrs Holland is acting Early Years lead.

We have welcomed many new staff this term who are all fantastic additions to the team. We have:

Mrs Marr - Teaching Assistant in Conkers.

Miss Butcher - Saplings Early Years Educator.

Mrs Ready - Teacher in Willow class as maternity cover.

Mrs Fisher - Teacher in Hazel class as maternity cover.

Mrs Farrelly - Teaching Assistant across all reception classes.

Miss Fowler - Teaching Assistant in Rowan class.

Mrs Lord - Cover Supervisor across the school.

Mrs Davidson - finance officer.

We also have some staff who are moving on. Miss Hazel in Saplings has relocated to another part of the country and we wish her the best of luck with her new job and home. We are lucky to have appointed a fantastic replacement who will start with us in a few weeks.

Also, it is with great sadness to say that Mrs Glaister, our family support worker, has made the decision to retire at the end of this half term. Many of you will know Mrs Glaister as she has supported so many families over her time at WEINS and is a vital member of the team. We will be very sad to see her go but wish her the happiest and healthiest retirement.

Congratulations to Mrs Sampao who gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. He is very very cute and is thriving.



Congratulations to Miss Mayne who is now Mrs Debbage who got married during the summer holidays.

Congratulations to Miss Wickes who is now Mrs Matthews following her wedding in July.

Nursery

Nursery has been welcoming lots of new children and for some it is the first time they have left their parents/carers. They have been exploring our environment, learning new routines and we have begun supporting them to be independent. This term we will be learning nursery rhymes in Talk 4 Writing and we have started with 'The Wheels on the Bus', which the children have enjoyed.



Reception

Reception children have made a good start settling in and are learning all of our routines. We have been exploring our classrooms and our outdoor area and learning how to use all the exciting resources available. This week we started learning our sounds in Read, Write Inc and in Talk 4 Writing we made up a story and learnt it off by heart with actions! You should begin to see our observations of your children on Tapestry so make sure you have the app.



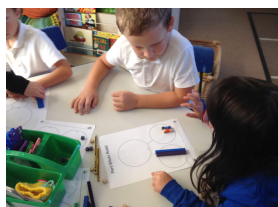
Year 1

Year one children have settled into their new classes so well. They have enjoyed getting to know their new adults, friends and classrooms. We have started to learn a story in our Talk 4 Writing called 'Monkey See, Monkey Do'. The children found Monkeys in the classroom causing all kinds of mischief this week! In Science we have planted our first flowers of the year which we should see come into flower in Autumn - daffodils, crocus, snowdrop and tulips. These flowers match the children's class groups. We are so excited about an amazing year with Elm & Rowan class.



Year 2

The children in year 2 have settled in well since starting back at school. The children have enjoyed spending time exploring their new classrooms and resources, and beginning our new learning in Chestnut and Oak. The children so far have shown amazing determination and hard work whilst learning about numbers to 100, have planted vegetable seeds, have learnt an Autumn poem (Autumn Song) and written fictional letters about an imaginary trip to a farm, as well as much more fantastic learning. We are so excited to have welcomed the children back for another wonderful year, and are looking forward to what adventures the rest of this academic year holds.



Mulberry

Mulberry Class children have settled in well this term. We have all enjoyed getting to know each other. Mulberry Class has incorporated sensory activities to enrich the core curriculum. The children have enjoyed exploring new resources in class to use as part of their daily routine. We have been learning about Road Safety practising to Stop, Look and Listen before we cross a road safely.

Mulberry Class have explored outdoor learning activities to develop numeracy skills together including sorting counting and grouping.



Class Dojo

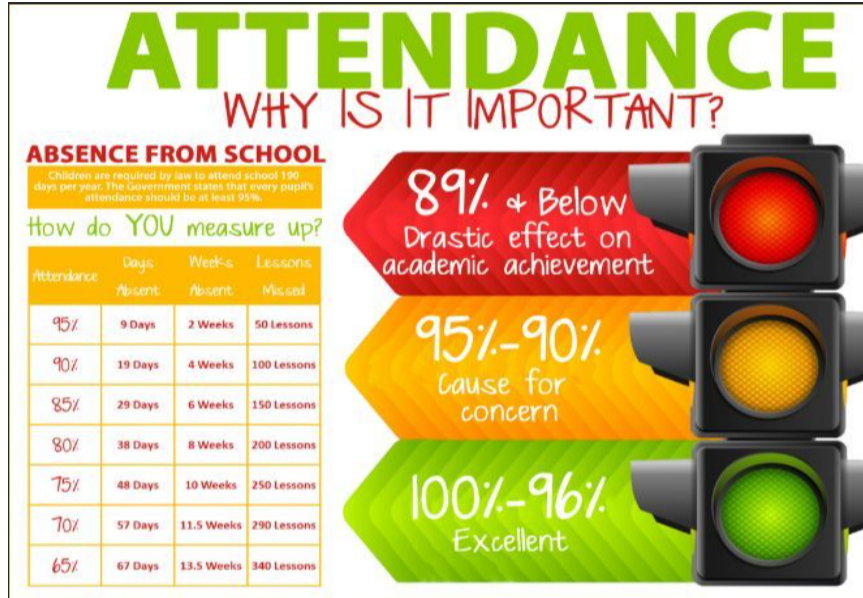


We are going to be using Class Dojo to share lots of information with you this year. You DO NOT have to pay for the app. You should have received an email link from us to enable you to join. If you have not received this, please check your junk/spam and if there isn't one, please let the office know. We hope this will make it easier for you to see information/letters etc and be able to go back to it should you need to. Class teachers will also be sharing learning and class events there.

Attendance

Thank you so much for your efforts in starting school at our new time of 8:35am. Doors close and the register is taken at 8:45am. Learning starts the minute your child comes into school and we are incredibly grateful to all those parents who are on time. It makes such a difference to your child's education. 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.



Safeguarding - HEAR SOMETHING, SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

We know that sometimes it can be a bit worrying to share your concerns about other children in the community but it is so important to share those worries with the right people at the right time to keep the child as safe as possible.

If you ever have worries about a child's safety or the care they are receiving, you can report it using these numbers:

Norfolk Children's services: 0344 800 8020

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

You are able to report anonymously if you wish to.

If you are worried about a child and have already shared your concerns but you remain concerned, call it in again.

If you believe a child is at immediate risk of danger or harm, call 999.

If you would ever like any advice on what to do, you are more than welcome to come and have a chat with a member of the safeguarding team at school - see poster on notice board.

Dates for calendar

We are planning on having a 'Parents Calendar' on our website which will have all the dates you will need for the whole school year. We worked hard during our staff meeting to pull this together

so you can plan accordingly. We will share the link on class dojo as soon as this is live. We hope you find it useful.

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.

