



## Newsletter – March 2024

Welcome to the second newsletter of the year. We are pleased to start to see the back of the long and dark days! Roll on Spring!

### Staffing changes in school.

Following my move to being Head Teacher we have been working hard to recruit a new Deputy Head Teacher. We are very pleased to announce that Miss Finney is our new Deputy Head Teacher - you will have seen her on the gate with me in the mornings. She will be our SENDCo along with Mrs Marriage, who I know many of you are familiar with. We are thrilled to have Miss Finney on board, please do say hi and give her a warm welcome.

We have welcomed Miss Cutter as an additional teaching assistant in Seedlings and Saplings nursery class. She has been a fantastic addition to the team.

We also have some staff who are moving on. Mrs Debbage will be leaving us at the end of the Spring term. We thank her for all of her hard work and wish her the best of luck for her future.

We have successfully recruited Mrs Bircham to replace Mrs Debbage. Mrs Bircham is a very experienced nursery teacher. I am sure you will also give her a warm welcome.

Mrs Matthews has gone on maternity leave. We wish her a happy maternity leave and are looking forward to hearing the exciting news!

Mrs Rodrigues returns after Easter from her maternity leave and she will be working Monday and Tuesdays in Willow class. Mrs Ready will continue to work the rest of the week. Following Mrs Rodrigues' return, Mrs Campbell will be moving on and we wish her the best of luck in her new role.

Mrs Sampao will also be returning from maternity leave in July. We look forward to welcoming her back and we thank Miss Fisher for her time spent with us.

### Nursery

In Conkers and Seedlings classes we welcomed a new intake of children in January and we have been so pleased with how well they have already settled into nursery. We thank their families for working closely with us to support their settling in process and thank you to our returning families for making our new ones feel so welcome.

As always, we have been learning new verbs and concepts supported by Concept Cat. Check out the Conkers class story to learn which we are learning and the signs we are teaching and feel free to have a chat with Miss Metcalf if you would like to find out more about how we teach concepts using Word Aware.

The children in the nursery enjoyed tasting noodles for Chinese New Year and making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Conkers has been baking cakes and the children really looked forward to decorating them with their Mums at our special Mother's Day celebration.

In Saplings and Seedlings we planted sunflowers for our Mother's Day Cafe. We enjoyed seeing our families for our 'Maths Cafe', where we made numbered speckled frog props that the children could use to sing the rhyme at home. The children were excited at the arrival of our caterpillars and we can't wait to observe their development. We also eagerly awaited the arrival of the ewe and her lamb.



## Reception

### Story Cafe

Reception enjoyed having our families in for a maths themed story cafe. We enjoyed the story, "Six Dinner Sid," followed by some maths themed craft activities like making a street with numbers 1-10 (in order), making a Sid the cat with six whiskers, finding different ways to make six spots on a ladybird and practising our number formation.



## Year 1

### Valentines Cafe

This half term we loved inviting families to our Valentines Cafe in classes. This was maths themed and we enjoyed activities such as making love heart number lines, part whole model valentines ladybirds, guessing how many love heart sweets were in the jar and children loved showing their families their maths learning from this term.



## Year 2

### **Funfair Cafe**

Families were invited into school to participate in our maths funfair cafe! We had activities like 'hook-a-duck', guess how many sweets are in the jar, tower building and biscuit decorating. Everybody had so much fun, and thank you to everybody who was able to come along. The year two children have also enjoyed cooking a vegetable curry, and discussing how eating vegetables can help us look after our bodies.



## Mulberry

Mulberry Class have been enjoying using the outdoor area and we are so pleased the daffodils we planted in September are now in flower and they look beautiful.

The children have been learning a poem about pets in literacy, we have had such fun during choosing time with the items on the tuff tray. We have been pretending to feed our class pets as well as grooming them.

We were kindly donated some new toys including a play shop that is reversible and can also be a theatre, this has been a fantastic addition to our class. We have been able to use our communication and interaction skills during play as well as our maths skills. The children have enjoyed using the shop as a bakery.



### Class Dojo



**ClassDojo**

I am so pleased to see that every child in the school has at least one adult signed up to ClassDojo. I hope you find it a useful app which has lots of information in one place.

We are also on Instagram, search [west\\_earlham\\_infant\\_school](#) - we would love it if you could give us a follow and a ❤️ I'm sure the posts will bring a smile to your face! We are

also on facebook too, search West Earlham Infant and Nursery school. The staff team works hard to give you a further glimpse into school life. We hope you like it.

# BREAKFAST IS SERVED

## Breakfast

Breakfast is served in each class between 8:35 - 8:45am. If your child would like to have breakfast (or a top up!) they will need to arrive at school during this time. We are so pleased to be able to offer a selection of bagels or cereal across the week. We are also in talks with Magic breakfast to provide beans and toast soon... watch this space!

## 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.

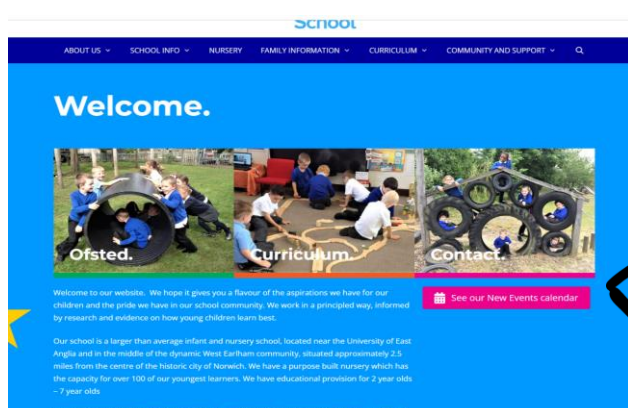
If you are worried about a child and have already shared your concerns but you remain concerned, call it in again.

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 have a parents calendar on our school website. We have put all dates on there for the whole school year. Please give it a look to keep up to date with what is going on in school.





## 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.

## Attendance

A gentle reminder of school times:

- Doors open at 8:35 - 8:45. Breakfast is served from 8:35 - 8:45am.
- Registration is at 8:45
- Children will be marked late if they arrive between 8:45 - 9am.
- Anything after 9am is marked as an unauthorised lateness.
- Your support in getting children here on time really does make a difference to a calm start to the day for the children.
- If you are having difficulties with attendance/getting here on time, please come and speak to us so we can support you.

## Upcoming important dates:

- Red nose day - 15th march - all children welcome to come dressed in red. Suggested £1 donation.
- Parents evening - week beginning 18th March. Please see the sign up sheet outside of classrooms.
- We finish at 3:15pm on Wednesday 27th March and return on Monday 15th April.