



Newsletter – July 2024

Welcome to the third and final newsletter of the school year. I can't quite believe we are at the end of the school year, it has flown by! We won't mention Summer failing to arrive! I would like to take the opportunity to thank all parents, carers, grandparents for their support this year. I have loved my first year as Head Teacher. Here's to many more!

Goodbye to year two! It's always sad when we have to say goodbye to year two. It is an absolute pleasure to be the first part of their education journey. We wish you all a very happy summer holiday and a great time in year 3. Good luck and we will miss you!!

Staffing changes in school.

As always with a school year ending, we have a few changes coming up in September.

Mrs Hewett - Mulberry class teacher will be leaving us at the end of term. We are thankful for all she has done during her time at this school and wish her lots of happiness in the future.

We welcome Miss Osei-Poku who is an Early years Educator and will be working in Conkers and Blossom class. We also welcome Miss Turner who will also be working as an Early Years Educator in nursery.

We also have some exciting changes. At WEINS we are passionate about supporting children with additional needs - we currently have Mulberry class to support children with their learning. In September we will also be opening Blossom Class to support children coming into Reception with complex needs. We are absolutely thrilled that Miss Cutter (who you may know from nursery) has accepted the job of Blossom class teacher.

Mrs Marriage will move into the role of Mulberry class teacher from September supported by Miss Woodcraft (formerly known as Mrs Collis).

You may have also met Mrs Harris, who is our cover supervisor - she pops up all over the school and has been with us since May. Please say hi when you meet her!

Budget

As you may be aware, school budgets are the smallest they have ever been. We have lost a quarter of a million pounds to our budget over the past ten years. Also recently, our budget for supporting all children with special educational needs was slashed overnight, in the middle of the financial year (April to April) when we had all of our plans in place. We have worked really hard to ensure the impact of this is minimal but it has been very hard.

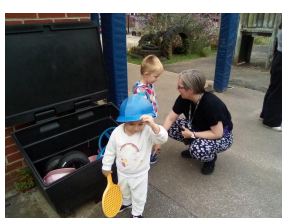
This now means we have no spare money to pay for things we used to pay for. Therefore from September, there will be a £1 charge per child per day for after school club. This will also mean that we cannot afford to pay towards the costs of school trips. Therefore, if the cost of a school trip is not covered by parent/carer contributions, the trip will have to be cancelled. We always try to keep them as cheap as possible and also offer the option of paying in instalments should you need to.

We will also be doing a few more fundraising activities across the year to go towards the 'extras' we like to give the children.

Please know that this is not a position we want to be in but with the rising costs of gas, electricity and all the resources we buy and the fact that we have had no increase in the money we are given by the government, we are struggling to make our budget balance.

Nursery

We have had a really fantastic year in Nursery. We are so pleased with the progress that all children have made across the 3 classes. Seedlings have enjoyed growing things over the year and this week have been able to enjoy tasting what they have grown. Saplings have had a fun time learning maths skills through making cakes to share with each other during snack time along with developing coordination through yoga. Conkers have learned lots of new concepts and verbs over the year, and are now independently using them in their play. We couldn't be prouder of them all and how they have shone during transition. We wish them all the luck next year.



Reception

The children have made so much progress this year and we are really proud of how far they have come. Some highlights from their time in Reception include all our Music and Movement workshops where we have learnt to move in time to music, play instruments and create our own dance sequences, cooking and learning how to safely chop and prepare food, developing gross motor skills through P.E. and a fantastic trip to Gressenhall where we met all the characters from our favourite fairy tales. We are excited to see the children continue their learning journey as they move into Year 1.



Year 1

We are very proud of Year One for their positive attitude to learning this year. It has been a pleasure to see their confidence grow and their learning progress over the school year. The year has been fun filled with lots of trips and visitors. Some highlights include Strangers Hall where we learnt about The Great Fire of London and Cromer beach where we learnt about Henry Blogg and visited his museum! We had an amazing trip to Banham zoo where we learnt lots of interesting facts about animals. Finally we visited Sheringham Park and had so much fun bug hunting, pond dipping and sculpture making. It has been a joy spending the year with the Year One children and we wish them all the best as they move up to Year Two!



Year 2

We are sad to see the children leaving us, but so excited for the children's next chapters at the Junior school or elsewhere. This year has been filled with exciting visits, new learning and lots of fun! Some highlights this year have been: performing the Christmas Nativity, where every child joined in with their lines and sang beautifully; Swimming, where the children challenged themselves and learnt about how to be safe in the water; our trip to the farm, where Oak class featured on the news; getting close to nature at Sheringham park and finally getting to spend time with all of the lovely children in Year Two every day. It has been a pleasure getting to know everybody. Good luck year two!!!



Mulberry

Mulberry Class children have been working really hard with their learning this year. We have enjoyed watching all the children's progress this term as they prepare for transition to the next year group. We have seen the children grow in confidence and we are very proud of them all.

Good Luck from the team in Mulberry to all the children for September 2024.... You are all amazing !!!!!



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.

Please ensure you check this regularly as this is where we put all information you will need. Class dojo does also have a messaging facility. You are able to message class teachers, myself, Miss Finney, Mrs Ashwell, Mrs Gray but messages will only be responded to during 8am - 4pm Monday to Friday but please do not use this for attendance. Attendance must be called into the office.

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 finish serving breakfast promptly so we can get started with the day.

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.

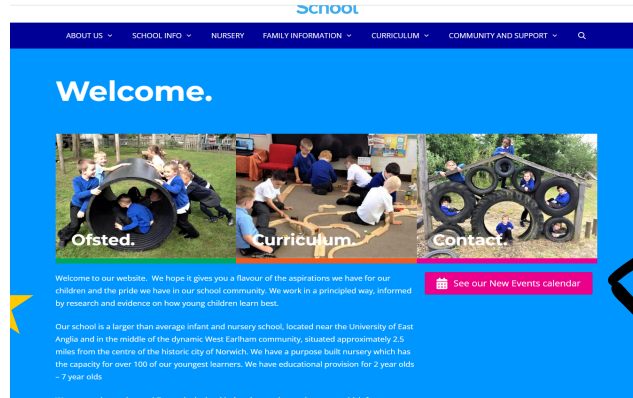
If you are worried about a child and have already shared your concerns but you remain concerned, call it in again.

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 dates:

- Reception, Year one and two return to school on Wednesday 4th September.
- Seedlings return on 9th September 2024
- Saplings & Conkers - please refer to the letter you have been given to see when your child has their settling in sessions.
- Blossom class - please refer to the timetable you have in your pack for their start date.

