



Newsletter

March 2017



Dear families and friends,

We were so proud of Y3 and Y6 who both performed 'as Artists' last week. Please see our website/facebook/twitter for photos and videos. I think you will all agree that all performers were amazing.

We are all very excited to see the Y5 and Y4 performances after the Easter holiday.

Next term we will be working on a whole school topic 'Working as Historians' with Neil Storey. Each year group will take a different focus but will be starting with the same roll of honour from St Barnabas church. We will keep you posted about our discoveries via our class blogs and will be finalising the project in an interactive web page.

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up for Children's University. Please check out their website for fun things to earn time over the Easter holidays. Remember that your passport gives you free admissions to lots of places over Norfolk.

We are very excited to open our new After School club after Easter. Every night there will be two Wensum and two Nelson staff to set up fun activities for the children. Club is open Monday-Friday 3.15-6.00. It is available for both Wensum and Nelson children.

A couple of moans (ignore if these do not apply to you)

Please do not smoke outside our school gate. Please do not use your phone anywhere on the school premises. If your child cycles to school please ensure their bike is safe and they wear a helmet. Please drive and park safely around school so as not to put our children at risk. Please read with your child every single day.

From all of us at Wensum, we wish you a happy Easter break and hope the sun shines! See you on the 18th!

*Thank you,
Victoria McConnell.*

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 18th April—Summer term begins

Friday 28th April—Y5 performance @3.30

3rd—17th April—Easter holidays.

Y4 performance—3rd May.

WB: 8th May—KS2 SATs (Y6)

Parent teacher meetings; WB: 22/5 & 10/7.

Half term—May 29th -June 2nd.

July 21st—Last day of Summer term.

Funding:

You will probably have heard about the changes to funding of schools in England. Information is available online. Here is a brief overview of how this could impact on our schools:

Without increased investment cuts are likely to result in:

- **Cuts to teachers and support staff**
- **Class sizes of up to 40**
- **Parents contributing to core running costs**
- **School days shortened to save money**
- **Cuts to subjects such as music and languages**

Fair Funding For All Schools is an independent, parent-led campaign, working to stop the cuts to school funding through parent and people-power.

We want to **tell Justine Greening**, our Secretary of State for Education:

- **to increase investment in our schools**
- **and ensure NO child loses out as a result of the new funding formula - taking money away from any of our schools is wrong.**

We are demanding our government gives our schools the funding it promised - and recognises that investment in education is an investment both in the future of our children and of our country.

Please sign our petition calling on the government to keep its promise and protect all our children's education.

Find us at www.fairfundingforallschools.org

What to do next:

Check how the cuts will affect your school and region:

www.schoolcuts.org.uk

Set up a campaign group at your local school and organise your own public meeting. Our website has lots of resources:

<http://www.fairfundingforallschools.org/fairfundingforallschools-resource.html>

Use this easy tool to email your MP and tell them your concerns and what you want them to do, or write your own letter (even better).

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