



# Newsletter

## Autumn first half 2019



Dear families and friends,

Welcome to a new school year. I hope you had a relaxing break and made the most of the (mostly) beautiful weather?

Y3 seem to be settling in well and finding their way around. Parents and carers, please feel free to come in to school with your children during this first term to help them settle in the morning. You will need to have left the classrooms by 8.55 as the gates will be closed at this time.

Wake up Shake up will begin next week and will be available every morning on the playground from 8.30-8.45. If parents and siblings also wish to join us—please feel free to do so!

Our free breakfast club is also a big success. Could I please remind families that although this is a free service available for everyone, places do need to be booked so we can ensure we have enough food and staff! Bagels will be available on the playground between 8.30-8.50.

As we have grown so much over the past two years I know that drop off and collection times are hectic, but can I please remind you that the roads surrounding our school are permit free should you need to park. I urge you to not park on the pavement on Waterworks road or over the zig zags outside the school entrance or obstructing our neighbours driveways. We try hard to keep our school safe for our children entering and leaving the site.

I also remind parents that mobile phone use is not allowed on site and neither is smoking. Please smoke away from our school gates so we can play away from smoke!

Lastly, younger children are welcome to play on our equipment at the end of the school day with the understanding that they are supervised by you as we cannot guarantee staffing on the playground at the end of the day.

We have made a few changes to our curriculum this year—each year group will have a whole day of 'homesteading' which will involve gardening, forest school, PE and outdoor learning. On this day, children are encouraged to wear suitable clothing. Monday Y3, Wednesday Y5, Thursday Y4 and Friday Y6.

### Diary Dates:

Last day of half term: Thursday 17th October.

First day of next half term: Monday 28th October

Last day of term: Wednesday 18th December.

Christmas Jumper Day and lunch: 13<sup>th</sup> December

Immunisations Y3/4/5/6 - 10<sup>th</sup> December

Science festival @ Wensum: 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> December

Photos - individual/siblings - 7<sup>th</sup> October

Parent Teacher Meetings: wb: 7<sup>th</sup> October and wb: 2<sup>nd</sup> December

**PLEASE NOTE THAT BOTH SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED FOR TEACHER TRAINING ON FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER**

We follow the Norfolk County Council term dates model to ensure least disruption for families with children at more than one school.

## **Y6:**

It's a busy term for parents if you have a child in Y6 with open evenings for high schools! As a school, we will keep you up to date with information on open days and evenings. Information can also be found on all school websites.

Please be aware of the following dates:

Thursday 31st October is the deadline for high school applications.. Letters will be coming home this week detailing the procedure for applying for secondary school places.

You will be notified of your child's high school place in March.

In May your child will sit their SATs.

During July, High schools will offer transition sessions which will range in time from half a day to three weeks!

## **After school clubs:**

We will continue to offer clubs (with the exception of Mad Science and Sistema) at £10 per term. The places will be on a first come first served basis. If you are given a place, please ensure your child does attend the sessions.

This year, Sistema orchestra will continue on a Friday after school, however, instrumental lessons will take place on a Tuesday after school rather than during the school day.

## **Cycling:**

If your child cycles to school please ensure their bike is road worthy and that they **wear a cycle helmet**.

Bike sheds will be locked at 9am and opened at 3pm. If your child is late in the morning, their bike will not be locked in the bike shed.

## **Moving into the 21st century...**

Our office has become cashless!

Our aim is to become paperless after Christmas so please make sure you keep your email address up to date with the office as well as your phone number!