



Newsletter

Spring first half 2020



Dear families and friends,

With cold weather on the horizon, please check the school website, facebook (Wensum Junior) Twitter (@WensumJunior) and your phone for texts for updates on school closure. It is very important the school always has your up to date mobile number so we can contact you in an emergency.

Comfort in school is important to us. Please make sure your child has appropriate footwear—they need sensible shoes for playtime, wellies for gardening/homesteading, trainers or plimsolls for PE and can have slippers for indoor use should they require. We also request that children have their PE kits in school Monday to Friday so they always have it available for use.

We have had a couple of minor staff changes this term. Paul Wickens is joining Alix in Y6 full time. Mark will continue in Y6 during the mornings he is in (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday). Michelle will be working in Y4 and Elena has moved to work at Nelson infant school.

Rebecca has joined Nelson infant school and Emma Woods has joined Wensum Junior as a behaviour TA. Karen Bloice will be working at Wensum 3 days a week and Nelson 2 days a week to deliver 1:1 lego therapy and pastoral sessions.

Justin, a trainee teacher, has joined Y5 for his placement and Emmi (who has been working in Y5, will be going to Nelson next half term for a placement with infants!) Pete Hubery will be working at Wensum full time and I will continue with a Tuesday and Wednesday at Wensum and Monday, Thursday and Friday at Nelson.

Because of family commitments, Jo Wells has decided to reduce her working commitment down to two days as school SENDCo.

*Thank you,
Victoria McConnell.*

Diary Dates:

Last day of half term: Friday 14th February.
First day of next half term: Monday 24th February

Last day of term: Wednesday 1st April
First day of Summer term: Monday 20th April

Parent-Teacher meetings 3rd & 4th February

Year 4 at Holt Hall 24th-26th February

Year 5 and Maple class Homefront Heroes trip to Gressenhall 27th February

Class Photos and Year 6 Leaver's photos 27th April

Message from Y4:

Our target is to raise money for rescue donkeys. After half term, we will be selling food and crafts at school. The money we raise for donkeys is going to redwings.

If we raise enough money we might adopt a donkey; every little helps!

Elsbeth, Dexter, Digby, Krzys and Charlie

Healthy lunches:

Our school council have been very concerned about lunches and how much sugar we eat.

At breaktime, can we remind you that it is only a healthy snack—fruit or veg—which is allowed.

Water and milk are the only drinks which should be drunk throughout the school day.

Top Tips for lunchboxes:

Use wholemeal or half and half bread for sandwiches.

Bulk lunches up with fruit and veg.

Try cheese or meat as an extra treat rather than crisps?

Limit each lunchbox to only one 'treat' (yoghurt, biscuit, snack bar, chocolate or crisps.)

Replace juice boxes with water bottles.

Sausage rolls and pork pies contain lots of sugar and salt—replace these with a fresh, home made sandwich.

School council are keen to start learning how to create a healthy lunchbox.

Children will start planning this during homesteading. They may come home full of ideas they can create themselves for lunch!

Vacancies:

We are looking for PARENT GOVERNORS—If you are interested in joining our local governing body and helping with our journey of school improvement, please come and give your details to one of us or arrange an informal chat.