



Newsletter

Autumn 2 2018



Dear families and friends,

It has been such an exciting term. 200 young Scientists making amazing discoveries every single day! It was such a privilege to share their investigations last week at our third ever Science fair. The children were all incredible, professional and brave! The comments we received from visitors and experts have been overwhelmingly positive and complementary!

Exciting times ahead as we prepare for our upcoming Working as Historians project. During the Spring term we will be working with local theatre company The Common Lot and using songs from their award winning 2017 production **Come Yew In!** as the starting point for exploring stories of migration, settlement and community across 900 years of Norwich's history. **Come Yew In! A Proud History of Strangers in Norwich** used songs and sketches to tell the amazing stories of the different communities from around the world that have made Norwich their home. The link below will tell you more.

<https://thecommonlot.org/project/come-yew-in-a-proud-history-of-strangers-in-norwich/>

We need your help! While we work *as historians* to find out more about these amazing stories we want to start collecting stories from our own local community that we can use when we work *as artists* in the Summer term to create our very own version of **Come Yew In!** If you or your family have moved to Norwich and are willing to share your story then we'd love to hear from you. Your story may end up on stage! Details about how to get in touch will be released in January.

I have another very active School Council this year to help me run their school. They have written an action plan (see overleaf) based on helping to keep all the children of Wensum HAPPY, HEALTHY and SAFE.

They have also decided to use School Jumper Day this Friday to raise money for Shelter and Support the Norwich big Christmas give. Your child can come in something festive on Friday (14th) with either a £1 donation or food donation for School Council to distribute.

Harry Johnson has been working amazingly well with Armes class this term but goes for half a term to Sheringham Primary before returning back to Armes class in February. As he is teacher training, he needs to gain some experience with infants. Good luck, Mr Johnson! We look forward to you returning in a few weeks!

Diary Dates:

Open classrooms: you are welcome to come and see your child's work and chat with their class teacher 3.15–5

Wednesday 12th December

Christmas Jumper day and Christmas lunch—Friday 14th December.

Christmas service—all parents welcome— Tuesday 18th December @ 10.30am.

School Council Action Plan:

- We are HAPPY
1. Adult led play activities at break and lunch.
 2. Friends to play with at break and lunch.
 3. No more graffiti and wet toilet roll in the toilets.

- We are HEALTHY
1. More fruit for pudding options at lunch.
 2. More participation in wake up shake up.
 3. All children to have a routine bed time.
 4. Children to be at school more and on time.
 5. Every child to bring a water bottle.
 6. Every child to wash their hands regularly to reduce the spread of germs.

- We are SAFE
1. We have safe bikes and helmets.
 2. Parents and residents drive and park carefully around our school.
 3. ~~Y6 sit on chairs in assembly.~~
 4. We cannot get out over the fence.

Re-minders:

Lunch: If your child has a hot lunch, please pay within that week. Our office staff are spending a huge amount of time chasing dinner money rather than doing the jobs they need to be doing!

Contact details: Please keep your contact details, especially mobile phone numbers, up to date in the office. If there is an emergency involving your child, we will need to contact you.

Homework: Homework tasks from the homework menus are optional. However, please do rehearse times tables and spellings with your child at home. We expect children to read EVERY single day!

Cycling: If your child cycles to school, they need a helmet and a road-worthy bike. (See School Council action plan)

Parking: Careless parking outside school is putting our children's safety at risk. Please stop it. We also have numerous complaints from residents who have their drives blocked—please park with consideration. (See School Council action plan)