



Newsletter

Spring second half



Dear families and friends,

What an exciting week we have had with Wensum's first ever research conference on Wednesday then a showcase for families on Thursday afternoon! The children and staff were all equally excited and nervous but had a fantastic two days. Thank you to all the families who came along to support your children and see their fabulous work.

On Monday 1st April we will be launching our new start to the day: 8.30am a morning run for wake up shake up (please ensure children have trainers) followed by 8.45 bagels on the playgrounds. Bagels will be available until 8.55 every day.

Please be mindful of children who walk to and from school on their own and their safety on the roads. We have had a few concerned neighbours who have witnessed children playing on the roads before and after school and being generally unsafe.

We have also had some upset residents complaining of 'car idling' and smoking outside our school. If you do arrive at school early, please be respectful of our neighbours and switch your engine off.

A group of Wensum friends and family are hosting a meeting next Thursday (April 4th) at 2.30 in the hall to discuss the future of our PTA and fundraising ideas. They are keen to welcome others onto the planning committee to get as many ideas as possible. If you feel this is something you would be interested in, please come and join us next Thursday.

And finally, for those super observant of you, I will become a Mrs rather than Ms next month. I am keeping my name, so apart from a changed title and a ring, not much else will change!

I hope you have a wonderful, (hopefully) sunny, Easter break!

*Thank you,
Victoria McConnell.*

Diary Dates:

w/c 1st April Parent /Teacher Meetings

Friday 5th April: Last day of Spring Term.

Tuesday 23rd April: First day of Summer term.

Monday 29th April—Class / Year 6 Leaver Photos

Monday 6 May—School Closed. May Day

w/c Monday 13th May— Y6 SATS

Wednesday 22—Friday 24 May Y6 Residential to Eaton Vale

Monday 27th May—Friday 31 May—School Closed

Monday 3 June—Return to school

Friday 28 June—Sports Day

Friday 5 July—Reserve Sports Day

Saturday 6th July— Lord Mayor's Procession

Wednesday 24th July—Last Day of Summer Term

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

Lunches:

Norse Catering will be increasing the price of school meals for those schools in the NCC Group Catering Contract, due to the ongoing impact of the National Living Wage on the cost of providing school meals and the impact of the rise in the cost of food. This increase will be 10p per meal for children's meals and 15p + VAT for adult meals and will come into effect on 22 April 2019. **This will mean that a school lunch will cost £2.30 after the Easter break.**

On 4th April there is a special Easter menu.

Message from the office:

Please ensure you pay for lunches on the week you take them. Any child with an outstanding debt of over £22 will not be allowed to order lunch. If a debt remains unpaid, we reserve the right to reallocate payments intended for residential trips to pay them off.

You can pay for lunches and most other school bills on-line via our School Money system. Please give it a try. If you don't have login details, please contact reception and we'll send them to you.

Please let us know any changes of phone number or address. It is important that we are able to contact you, for example if your child becomes ill during the day.

We also would like to reduce the amount of paper we send home. We already put newsletters and letters on the school website. The new lunch menu will be on the website soon too. Eventually we want to try sending most letters & newsletters via electronic means, so they'll be put on the website, email them home and perhaps text to say there's a letter available. This is another reason why we need your email address and mobile phone number. Thank you for your co-operation.

On the subject of mobile phones, can we just remind you that mobile phones are not allowed at Wensum Junior School, even if they are switched off during the day.

The Lord Mayor's Procession:

The date this year is Saturday 6th July. Wensum will be asking children to register their interest after Easter. In the meantime, we are looking for some resources!

We need:

Snack, chocolate, sweets or crisp packages.

Non-recyclable shopping bags.

Drinks bottles and caps.

Straws (plastic)

Empty milk bottles.

Please be could you save any of these items and bring them in to the front office!