



THE ACORN NEWSLETTER

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Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much to everyone for welcoming me so well to Worlingham CEVC Primary School. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week at the school. It has been lovely to be greeted each day with such enthusiastic, happy and polite pupils. I have noticed how well-mannered the pupils are and many have introduced themselves to me and said hello. Thank you also to the parents and carers for your warm welcome at the gates. I look forward to getting to know you all as we continue to work in partnership together.

The term has started very smoothly and the children have settled extremely well into their new classes and routines. Hopefully, you read my letter last Friday which outlined some general reminders about communication and procedures to ensure everyone is kept safe. This '**Acorn Newsletter**' is a really important way of keeping in close communication with families so please make sure you look out for it every fortnight on a Friday. It will give information about upcoming events as well as general messages and information about special events.

If you have any questions, please liaise with your child's class teacher in the first instance. This can be done by contacting the school office, by phone, email or in person, to arrange a mutually convenient time to talk to your child's teacher.

Mrs Holly Marchand
Headteacher

Diary Dates

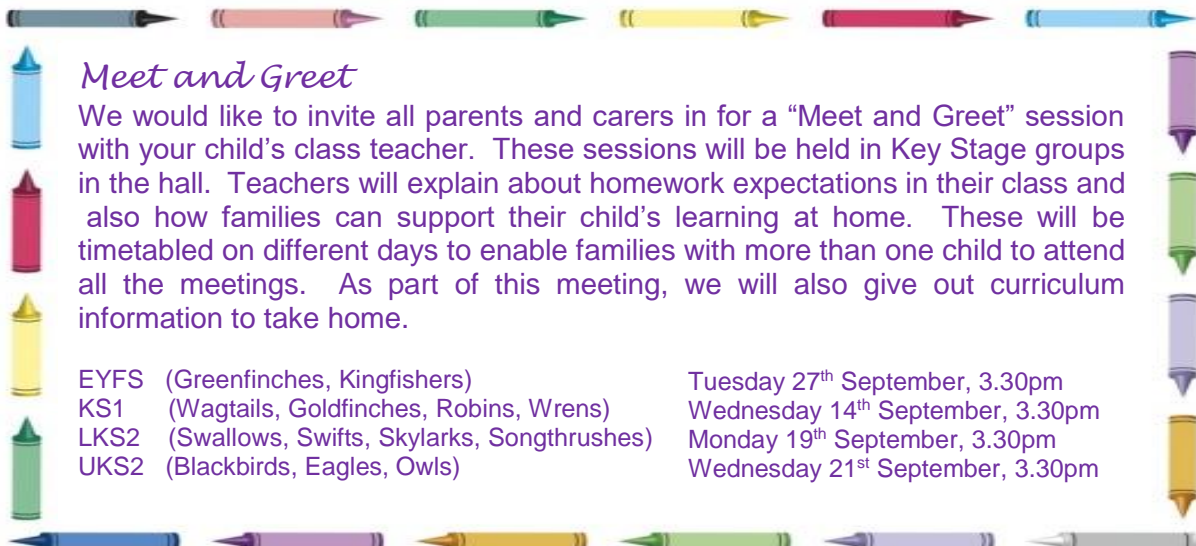
- Wed 14 Sept – Y6 to Kingswood
- Wed 14 Sept – KS1 Meet and Greet
- Mon 19 Sept – LKS2 Meet and Greet
- Wed 21 Sept – UKS2 Meet and Greet
- Tue 27 Sept – EYFS Meet and Greet
- Thu 29 Sept – Harvest Assembly
- Thu 6 Oct – Flu Immunisations
- Tue 11 Oct – Parents Evening (Whole School) 3.30-6.30pm
- Thu 13 Oct – Parents Evening (Whole School) 3.30-6.30pm
- Fri 21 Oct – PD Day
- Mon 24 Oct – Half Term Week
- Fri 4 Nov – Individual School Photos
- Thu 17 Nov – Y6 Crucial Crew
- Fri 18 Nov – Children in Need Day
- Fri 2 Dec – Christmas Foodbank Collection
- Thu 8 Dec – Flu Immunisations Mop-up
- Thu 8 Dec – KS1 Performance 9.30am
- Thu 8 Dec – KS1 Performance 5.30pm
- Fri 9 Dec – Christmas Lunch/ Christmas Jumper Day
- Mon 12 Dec – Y3/4 Performance 2pm
- Mon 12 Dec – Y3/4 Performance 6pm
- Tue 13 Dec – EYFS Performance 10am
- Tue 13 Dec – EYFS Performance 2pm
- Wed 14 Dec – Y5/6 Performance 2pm
- Wed 14 Dec – Y5/6 Performance 6pm
- Thu 15 Dec – Christmas Party Day
- Fri 16 Dec – Last Day of Term
- Tues 3 Jan 23 – PD Day
- Weds 4 Jan 23 – Pupils return to school

Meet and Greet

We would like to invite all parents and carers in for a "Meet and Greet" session with your child's class teacher. These sessions will be held in Key Stage groups in the hall. Teachers will explain about homework expectations in their class and also how families can support their child's learning at home. These will be timetabled on different days to enable families with more than one child to attend all the meetings. As part of this meeting, we will also give out curriculum information to take home.

- EYFS (Greenfinches, Kingfishers)
- KS1 (Wagtails, Goldfinches, Robins, Wrens)
- LKS2 (Swallows, Swifts, Skylarks, Songthrushes)
- UKS2 (Blackbirds, Eagles, Owls)

- Tuesday 27th September, 3.30pm
- Wednesday 14th September, 3.30pm
- Monday 19th September, 3.30pm
- Wednesday 21st September, 3.30pm



Missing Library Books

Please could we ask you to check your shelves at home for school library books which may have been missed at the end of last term. We are still hoping for quite a few to be returned.



Staffing Updates

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Hall (Class Teacher to Goldfinches Y1) and Miss Rush (Class Teacher to Skylarks Y3/4) who have joined the school this year. In addition, we welcome, Miss Coote (Teaching Assistant to Greenfinches EYFS) and Mrs Hook as a mid-day assistant.

Congratulations to Mrs Warnes (formerly Miss Howard) who got married during the holiday.

Please be advised that Mr Winkworth is no longer working at Worlingham CEVC Primary School. We wish him all the best for the future.



Are you entitled?

Over the last two years, the school has provided Free School Meal vouchers during the holidays, as well as free daily meals for pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals. It is really worth checking if you think you could be eligible, as the school also receives money that can be put towards further support for pupils in a number of ways.

Please click on the link below to complete the short online form which will indicate if you are eligible.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

If you are eligible, please screenshot the proof and send it to the school office so that we can order any meals or vouchers that your child may be entitled to.

If you have any questions about applying for Free School Meals, please contact the school office and they will be able to support you with this.

Please could we remind all pupils in KS2 to bring in a healthy snack for morning break-time. The free fruit for children in school is only available in EYFS and KS1. We ask that you send fruit/salad snacks or healthy cereal bars and no chocolate products or crisps.



In addition, as children move into KS2 (Year 3), they are no longer entitled to the Universal Free School Meals that they were able to enjoy in KS1. School meals are charged at £2.35 per day and these should be paid for via Parent Mail.

Free School Uniform

Members of staff and the Friends of School have kindly gathered a collection of good quality uniform that has been generously donated to us. Thank you for any kind contributions that you have made.



This uniform has been checked, washed and is available free to anyone who would find this useful. At times, this may be brought out at events such as the cake sales for families to have a look at. However, if you would like us to check for any item, please either email, phone or drop into the school office and we can check availability of sizes. We would rather that this uniform was reused so please ask if you think we could help. In addition, St Luke's Church also offers a free second-hand uniform collection, covering all local schools, that may be useful.

Price Increase

Edwards and Blake will be increasing their tuck shop prices as from Monday 12th September. Items previously priced at 40p will rise to 50p.

Parking

We have already been contacted by a local resident with concerns over inconsiderate and dangerous parking.

We would appreciate your continued cooperation please.

HRH Queen Elizabeth II



As a school, we were very sad to hear about the passing of HRH Queen Elizabeth II yesterday. During Collective Worship, we took time to reflect on this historical event and think about the Queen's role as Head of State but also as a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. We lit the candle and shared the following prayer:

Dear God

We gather here today to remember Her Majesty the Queen.

We give thanks for her long life, and for all the ways she loved and served those in her care.

We bring you our sadness for what we have lost;

Our gratitude for what we remember and cherish;

And our wondering about what is yet to come.

Thank you for the comfort, peace and hope you bring us.

Amen

Over the coming days and weeks, we will discuss this more in classes and Key Stage groups. When we receive any further information, we will share this with you.

Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns about any pupil at our school, please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads: Mr Brown, Mrs Jennings, Mrs Warnes, Mr Marchand or Mrs Gill.