



THE ACORN NEWSLETTER

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Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a lovely calm and settled start to the new academic year and children have been working with a very positive attitude to their learning and behaviour across the school.

It has been lovely to meet so many families who have attended the 'Meet and Greet' sessions held by KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 staff over the last week. We hope that you have found these sessions helpful and we look forward to welcoming our Reception parents to their session on Tuesday 27th September at 3.30pm.

Our Year 6 pupils have had a particularly exciting start to their final year of primary school, with a residential trip to Kingswood for two nights. The staff commented on how well all pupils conducted themselves during the residential. The pupils also worked together as a team and were very polite to all the adults involved. I am sure that the children will have created some amazing memories that will stay with them for a very long time. We hope that you enjoy looking at the photos in the newsletter. Well done to all our Year 6 pupils and special thanks to all the staff that accompanied the trip and to those who covered at school.

This week, we have been lucky to have the 'Open the Book' team into Collective Worship to share the story of 'The Passover Meal'. Next week, we look forward to celebrating our Harvest Festival and collecting donations for the Waveney Food Bank and St Luke's Church. Please send any donations into school with your child on Thursday 29th September, as outlined in the Harvest Festival letter which was sent out earlier this week. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Please come and introduce yourselves to me if you see me outside before and after school. I can't promise to remember all names straight away but I am enjoying getting to know our school community further.

Kind regards
Holly Marchand
Headteacher

Harvest Festival

A reminder that we are asking for any unopened and in date products from the following list of long-life products to donate to the Waveney Foodbank.

Tinned tomatoes
Tinned vegetables
Coffee / Sugar
Tinned fruit / Rice pudding
Baked beans / Pasta sauce
Instant noodles
Microwave rice
Long-life microwave puddings / Long-life milk

Bars of soap / Toothpaste
Shampoo / Conditioner
Shower Gel

All donations will be gratefully received on 29th September towards our Harvest Festival collection. Thank you for your support.

DoJo

You will have seen the letter about Class DoJo that was sent out earlier in the week which sets out how this APP will be used by the school for pupils in Years 1-6. We hope you find this a useful way of keeping in touch with your child's learning in school along with the half termly topic overviews that have been sent home.



High School Application Deadline

Please note that the deadline for Year 6 applications for a high school place for September 2023 is 31st October 2022. For parents and carers with pupils in Year 6, you may wish to attend some of the open evening events that are being held this half term by the local high schools.

Pupil Absence

Please could we remind you that, if your child is off with sickness and/or diarrhoea, they should stay at home for 48 hours following their final episode of illness.



Parking

This term, we have had a few enquiries and comments from both local residents and families of the school regarding the parking situation. We are aware that parking for any school is often problematic and as a large school this is even more the case for us. The school has recently spent money on extending the car park area, which families may park in, but there are currently no plans (or available finances) to extend this further. Please can we remind you to be considerate to our local residents when parking on the local roads and ensure that you do not block driveways or entrances and exits to school. If you enter the school car park, please do so carefully and slowly to prevent any accidents with pedestrians or other vehicles. Also, please ensure you only park in designated areas.

We would like to remind you that we have two gate entrances for entering the school grounds on foot. The back gate is opened at the same time as the front gate and this entrance can be accessed from the pathway just past the school as you walk down Garden Lane. This could mean that there may be other places to park which are more convenient for this entrance and thus alleviate some of the parking and queuing directly outside the school. This situation will be kept under review and thank you to all the families who support these procedures to help keep everyone safe.

Diary Dates

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
Tue 3 Jan 23 – PD Day
Wed 4 Jan 23 – Pupils Return to School

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.

Kingswood 2022

Last week, an excited group of Year 6 children left Worlingham to arrive at Overstrand for their residential visit. The days were packed with exciting activities and even a wet and windy Friday morning didn't dampen our spirits! All of the children worked well together and supported each other with the challenges and tasks which they completed. The activities included climbing, archery, a blindfolded obstacle course, bouldering and the use of problem solving skills.



"Jacob's Ladder was fun because we needed to use teamwork to climb."



"Nightlines were challenging because of the obstacles."



"The Leap of Faith was challenging but fun at the top!"

"Rock climbing was fun because we could drop from the top."

"If I could go again, I would!"



Thanks must go not only to the children for their enthusiasm, but also to the staff who supported them over those few days. We now look forward to our trip next year!