



THE ACORN NEWSLETTER

Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

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Dear Parents and Carers

The children have settled back quickly into school routines and they have enjoyed seeing their friends. This week, some of our pupils have proudly represented our school at local sports events. Yesterday, a small group of children took part in a Boccia event in Lowestoft. Please also see below for further details of the Year 6 tournament at Sir John Leman High School.

Update on our School Vision and Values

Following the previous updates on our Acorn newsletters last term, we have now made the decision to adopt the bible verse 'rooted and grounded in love' (Ephesians 3:17) as this was the preferred option from staff, governors, pupils and families who gave feedback. On Tuesday 3rd January, staff and governors met again to start to narrow down our school core values to: **kindness, respect, belonging, perseverance, curiosity, creativity, confidence and courage**. This week, the school council have met to discuss these in more detail. If parents and carers have any thoughts about the shortlisted values, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely
Holly Marchand, Headteacher

Parking Safety Update

Yesterday, we held our first working party meeting to try and improve safety at drop off and collection times. Following our letter dated 10th November, we received a number of volunteers from parents and governors to join this working party. We were really pleased by the response from the school/local community, as we had 18 representatives who attended the meeting. This included several parents, governors, parish councillors, county councillors, police, highway staff and premises and grounds management from the local authority.

At the meeting, all the concerns that have been raised with the school were discussed and we then moved on to talk about different ideas and possible solutions to improve the safety for pupils and adults. After lengthy discussions, and various proposals, it became clear that there will be no easy solution to the concerns that have been raised without spending an unrealistic amount of money and totally redesigning the front of the school. We will write to you shortly to outline further details and proposals. Thank you to the parents who volunteered for this group and to those who have contributed by raising their concerns. We want to reassure you that we are taking these concerns very seriously.

Diary Dates

- Wednesday 18th January – Friends of School Meeting – 7.30pm
- Friday 27th January 2023 – Friends of School Meeting – 1.30pm / Cake Sale 3.15pm
- Monday 13th February 2023 – Half Term Week
- Tuesday 21st March – Parents Evening – times to follow
- Thursday 23rd March – Parents Evening – times to follow
- Friday 24th February 2023 – Friends of School Meeting – 1.30pm / Cake Sale 3.15pm
- Friday 24th March 2023 – Friends of School Meeting – 1.30pm / Cake Sale 3.15pm
- Friday 31st March 2023 – Last Day of Spring Term
- Monday 17th April 2023 – First Day of Summer Term
- Monday 8th May – Extra Bank Holiday due to the King's Coronation
- Friday 26th May 2023 – School Closed to Pupils
- Monday 29th May 2023 – Half Term Week
- Thursday 20th July 2023 – Last Day of Summer Term

Parent/Carer Lunches

We would like to invite all children to have a special adult (parent, grandparent, other special adult) to join them for lunch. We will send each class a letter nearer the time for you to inform us who the special adult will be, and to book and pay for your chosen lunch. To make this safe and manageable, due to the number of children in the school, we have allocated each class a different date and time to arrive. These can be seen below.

Blackbirds – 25th January 12.20pm

Eagles – 1st February 12.20pm

Owls – 8th February 12.20pm

Swallows – 22nd February 12.20pm

Swifts – 1st March 12. 20pm

Songthrushes – 8th March 12.20pm

Skylarks – 15th March 12.20pm

Wrens – 22nd March 11.45am

Robins – 29th March 11.45am

Wagtails – 19th April 11.45am

Goldfinches – 26th April 11.45am

Kingfishers – 3rd May 11.45am

Greenfinches – 10th May 11.45am

When you have finished eating, your child will then go outside with their friends for the rest of the lunchtime. We envisage that most adults will be in school for around 30 minutes to help you plan for this event.

School Uniform

We have accumulated a bank of lost property and good quality second hand uniform. If you would like to look for or replace any missing items, please contact the school office.

We will arrange for the uniform to be on display in the school hall one afternoon – date to be confirmed as soon as possible.



Year 6 Athletics

On Tuesday 10th January, 24 Year 6 pupils represented Worlingham CEVC Primary in the athletics tournament held at Sir John Leman High School. The children all had fun competing in three events against the other schools. There was a range of both track and field events and the collective scores of each school were calculated, which resulted in Worlingham achieving 2nd place. Well done to all of those children involved and thank you to both Mrs Day and Mrs Vaughan for supporting and encouraging the children throughout the afternoon. Mr Idle.



Friends of School

The Friends of School would like to invite you to an informal evening to find out what we do and how you could possibly help. This will take place on Wednesday 18th January at 7.30pm in the school hall. We have chosen an evening as we thought this might be more accessible than our current daytime meetings.

As parents/carers you may not be aware that the leavers' disco, summer fete, Christmas presents (buying, wrapping and distributing), Easter eggs, sports day ice lollies plus various fundraisers throughout the year such as raffles, Christmas card project, family nights are solely organised by FOS (a charity that's run by a group of volunteer parents/carers in their spare time). We work very closely with the school and have a huge amount of support from the staff, but none of these are organised or run by the school itself, and if the FOS doesn't exist it's likely none of these events will happen for our children, and in turn all the thousands of pounds raised from these events for our school will stop.

We are looking for more volunteers to join our fabulous team, that could help plan events and keep the FOS running. Over the last few years it has been difficult to recruit new members due to Covid and a lot of our members have left as their children have moved up to high school. So, we're left with only a small number of parents with the capacity to run the FOS and plan events in order for them to happen. We would love help if anyone is willing, as many hands make light work! We are a registered charity and don't want these fun events for our children to suddenly stop, and the extra funds for our school to end. In order to keep the FOS going in the future, we need to continue to recruit new volunteers to take on various roles in the future.

We hope to see lots of you on the 18th!

The Friends of School