



# Information for Parents/Carers.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. I hope you all had a good break over Easter. We have lots of exciting things coming up this term including all children going out on school visits. Could I remind you that Year 2 children will be involved in SATS activities throughout May and Year 1 and some Year 2 children will be involved in phonics screening tests that take place during week beginning June 15<sup>th</sup>. Please could I request that the children in these groups are in school every day and any necessary medical appointments are made for the afternoons. Thanks you.

### **Class Organisation**

Every year the school has to consider how the classes are going to be organised for the following academic year and this is driven by the information we receive from Norfolk County Council about how many children we have coming into Reception. The numbers indicate that for the academic year 2015/16 we will again have mixed classes. Both myself and other members of staff have discussed in detail how the classes will be mixed and have decided that there will be a Reception class, a Reception/Year 1 class and two Year 1/Year 2 classes. Children in Reception will be organised into the classes by their date of birth. The Year 1 children will be split across the three classes taking into account gender, date of birth, ability and friendships. The Year 2 children will be split across both classes in the same way. Staff will be spending a considerable amount of time later this term considering the best makeup of the classes and deciding on which children should be in which class. We do consider friendships and don't go out of our way to separate friends, but this consideration is secondary to learning and ensuring we have classes who will learn well together. If you have any questions or comments to make about this please speak to me.

### **New Classes**

Children will be spending time in their new classes on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July. You will receive a letter informing you of who your child's new teacher will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Reception Intake**

If you have a child due to start Reception in September 2015 you will shortly be receiving a letter inviting you to a meeting for new parents on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. You will be able to choose whether you come at 9am or 2.15pm. At this meeting you will find out who your child's new teacher is and will have the opportunity to meet with them briefly over a cup of coffee. Your children are also invited into school for a short while on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July so they can spend some time with their new teacher.

### **Coffee Morning**

This half term our Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 9-9.30am. Ms Jordan would welcome your ideas/feedback on the amount and types of homework we send home. She will also be available to talk through how we teach phonics so if you still have any questions about this please do come along.

### **Reports**

You will receive your child's school report on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

### Opening Evening

Our annual Open Evening will be on Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-6.30pm. This will be a good opportunity to see the work your child has been doing this year, meet your child's current and new class teacher as well as gather information from the stalls set up in the hall from local services. There will also be a number of activities on offer during the evening for the children to join in with. You will not be able to discuss your child's report with their class teacher at this event.

### School lunches

You may have noticed that the school lunch menu for the week is now displayed outside every classroom. There continues to be wide variety of choice and the vegetarian option is now a second choice rather than just a vegetarian version of the menu of the day. Children can choose from:

Menu of the Day

Vegetarian Menu of the Day

School Packed Lunch

Jacket Potato with cheese, tuna or ham.

Each main course comes with homemade bread, milk or water to drink and pudding of the day or fruit.

### Parking

Just another reminder to park considerately when dropping off and picking up your child. Please do not park in the small car park opposite the school. This is a private car park for residents only and we have recently received a number of complaints. Parking around both our school and the Junior School is a focus of the local PSCO and Jan Moore will have a heightened presence over the coming weeks to address parking issues. The school car park should also not be used by parents or volunteers. I thank you for your help to keep our children safe.

### Safety reminders

Please could I remind you that the children should not be playing on the climbing frames or trim trail equipment either before or after school as there are no members of staff on duty to supervise them. I have also spoken to the children about not playing football on the field before and after school and ask you to remind your children about this. There have also been a few near misses because children have been riding their bikes and scooters around the school. It is great that so many children are bringing them to school but please could I ask that they are not ridden around the school playground. This includes younger siblings.

### Class Assemblies

**Horse Chestnut Class** – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 9.10

**Oak Class** – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 9.10

**Maple Class** – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 9.10

**Beech Class** – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 9.10

**Leavers Assembly** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2pm

### Cafés

Next term Cafés are being held as follows:

**Reading Café for Reception**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2pm – 2.55pm

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 9.05am-10am

**Maths Café for Year 1**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 1.45pm – 2.55pm

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 9.05am-10.15am

**Writing Café for Year 2**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 1.45pm – 2.55pm

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 9.05am-10.15am

### School Trips

Year 2 visit to Whitlingham is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a short meeting for parents about this trip on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 9am in the hall.

Reception visit to Sheringham Park is on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

Year 1 visit to Sheringham Park is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Please look outside classrooms for notices that will go up soon requesting parental help on these trips. Please note that you will be required to complete a DBS check. If you do not yet have one and would like one please speak to Mrs Halton in the school office to arrange a time to complete the paperwork.

### Change of circumstances

It is vital that we have up to date contact information in case your child falls ill or there is an emergency. If you have moved, have a new telephone number or your family circumstances have changed please inform the office as soon as possible. If we need to contact you because your child is unwell during the day it is important that we can contact you quickly. If you have informed us that there has been a family separation then in addition to supporting your child with this difficult time we can also ensure that both parents still receive information about school events, parent consultations and school reports.

