



# Information for Parents/Carers.

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### **Year 2 SATS and Year 1 Phonics check**

Please note 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. Thank you.

### **School Lunch Taste testing**

If you have not yet returned your form about our NORSE taste testing event on the 12<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm please return them by tomorrow so that we can inform NORSE about the number of children attending.

### **Dog visiting school**

As part of our work on keeping safe this half term we are going to be talking about being safe around dogs. A visit from a dog and its owner has been arranged for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May. The dog will be spending a short amount of time in each class and its owner will be talking to the children about how she looks after her. If your child has a known allergy to dogs please let their class teacher know.

### **Energy rescuers**

The school will be having a visit from the 'Energy rescuers' on the 5<sup>th</sup> June. They will be spending time in each class talking about how to save energy.

### **New Classes**

Just a reminder that children currently in Reception and Year 1 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. Children in Year 2 will be going to the Junior school for the morning on Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup>

### **Author visit**

As part of the children's work on Castles, we are excited that the children's author Susannah Leigh will be visiting us to talk about her book 'Puzzle Castles.'

### **Education In Action Photographs**

Don't forget to return your child's permission letter for the Education In Action photographers who will be in school on the 12<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Holiday requests**

I have recently received lots of holiday requests. Please be reminded that holidays can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and any absence of 10 consecutive sessions (5 days) or more may result in a fine being issued. Any request must be made in writing to the Headteacher before the holiday is taken.

### **Reports**

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

### **Class photographs**

Van Cols will be in school during the afternoon of the 23<sup>rd</sup> June to take class photographs.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Term Dates

The school closes for half term on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and reopens on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. The school closes for the Summer holidays on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July and reopens on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

### Class Assemblies

**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**

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

We look forward to welcoming you.

### 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.

### 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.