

# School Newsletter

9 September 2022



Dear Parents & Carers

We are deeply saddened by the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth. The Queen's strength, resilience and service to our country has inspired generations of children throughout Norfolk and across the world. Our sincere condolences and thoughts are with the royal family at this sad time.

As our school community, and the rest of the nation and Commonwealth, comes to terms with the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, we would like to remind you that we will remain open throughout the period of public mourning.

The Queen's funeral will be a public holiday and therefore schools will close on that day. We will keep you informed of these arrangements once we know more details.

Over the coming days we will be paying tribute to Her Majesty The Queen in our school. We know that some children will be affected by the death of Her Majesty and whilst we will keep the school routine as normal as possible over the coming days, we will allow children opportunities to talk if they need to.

If you need any further advice on how to support your child, you may wish to access one of the bereavement charities such as [Winston's Wish - giving hope to grieving children \(winstonswish.org\)](http://winstonswish.org), or [Child Bereavement UK](http://ChildBereavementUK.org). If your child needs extra support, please let us know.

Kindest regards

*Mrs Robinson, Mrs Keer and Mrs Seagrave*

## Dates for Your Diary

<b>Tues 27 September</b>	School photos (no PE on this day – all children in school uniform please)
<b>Tues 4 Oct &amp; Wed 5 Oct</b>	Open Studios art exhibition (open 10am-12pm and 2pm-2pm)
<b>Fri 21 Oct</b>	Last day of term
<b>31 Oct</b>	First day of term

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### Breakfast Club and After School Club

Our Breakfast Club runs from 7:45am and we offer breakfast and childcare before the school day begins. Drop off is at the Lower Quad doors. Parents can drive onto the playground before 8:15am to drop off their children. Spaces can be booked via Scopay.

After School Club runs every day until 5pm. Children are offered a drink and a snack and a variety of different activities to take part in. This is also booked via Scopay.

### Contact email addresses

As we have done in previous years, we are providing a list of contact emails for your child's class teacher. If you should have a concern which you would like to raise with the school, we ask that you contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. To ensure the well-being of our staff, we ask that they respond to any emails within 48 hours of them being sent. The exception to this is over the weekend or holidays, when it may be longer or if the staff member is off sick. We hope that you will understand the importance for our staff in maintaining a work-life balance and that includes correspondence via email.

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Mrs Harris	SENCO	<a href="mailto:jharris7qrq@nsix.org.uk">jharris7qrq@nsix.org.uk</a>
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Miss Bussey	3B (Head of Year 3)	<a href="mailto:dbussey9xrg@nsix.org.uk">dbussey9xrg@nsix.org.uk</a>
Miss Mundford	3M	<a href="mailto:ymundford4srn@nsix.org.uk">ymundford4srn@nsix.org.uk</a>
Mr Wilkinson	3W	<a href="mailto:jwilkinson76rb@nsix.org.uk">jwilkinson76rb@nsix.org.uk</a>
Mrs McCash	4Mc (Head of Year 4)	<a href="mailto:jmccash8nrl@nsix.org.uk">jmccash8nrl@nsix.org.uk</a>
Mrs Latimer	4L	<a href="mailto:llatimer5nru@nsix.org.uk">llatimer5nru@nsix.org.uk</a>
Miss Ribbands	4R	<a href="mailto:cribbands2vrh@nsix.org.uk">cribbands2vrh@nsix.org.uk</a>
Mr Mather	5M (Head of Year 5)	<a href="mailto:jmather9cry@nsix.org.uk">jmather9cry@nsix.org.uk</a>
Mr Adams	5A	<a href="mailto:jadams94ru@nsix.org.uk">jadams94ru@nsix.org.uk</a>
Mr Townsend	5T	<a href="mailto:mtownsend3dre@nsix.org.uk">mtownsend3dre@nsix.org.uk</a>
Mr Coe	6C (Head of Year 6)	<a href="mailto:jcoe8nr8@nsix.org.uk">jcoe8nr8@nsix.org.uk</a>
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### Uniform

A reminder that school trousers, skirts and shorts should be black.

**Please ensure that all uniform (including PE kit) is named clearly, especially items which are often removed e.g. ties and jumpers. Remember that we have over 350 children in school this year with the same uniform.**

A reminder that PE kits should be worn on PE and Games lesson days. PE kit should consist of black shorts, white t-shirt, trainers and a tracksuit (plain black, dark green or grey).

### PE / Games lessons

<b>Monday</b>	4L Mrs Latimer	6C Mr Coe		
<b>Tuesday</b>	3B Miss Bussey	4R Miss Ribbands	5T Mr Townsend	
<b>Wednesday</b>	3M Miss Mundford	5A Mr Adams	6O Mr O'Malley	
<b>Thursday</b>	ALL YEAR GROUPS - GAMES			
<b>Friday</b>	3W Mr Wilkinson	4M Mrs McCash	5M Mr Mather	6P Mrs Parker

### Parent Emails and School App

We regularly use emails to communicate with parents about events etc. If you have not received any emails from us over the last week, please check your spam / junk folder. If you still do not have any emails from us, please contact the School Office so that we can check we have the correct contact email for you.

Please ensure that you have downloaded our school app. We use the app to send messages to parents regularly so make sure you keep updated with messages. [Click here](#) to find out how to download it.

### Facebook page

Thank you to everyone who follows us on Facebook. Make sure you like and follow us to keep up to date with what we do at Firside.



### Norfolk Open Studios Art Exhibition 4 – 5 October 2022



We are pleased to say that we are participating in this event again this year. The school hall will be open to parents and other members of the public to view the artwork between 10am and 12pm and then again between 2pm and 3pm on each of the open studio days. Access will be via the school office at the front of school. All the work has been around the theme of 'What A Wonderful World. We hope lots of you will be able to come and view the work over the two days. There is more information about our entry to the Norfolk Open Studios [here](#).

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### Nut-free and fish-free lunches

A reminder to all families that we aim to be a nut free school. This is due to severe allergies of some children in our school. Please help us to keep them safe by refraining from including nut products in your child's lunchbox. This includes whole nuts, nuts in cereal bars, peanut butter and Nutella. We have noticed a few chocolate bars coming in to school which contain nuts (for example, Kinder Bueno bars). Please ensure that these are not in lunchboxes.



There should also be **no fish** in packed lunches, this is due to severe allergies of children in our school. This includes, but is not limited to: tuna, salmon, fish paste, fish pate, fish sticks and prawns. We do not serve fish as a hot dinner or jacket potato filling option.



We ask that all parents follow this guidance, as food allergies can be very serious.

### Year 3/4 Entry and Exit

Please can we ask that parents stay behind the coned area at the end of the day when collecting children. It is much easier for the children to be able to spot their adult if they are not overwhelmed with people coming forwards. The children will wait with their teacher until they are able to see their adult.

As the children are now settling so well, we would also ask parents not to line up with their children in the mornings. When adults are in the line, it makes it difficult for children at the back of the line to see when their class is going into school.

Thank you for your support with this.

### Playground

Please remember that we ask that nobody play on the trim trail in the morning before school. We also ask that there is no riding of bikes or scooters on the school site. This is to ensure the safety of everyone.

### Class Charts

Children who have joined us this year should now have received log in details for Class Charts. We use Class Charts as a way to communicate behaviour to parents regularly. Positive points are awarded for excellent work, going the extra mile with kindness, positive behaviour, making extra effort and much more. Positive points are celebrated in classrooms and points earned contribute to the whole school Team Cup. Children can also earn points for rewards such as Star of the Week and Headteacher Awards. We want to reassure you that negative points are given in line with our behaviour policy. Only positive behaviours are displayed to the children in class. The app enables you to see your child's rewards in real time. As time goes on, the app will show you an overall picture of your child's behaviour and rewards. Used well, it is an amazing system and will enable you to praise and reward your child for their success in school. If you have not received your log in details for your child's account, please contact the School Office who can help with this.

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