

School Newsletter

7 October 2022



Dear Parents & Carers

Another fortnight has gone by so quickly and now we are only two weeks away from the half term break. The children are continuing to work incredibly hard in class so will deserve the half term break when it arrives.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Norfolk Open Studios event this week to see the artwork that the children created in the summer term last year (or this term for our current Year 3). It was wonderful to welcome parents into school and we look forward to having further events to be able to welcome you back in again.

You will see on the diary dates that we have included some dates for the run up to Christmas. We know that parents like to know these dates in advance. At the moment, our plan is for the morning performances to begin around 9:15am and the afternoon performances to start around 2pm.

Our Friends of Firsides group (FOF) are holding their AGM on Wednesday 19 October in the canteen. It would be wonderful to see as many of you as possible attending. FOF organise events throughout the year to fundraise for our school and without them, many projects such as the refurbishment of our school library would not have happened. FOF are responsible for organising events such as the Christmas Fayre, school discos and special treats for the children. Even if you can just help at one event, it would make a big difference. Without committee members, FOF cannot exist however you can support FOF without being a committee member.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Robinson, Mr Keer and Mrs Seagrave

Dates for Your Diary

Tues 11 Oct	SEN coffee afternoon 2pm with Mrs Harris
Tues 18 Oct	Open Evening for Year 2 parents
Wed 19 Oct	Friends of Firsides (FOF) AGM after school in the canteen
Fri 21 Oct	Last day of term Christmas card design deadline (see information below)
31 Oct	First day back
w.c. 31 Oct	Parents evenings this week (details to follow soon)
Fri 11 Nov	Flu immunisations (details to follow soon)
Fri 18 Nov	Children in Need
Tues 13 Dec	AM Year 5 Christmas performance PM Year 3 Christmas performance
Wed 14 Dec	AM Year 6 Christmas performance PM Year 4 Christmas performance
Fri 16 Dec	Last day of term

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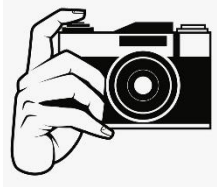
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Macmillan coffee morning

Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee morning last week. In total we raised £180 for the charity which we are thrilled about. It was lovely to see those of you who managed to make it. Hopefully we will be able to repeat the event next year.



School photos

All children who were in school on Tuesday 27 September had their photo taken. Your child should have brought home a special card with their unique code on. This will help you to be able to order your child's photo through the company website once they are made available.

SEN Coffee Afternoon Tuesday 11 October 2pm

On Tuesday 11 October at 2pm we will be holding our SEN coffee afternoon with Mrs Harris (SENCO). If your child has any special educational needs (SEN) or if you have concerns of any needs your child may have, then please come along to meet with Mrs Harris.

This will be a very informal get together giving you the chance to meet other parents, share your experiences and thoughts and ask any questions. Or just come along for the coffee and cake 😊

Entrance will be through the main school office where you will be shown into the hall.

We look forward to seeing you then.

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.

Class Charts

You may have noticed that we have increased our points for Class Charts. This means that the points awarded for different positive behaviours have increased. We hope that this helps to encourage and enthuse the children to collect more points on a weekly basis.

If you have not managed to log on to your child's account or need their log in code, please contact your child's class teacher who can help with this.

Please note that teachers do not get an email notification when they get a parent message through Class Charts and therefore the messages are easily missed. We would strongly recommend that if you need to message your child's class teacher that this is done via email directly to the teacher or through the School Office. Thank you.

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Christmas cards



Although we are only at the start of October, Christmas is not far away! With this in mind, we are working alongside APFS (Art Projects For Schools) whereby you can order your child's artwork as Christmas cards to send out to family and friends. By ordering your child's designs, you also help school fundraising as we receive a percentage of all the designs ordered.

This year we are offering this as an optional activity for children to do at home. When they have completed their design, they can bring it into school and we will arrange for it to be sent to the company. You will then be able to purchase Christmas cards and other products with your child's design.

Children can get creative to make their own design or they could get inspiration from looking at cards in shops. There are also loads of ideas available by doing a simple internet search (see examples above).

If you would like your child to participate and create their own Christmas card design, they need to follow these important guidelines:

- Artwork should be created on white or coloured paper / card and must be in A4 in size.
- Thicker paper or card works better as the label that will be stuck on the back when it is sent off to APFS can show through when scanned if the paper is very thin.
- Designs can be portrait or landscape.
- Card is better than paper if you are using a wet technique i.e. painting because it is less likely to crinkle when wet.
- To ensure the entirety of the artwork is printed, please leave approximately a 2-3mm edge around the paper, that way no masterpiece will be cut off when scanned.
- Pencil drawings do not reproduce well and are often not visible when printed so please do not create drawings using pencils. Please also avoid using black backgrounds.
- Bold colours and collage (maximum depth 5mm) work really well.
- They do not accept artwork that includes glitter as the glitter contaminates other artwork and damages the machinery used in the printing process.
- Reflective materials do not reproduce well.
- If you would like to use pastel colours, they will need to be sprayed with a fixative spray (or hairspray) before being sent in.

All artwork must be given in to the office for the attention of Mrs Seagrave by the last day of term (Friday 21 October) at the very latest. Please make sure their name is clearly on the back. The designs will then be sent off to the company over half term. Once they have been scanned by APFS, parents will then be given until 16 November to order their designs

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Hellesdon Tennis Open Day 



Hellesdon Community Centre
Saturday 8th October
1.30 - 4.30pm

Free tennis taster sessions running for all ages and abilities throughout the afternoon.

Tennis for all the family - we would love to see you there!

Hellesdoncommunitytennis.org.uk

LTA Youth Start

A fun filled 6-week introduction to tennis course for children aged 5 - 11.

For £29.99 (+P&P) you get:

- > 6 coach led sessions
 - > Racket
 - > 3 balls
 - > T-shirt



Nationaltennis.org.uk/youthstart

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