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Dear Parents & Carers,



Happy New Year and welcome back to school. We have a busy but quite short term ahead of us. The children have settled back into school routines very well after the Christmas break - it hardly feels like we have been away!

I am very pleased to report that we have made headway in the refurbishment of the new school library. All of the decoration has been completed and, hopefully, the new carpet will be laid in the next couple of weeks. The new furniture is due to be installed just before the half-term holiday. Once all that has been completed we will move all the books and have a grand opening which I hope you will be able to attend. I will let you know the date as soon as I can. I would like to say a very big 'thank you' to Craig Nickerson-White, from the Wensum Trust Estates Team. Without his work none of this would have been possible.

Kindest regards,

Roz Robinson

Attendance

Every school in the country is set an attendance target by the Department for Education – 96% attendance. They also set a persistent absence target of 5% of the whole school. A pupil is classed as persistently absent if their overall absence rate is 10% or higher of the possible number of sessions.

Our attendance for the autumn term was 94% and our persistent absence was 18%. Our attendance has improved and I am very pleased that we are now very close to the DfE target. Persistent absence, although still high, is showing signs of improvement. I look forward to working with you all to make sure that the school meets its targets by the end of the school year.

If you are concerned about your child's attendance please contact the school's Attendance Lead, Mrs Neal either by email or phone.

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Year Group News

Year 3

The Year 3 pupils have returned to school fully refreshed from their Christmas holiday and are already fully engaged in their learning activities. We have seen some fantastic holiday challenge Egyptian pieces from some children and there is still time to bring these in to be displayed in the classrooms and each child will be awarded with 50 class chart points. This half term we are studying ancient Egypt in our History lessons, which the children are thoroughly enjoyed and we're sure they will share lots of fabulous facts with you. We are all looking forward to welcoming Lorraine Theobald to teach us more about the Egyptians and even some dance moves in a few weeks' time. During English lessons we have been completing lots of comprehension lessons around our class reader '*Flat Stanley and the Great Egyptian Grave Robbery*' in which the children have made lots of predictions about how the adventure story will continue and conclude. They will want to read more books about Flat Stanley's adventures. In Science we have moved on to learning about '*Light*' and hope the sun puts in an appearance so we can look at shadows in the playground. It is really important that all children are engaging with Times Table Rock Stars to improve their speed and fluency, which will inevitably support their daily arithmetic questions.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in to share your child's learning on Tuesday 7th February at 2:30pm (Year 3 only).

Year 4

Welcome back to school, we hope you all had a relaxed Christmas. Over the last week, the children have been excited to come back to start their learning of new topics.

In English, we have started looking at our two class books; *Fair Trade Frist* by Sarah Ridley and *The Sword in the Stone* by T.H White, whilst in Maths, the children have been practicing for their times tables assessments and we have seen brilliant progress from lots of practice at home and school.

In science this term the children will be focusing on Electricity. We have started to look at electrical safety and we can't wait to bolt into circuits. Finally, we have started looking at fair trade and the progress of food as it makes its way from field to fork.

A reminder that P.E is on Tuesdays as the children are swimming this term. All information regarding this can be found in our recent parent mail announcements.

Year 5

In English, we have been learning about Jabberwocky. The children have real enjoyed trying to make sense of the nonsense poem and we have been able to figure out the story behind it. We will be planning on writing our own poems linked to our discovery learning on deforestation in the Amazon Rainforest over the next few weeks.

In Maths, we have moved on to multiplying 2 digit numbers by other 2 digit numbers. It has been a challenge to grasp the concept and all the stages in the method but we have been thrilled to see so much effort and determination from everybody in Year 5!

We would like to say a big 'Well done' to all of Year 5 for their efforts and hard work.

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Year 6

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after their Christmas holidays and we have all been very impressed with positive manner in which they have approached their learning opportunities and challenges. We have begun our new units of work in science (Evolution and Adaptation), history (The Normans and Norwich), art (Line Portraits) and our English text is Frankenstein- this has been particularly well received and has resulted in some super pieces of writing already!

Thank you for the continued support and encouragement you offer to your child. Reading at home and completing weekly homework remains an important part of their education and we really do value the time and energy you invest in these.

Diary Dates

February

Friday 3 February	Tiger class sharing assembly @ 2.30pm
Tuesday 7 February	Emu & Penguin class open classroom event @ 2.30pm
Friday 10 February	Red Panda class sharing assembly @ 2.30pm
13 – 17 February	Half-term holiday

March

Friday 3 March	Scorpion class sharing assembly @ 2.30pm
Friday 10 March	Giraffe class sharing assembly @ 2.30pm

April

3 – 16 April	Easter holiday
Monday 17 April	School closed for staff INSET day
Tuesday 18 April	First day of the summer term
Friday 21 April	Class photographs

May

Monday 1 May	Early May Bank Holiday – school closed
8 – 11 May	End of Key Stage 2 SAT's tests
29 May – 2 June	Half-term holiday

June

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Tuesday 27 June

Whole school photograph

July

Friday 21 July

Last day of the summer term

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