

# School Newsletter

16 June 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

Last week, our Year 6 children enjoyed their residential visit to Eaton Vale. The three day trip involved lots of exciting and adventurous activities allowing the children to celebrate their final weeks at Firsides with their friends. The children had lots of fun on the visit and it was wonderful to hear their stories when they returned. A huge thank you to the staff who organised and attended on the visit. Visits such as these take up a lot of time organising and also asks staff to be away from their own families for the three days – we couldn't do these trips without them. The children who didn't go, enjoyed a three day Enterprise project on biscuits which resulted in them designing and making their own biscuits and packaging. Well done to all of Year 6.

We would like to remind parents that leggings and cycling shorts are **not** on our school uniform list. These should only be worn for PE / Games lessons. If children wish to wear shorts, these should be traditional school shorts. Some girls have asked if they can wear cycling shorts under skirts or summer dresses – this is fine. A reminder that now we are in warmer weather (which is hopefully going to stay around for a bit longer), children do not now need to wear ties until they return in September. The only exception to this is for our whole school photo on Tuesday 27 June. Please remember that if you **do not** wish for your child to be in the photo you must contact the School Office by Monday 26 June. The whole school photo is only taken once every four years so it is a fantastic way to remember who was here in 2023!

We have a really busy term coming up. Please make sure you check the dates for your diary section and also keep a look out for app messages and emails regarding any changes with these.

Kindest regards,

*Mrs Robinson, Mr Keer and Mrs Seagrave*

## Dates for Your Diary

<b>Thurs 22 June</b>	Y3 / Y4 disco 5:30pm-7pm (information on how to book below)
<b>Mon 26 June</b>	Year 4 karate workshops (in school)
<b>Tues 27 June</b>	Whole school photograph (all children in school uniform)
<b>Wed 28 June</b>	Norfolk Show: The Grand Sing (for Rock Notes choir children)
<b>Thurs 29 June</b>	Y5/6 disco 5:30pm -7pm (information on how to book below) Year 3, 4 and 5 reports out this week
<b>Mon 10 July</b>	Year 3 Whitlingham visit Year 6 and 3M reports out this week.
<b>12 – 14 July</b>	Transition days for Year 6 pupils to Hellesdon High. Year 3, 4 and 5 will move into their new classes for the three days and we will welcome Year 2 children into school.
<b>Mon 17 July</b>	Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day (time to be confirmed)
<b>Wed 19 July</b>	Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day (time to be confirmed)
<b>Tues 18 July</b>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly to parents (time to be confirmed)
<b>Thurs 20 July</b>	Year 4 visit to Pensthorpe
<b>Fri 21 July</b>	Last day of term (free non uniform day for all pupils)

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### It's a girl!

Congratulations to Miss Mundford and her partner who had their baby girl in the half term holidays. Baby Florence was born a little earlier than anticipated but both mum and baby are doing well. We wish Miss Mundford all the best for her maternity leave and look forward to meeting Florence soon.



We welcome Miss Leeson who has taken over the teaching in 3M.

### Summer Discos



### Last day picnic Friday 21 July

For the last day of term, we will be having a whole school picnic on the field (weather permitting). We will not be offering any hot lunches on this day. The canteen will be offering packed lunches as listed below. If your child would like a packed lunch on this day, please order via your child's SCOpay account.

*Sandwiches - Ham (M) or Cheese (P)*

*Pizza finger*

*Bag of crisps (ready salted)*

*Fruit*

*Sugared doughnut*

*Sugared Shortbread for children with allergies.*

Please use the code M for ham or P for cheese on SCOpay or can contact the school office to book.

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## Thoroughbreds Netball Summer sessions



**PURPLE THURSDAYS**  
3rd / 10th / 17th / 24th  
AUGUST 2023  
10am to 1pm  
for ages 9-14  
£15 per day  
Old Catton Recreation Ground  
Church Street  
Old Catton NR6 7DS  
...bring own snacks & water...  
reserve your place via email  
info@thoroughbredsnetball.co.uk

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## Tag-rugby sessions with North Walsham Rugby Club – REMINDER OF DATES!

Once again this year, we are excited to welcome into school coaches from North Walsham Rugby Club through links with The Wensum Trust. The coaches will deliver two workshops for each year group over the summer term in addition to the children's usual PE and games slots.



Year 3, 4 and 5 have now had their sessions. Please make sure that the children come to school in their PE kits on these days:

**Year 6:** Wednesday 28 June and Thursday 6 July

## After School Club

In order to ensure that our registers are accurate, we would like to remind parents that children should be booked onto After School Club and not simply turn up. Bookings should be made via Scopay or via a phonecall / email to the School Office. We appreciate that sometimes there are last minute changes but please make sure that you have made contact with the school if you need to cancel your child's place too. We have had a few cases where children have been collected by their parents at 3:15pm but are down on the list for After School Club. Thank you.

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### Advanced notice of PE kit changes September 2023

Please be aware that from September, our PE kit will be changing slightly. We will still continue to ask the children to wear their PE kit on their PE / Games lesson days because it means the children get more active time during their lessons and lost property has significantly reduced. However, at times we have noticed that PE kit sometimes doesn't look quite as smart and as it is in place of uniform on PE days, we would like to change things slightly. Therefore, **PE tops should be either the white logo t-shirt (available from Birds) or a plain white polo shirt.** Polo shirts are available in various high street shops and supermarkets.



We also remind parents that **plain** black jumpers / hoodies worn on PE/Games days are plain. Alternatively, children can wear a green Firside fleece (available from Birds).



### 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. Please remember that some allergies can be triggered simply by breathing in the allergen and does not need to be eaten to trigger a reaction.

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