

JANUARY NEWS



We hope you all had a good Christmas break and wish you a happy and healthy New Year. Thank you from all of us for your good wishes, cards and gifts at the end of term. Thank you also for supporting our Christmas events and fundraisers – the children loved performing to you and looked great in their Christmas Jumpers. We raised an amazing £419.81 for Save the Children from these events.

Y2 children did a great job entertaining various members of the public with their carol singing and the Eco-Heroes did themselves proud serving and sharing lunch with some local residents, Governors and members of our PTA.

Thank you for buying all of the Christmas decorations and goodies that each class had made which raised £307.60 for the School Library.

SCHOOL VALUES

Our next value, which we are working on this term is 'TEAMWORK'. Although this is something that we do every day as a matter of course, we want the children to value the importance and benefits of teamwork. Our Inquiries this term will have a link to Teamwork, as will our assemblies, and we want to see how many 'teamwork' leaves we can get on our trees throughout the school.



EMERGENCY CLOSURE SYSTEM

Although we have been lucky so far with the weather this winter, we never know what is round the corner so here is a reminder of our emergency closure system:

If the school has to close due to bad weather we will do our best to send you all a text message as soon as possible. It will also always be announced on the local radio and on the school closures website: (www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk)

SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION

Because of our day-to day contact with the children we are particularly well placed to observe outward signs of abuse, changes in behaviour or failure to develop. We have a duty to protect children from abuse; however, our role is in recognition and referral, not investigation or intervention. We are required by law to follow procedures laid down by the Norfolk Safeguarding Children Board if we see signs which suggest that one of our pupils may have been the victim of abuse. Use of the procedures in this way is an obligation placed on the school by legislation and in no way infers that any parent/carer is being accused of wrong-doing.

Lodge Lane is registered with Operation Encompass. This means that Norfolk Police will contact the school concerning any domestic incidents which involve the families of our children the day after the incident occurred.

Y1 AND Y2 BOOK REVIEWS

You are most welcome to come in and see your child's books and work on Thursday 16th January from 2.50 pm onwards. If you cannot make this time then please see your child's teacher to arrange a different day and time.



FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

We are delighted to have been successful in our request for funding from the Alderman Norman Foundation, a local charity. We received enough money to employ a Family Support Worker to support children and their families at Lodge Lane and Garrick Green for the next two terms. Our new recruit is Rachael Aitken and she has spent two days at school this week, getting to know the children and becoming familiar with the school. She was introduced to the children in assembly on Wednesday and they were told that they can go and talk to her if they have a worry or a problem, no matter how big or small, and that she will try and help them. They know that this help and support extends to their families as well and that she will work with parents if they would like her to, even if it is just to lend an ear. We hope that Rachael will have a positive impact on our school community and that the funding will continue.

Rachael will be in school on Wednesday 29th January from 2-3 pm if you would like to come and meet her, chat with her, see what she can offer, or even if you'd like to give her some idea of the type of support you would like. As this is a new venture we are open to ideas.

As soon as possible, there will be a link on our website for you to contact Rachael if you need to. In the meantime, if you would like to contact her, please leave your details with Paula in the office and she will pass them on.

APPRENTICE

Towards the end of last term we took on a PE apprentice, Mr Callum North, who we are sharing with Garrick Green. He is working with us on a Wednesday and Thursday, assisting in PE lessons, at play time and lunch time and helping with outdoor learning in Reception. We hope to recruit another apprentice as soon as possible so that we have someone 4 days a week – Mr North may stay with us or we may have somebody different.

ATTENDANCE

As you know we always strive for high attendance and last term we averaged an amazing 96% - well done everyone! 65 children achieved 100% attendance and it would be great to see them maintain this through this next term.

We have to monitor all children's attendance and in the next couple of weeks you will get a letter informing you of your child's attendance from the start of September to date. Everyone should be aiming for at least 95% and you will be surprised how little time they need off before their attendance slips below 95%.

Anything below 90% is challenged by our Governors and The Wensum Trust – of course we can explain genuine illness and holidays, but it is the odd days off here and there that soon add up and start to cause concern.

DOGS



Please don't forget that you must not bring dogs onto the school site even if you are carrying them. If you need to tie your dog up at the gate, please use the main gate by the carpark, away from any walkways. Children will often be tempted to stroke a dog that they pass, even though they are told to ask the owner first, and obviously not all dogs are tolerant of that so we need to remove the risk.

END OF DAY PICK UP

If occasionally you have to send someone different to pick your child up, please understand that staff have to check our online system for permission, even if we know you are a family friend. This can take time and they will have to see other children out first before they can go and check. To avoid this, please let the class teacher know in the morning or phone the office in advance and they will let the teacher know.

SITE SAFETY

Please do not ask children to open external doors to let you into the school. If you need to get in, please use the front door via the school office. This is to make sure all of our children are kept safe.



SPRING TERM DIARY DATES

<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHO</u>
Every FRIDAY from 8.50-9.05 am	Parent reading	All parents welcome
THURSDAY 16 TH JAN 2.50-3.10pm	Book Reviews	Y1 and Y2 parents
THURSDAY 16 TH JAN	Menu change for Census day	All
TUESDAY 28 TH JAN 9-10 am or 7-8 pm	Reception maths session	Reception parents
WEDS 29 TH JAN 2-3	Come and meet our Family Support Worker	All parents welcome
TUES 11 TH FEB 9-10.15 am	Y1 Family Learning	Y1 parents
WEDS 12 TH FEB 9-10.15 am	Rec Family Learning	Rec parents
THURS 13 TH FEB 9-10.15 am	Y2 Family Learning	Y2 parents
FRI 14 TH FEB	LAST DAY	ALL
HALF TERM		
MON 24 TH FEB	BACK TO SCHOOL	ALL
Every TUESDAY from 8.50-9.05 am	Parent Reading	All parents welcome
WEDS 26 TH FEB 4-6 pm	Reception parent progress meetings	Rec parents
THURS 27 TH FEB 8.30-10 am and 2-3.30 pm	Reception parent progress meetings	Rec parents
THURS 5 th MAR	World Book Day	All
FRI 13 TH MAR	Sport Relief Day	All
FRI 20 TH MAR (please note change of date from original calendar sent out) - TBC	'Friends of' Mother's Day Shop	All
TUES 31 ST MAR	'Friends of' Easter Discos	All
WEDS 1 ST APRIL	LAST DAY OF TERM	ALL
WEDS 1 ST APRIL	'Friends Of' Easter Egg Hunt	ALL

THE GOLDEN BOOK

Well done to the following children who were in the Golden Book in December

EMERALD CLASS		DIAMOND CLASS	
Leo		Izabella	
Oliver		Emanuela	
JADE CLASS	SAPPHIRE CLASS	TOPAZ CLASS	
Denisas	Tia	Noah	
Edward	Ezme	Filip	
PEARL CLASS	AMETHYST CLASS	MOONSTONE CLASS	
Freddy	Riana	Sebastian B	
Amelia G	Harriett	Ronnie	

Max the Bear enjoyed his weekend with Amelia