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Open Door Policy

As a school, we always aim to be very visible to parents so that we can continue to maintain good relationships with our families and community. There is always a senior member of staff on the gates in the morning and a teacher at the end of every school day. Please do come and speak to us, or any of our office staff, if we can help in any way or if you'd like to raise anything with us. Communication between school and the parent community is vital for the effective running of the school, so please do use this so that we can continue to have good two-way communication. Thank you for your support with this.

Black school shoes

Please can we remind and encourage parents to dress their children in black, sturdy school shoes. Especially at the moment as the weather can be quite cold and wet, we need children suitably dressed so that they can go outside and enjoy playtimes and lunchtimes. Flimsy canvas shoes, or other shoes which do not keep feet dry and warm, are not suitable for school. If there are any parents that require funding to help towards school uniform, please do write to myself (Mrs Stroulger) and as a school, we can support you. Your child's safety outside is of paramount importance to us, so we do ask for your support with this please.

Young Voices at The O2

Next week we will be taking the Year 6 children to perform as part of the 8000 strong choir at the O2. This is an amazing experience for the children to be part of. As in previous years we will communicate with parents via the School website <https://www.wells-next-the-sea.norfolk.sch.uk> on the twitter feed that appears on the home tab, but in addition to this we have Class DoJo. We will use this method to communicate directly to all parents to update you with the safe arrival, when we're leaving, and later on with an estimated time of arrival back at the school. We anticipate that this will be at approximately 12.30am.

Wells Cluster Tri-Golf

On Monday, Duncan, Sam, Shelby, Scarlett, Miguel and Ellie represented Wells primary school at the Wells Cluster Tri-Golf competition. They had to complete 6 rounds of different skills including putting, chipping and accuracy. They all did incredibly well and the teamwork and camaraderie was excellent. Well done, Wells, on coming 3rd overall.

EDP Plant to Plate Vouchers

This term we are collecting the EDP Plant to Plate vouchers. If we can collect 1000 tokens by the closing date of 27th March we will receive a gardening pack worth £130. However, if we are one of the three highest collecting schools we will win £1000 to spend on gardening equipment so please look out for the tokens, let's see if we can win the top prize!

Number Day

This Year we are having a pattern focus for Number day on Friday 7th February. We are doing a pattern project in school and children in every class have been encouraged to identify and make patterns in Maths. Your child is welcome to come to school on Number day wearing as many different patterns as they can. Please can they bring a £1 donation for the NSPCC. The day will start with a short assembly explaining why we support number day each year. The children will then spend the rest of the day doing lots of different patterns related activities in class.

Walking Home Permission

Please can we remind parents and carers that we **must** receive written permission to allow pupils in year 5 and 6 to walk home unaccompanied from school. Without this we are unable to allow the children to leave school alone. Can we also remind you that we do not allow children from Reception to Year 4 to go home without an adult – their Year 5 or 6 sibling cannot be responsible for taking them home. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Electrical Gadgets in School

We have had a few instances recently of children bring electrical gadgets into school. May we remind parents and carers that this is strictly against school policy due to the risk of loss or damage to the item.

A reminder about emergency school closure

We always endeavour to keep school open at all times, but there are instances such as adverse weather, where we have to close our school. We do this for the safety of our children, families and staff. If we do have to close the school we will always try to inform you via a Class Dojo message by Tam in the morning, so you have as much notice as possible to make arrangements.

Please note that we will also update [the Twitter feed on our website](#) and the “Emergency School Closures” page on the Norfolk County Council website, and then [Radio Norfolk](#) will also announce our school closure.

As the weather is getting colder we would ask parents to ensure children have a warm coat in school each day so they may enjoy break times outside as long as possible. Please also ensure children are wearing black sensible shoes to school each day and all items are named.

This week's Awards

	<u>Good Work Awards</u>	<u>Values Awards</u>	<u>Values Champion Award</u>
Reception	Ella	Rueben	Year 5 Alfie Y-B
Year 1	Deacon	Finley	
Year 2	Noah	Daisy-Mae	<u>Out of School Achievement Award</u>
Year 3	Polly	Ruben	Year 3 Shelby
Year 4	Charlie C	Alisha	Year 6 Mitchell
Year 5	George	Frances	
Year 6	Marleigh	Raphie	

Diary Dates

5 Feb	Reception Class Assembly	11/12 Mar	Spring Parent's Evening
7 Feb	NSPCC Number Day-Pattern Theme	17 Mar	SEND Parent's Evening
10 Feb	Food Week for all pupils	18 Mar	Year 2 Class Assembly
12 Feb	Year 3 Class Assembly	25 Mar	Year 5 Class Assembly
26 Feb	Year 6 Class Assembly	24 June	Sports Day
4 Mar	Year 1 Class Assembly	1/2/3 Jul	APHS transition day for Y6 pupils
9 Mar	Whole School Environment Agency Assembly	13 Jul	Woodland week for all pupils
11 March	Year 4 Class Assembly		

Class	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Spring Term Curiosity Café Theme Date and Time	Maths Wednesday 5 th February 2-3pm	Maths Wednesday 12 th February 2-3pm	Phonics Thursday 6 th February 2-3pm	History Tuesday 4 th February 2-3pm	French Thursday 27 th February 2-3pm	Maths Wednesday 15 th January 2-3pm	Maths Monday 3 rd February 2-3pm	History Thursday 13 th February 2-3pm
Whole School World Book Day Activities	<u>Thursday 5th March 1:30-3:00pm</u>							
Summer Term Curiosity Café Theme Date and Time	Science Wednesday 6 th May 2-3pm	Topic Tuesday 28 th April 2-3pm	Topic Thursday 7 th May 2-3pm	Art Tuesday 5 th May 2-3pm	English Tuesday 12 th May 2-3pm	English Wednesday 29 th April 2-3pm	Art Monday 18 th May 2-3pm	Art Thursday 21 st May 2-3pm
Whole School Transition Café – Maths	<u>Thursday 2nd July 1:30 – 3:00pm (Theme – domino games and activities)</u>							

Curiosity Café Dates