



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

This half term children in Y3 have been learning about adventure stories using *The Tunnel* by Anthony Browne as a stimulus. They have also made adverts trying to persuade people to like and buy sprouts! In Science they have been studying a unit on Light.

Pupils in Y4 have been learning about volcanoes and have written about what causes them, the different types and real life examples from around the world such as Kilauea in Hawaii - one of the most active!

Y5 have been studying literature from other cultures and have written some cracking stories based on traditional tales.

Finally, Y6 have not just been working hard on preparing for SATs but have been learning about Living Things in Science and North America in Geography. Some children have even managed to remember the capital cities of the major North American countries!

Thank you to parents who attended the recent Parent Evening Consultations. We hope you found the recent round of consultations helpful in terms of finding out what your child has been studying in lessons by looking at their work, as well as finding out about your child's progress this year.

At the end of this term we say goodbye temporarily to Mrs. Harmer (Assistant Head Teacher and class teacher for Puffins and Mrs. Harrod (Intervention Manager). Both begin maternity leave but will return next year.

Finally, it does seem like spring may be just round the corner. However, please make sure that your child continues to bring a coat to school. Every child is expected to be outside at break and lunch where possible.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Clarke

Acting Head

Building Improvements

Work continues on the upper playground for the new classroom block. Completion date is Easter 2018. Safety barriers and signs are in place. A few parents have enquired about line markings on the lower playground so children can play a range of outdoor sports with the proper markings in place. We have been informed that the lines will be marked over half-term.

Crossing Patrol

I was in contact with Ian Webb at Norfolk County Council last term to ask for a Lollypop Man/Woman to be put in place on Falcon Road West. Unfortunately the role was not filled, however it had been re-advertised again and I am hopeful it will be filled shortly.

Parent Pay

Falcon is currently introducing a new payment system to make the payment process for trips, school dinners and other areas of school life a lot easier. The online system available for all is called Parent Pay and information will be sent out shortly.

Absence

A letter has gone home outlining some of the changes regarding absence from school. In addition, I'd like to inform parents that there is no absence line anymore, so when phoning in on 01603 441417 please leave a message. Can I also please ask parents to state the specific reason for being absent rather than just unwell.

Charity Family Fun Day

A parent contacted me this week to ask if I can mention about a Charity Family Fun Day coming up in February. Joshua and Jack Dexter's Mum along with Olivia Frary's Mum are running the London Marathon this year for Whizz Kids. On Saturday 10th February at the Green Man on Wroxham Road there will be a range of fun activities to take part in such as a Bouncy Castle, Stalls, Face Painting and lots, lots more to raise money for the charity. 12pm start.

PTA

Another BIG well done to the PTA for their efforts in managing to secure £1000 from the Tesco Bags of Help. Superb achievement. The money will be used for an Outdoor Enrichment Project. Thanks also to parents too who chose to place their blue token from the checkout in the Falcon section. Regarding the PTA Facebook page, after consultation between the school and the PTA it has been decided to close the page. Please note that texts from the school will continue to be sent before events take place and there are plans for a PTA notice board in the main entrance.

Children's Safety Online

CEOP

This website is managed by the Police and offers a place to report concerns about online activities but also offers help and advice to children and parents about safe internet use.

UK Safer Internet Centre

A parents' guide to the technology that children use, highlighting the safety tools available and empowering parents with the knowledge they need to support their children to use these technologies safely and responsibly.

www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-to-technology

Parent Governors

Information should have gone home this week about the vacancies available on the governing body. If you have any questions regarding the role, please see the school office or Mr. Clarke.

PTA Bake Off Results

Year 3

1st Lillie Morton 2nd Charlotte Norman 3rd Lucie Heyes/Rosa Hill

Year 4

1st Owen Carver 2nd Amy Foster 3rd Poppy Goodchild

Year 5

1st Joshua Jordan 2nd Ewan Smith 3rd Kaden Cullum

Year 6

1st Cybele Souris 2nd Ryan Howes 3rd Aidan Warrant

FINAL TOTAL RAISED was a very impressive £133.15

Upcoming Dates

February

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| Friday 9th | PTA Non Uniform day Break for half term | In school day 3.10pm |
| Monday 19th | Back to school | 8.50am |
| Thursday 22nd | World Thinking Day - Guides, Bownies, Cubs and Scouts can wear their uniforms | In school day |
| Tuesday 27th | NORSE tasting session for parents | 2.45pm - 3.45pm |
| Wednesday 28th | PTA World Book Day Fair | 3pm - 4.30pm |

March

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| Tuesday 6th | Y4 Castle trip | In school day |
| Thurs 8th & Fri 9th | PTA Mothers Day gifts | In school day |
| Week beg 12th | Science week | |
| Wednesday 14th | Lower school attending Norfolk County Music Festival | 11am - 1.30pm |
| Wednesday 21st | World Poetry Day | |
| Friday 23rd | Y3 visit Kew Gardens | |
| Wednesday 28th | Silly Sock Day for Autism awareness Break Up for Easter holidays | In school day 3.10pm |

April

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| Monday 16th | Return to school | |
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