



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 6th September 2017

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WELCOME TO THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

Welcome to all our families new and old. We hope you had a wonderful summer break and are looking forward to the year ahead as much as we all are.

We have six classes this year with 149 pupils / 109 families.

We love to see families at all of our events and if you would like to help in school in any way please just come and speak to Mr Johns.

The school has an open door policy. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher, regarding your child, or for general questions to the office. Mr Johns is nearly always available before or after school and is always available by appointment. Please never let a little problem grow.

Breakfast/Afterschool Club - during the summer term we sent a survey out to all parents about the need for a Breakfast/Afterschool Club. We only received 15 replies which means there is not sufficient interest in this service to make it viable. Thank you if you replied, we will repeat the survey in the future to gauge if there has been an increase in interest.

The year ahead

We will continue to hold **parent workshops** for each class, each term i.e. a different focused workshop for autumn, spring and summer. Terms.

Parents' evenings for Beech, Maple, Oak, Willow and Poplar these will be held in the autumn and spring terms with full reports being sent home for all pupils in the summer term. Fir Class have a different arrangement for parents' evenings as explained at the new parents' evening meeting in June 2017.

Each term we will invite parents into school to have **lunch with their child**, autumn and spring term will be adult guests only but in the summer term we will invite you to join your child for a picnic lunch on the field and younger siblings are invited to come as well.

We will be inviting all family members along for the **Christmas** Production and reception children will be going to see 'The Tiger who came to tea' at the Norwich Playhouse and all Yr 1 - Yr 6 pupils will be visiting Lowestoft Marina Theatre on Monday 18th December to see Aladdin.

Each term we will have a **Special Interest Week**, normally this will be the week after each half term. Each special interest week will have a different focus and encourage the pupils to lead the direction of learning and to make them inquisitive and increase their depth of knowledge and their understanding.

Class Assemblies - we will continue to hold class assemblies for all classes in the spring and summer term. We do not hold class assemblies in the autumn term as pupils will be preparing for Christmas.

We will continue to hold walk-to-school weeks, Harvest Festival assembly, Athletics Day and Sports day.

Letters, information home and forms

Each family will be receiving an A4 envelope with the normal contact and permission forms, dinner menus and meal request slips, a letter about becoming a governor, this newsletter and an invitation to the Harvest Festival assembly. Please return the forms as soon as possible in the envelope. Many thanks

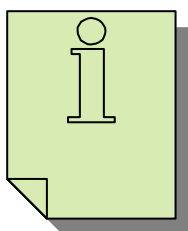
HARVEST ASSEMBLY

The school will hold its Harvest Festival Assembly on

FRIDAY 22nd September 2017

at School - 2pm.

We welcome all Parents, Neighbours and Friends
to enjoy our Harvest Festival with us.



- ◆ If your child has been sick, please keep him/her off school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.
- ◆ Please inform the class teacher if your child has a hearing or sight problem.

POLITE REMINDER about

Leave of absence requests. Please do not book trips and holidays without first consulting the school.

Leave of absence may be granted in exceptional circumstances. Family holiday and limited work leave are not considered exceptional.

The government and the school are particularly keen to improve attendance. Missing two weeks of school per year means that by Year Six your child will have lost an entire term of school.

Please see our 'Attendance' leaflet for more information.

Teacher/Parent Message Books

Each class has a teacher/parent note book for brief notes from parents to class teachers. eg. "My child will be collected by Grandad today".

These can be found outside the school office.

Class R pupils and their siblings can be collected from the playground area with the coloured picket fence. All other pupils can be collected from the main playground from their class lines.

PUPILS' SAFETY IS ONE OF OUR HIGHEST PRIORITIES - PLEASE HELP US IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS.

- ◆ Parking - making School Road a safe place for our children. Please remember that you are not allowed to park/stop or drop off on or opposite the yellow zig-zags.
- ◆ The school operates a voluntary one-way system during the hours of **8.30—9.00 a.m. & 2.45—3.15 p.m.** with cars entering from St. Mary's Close and exiting into Church Road.
- ◆ Pushchairs in school - Please leave pushchairs in a safe position in the playground or outside the office window.
- ◆ Both side playground gates are locked after morning registration. Entry to the building after this time is via the main reception.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

TOYS IN SCHOOL

Toys brought to school often get lost, broken or swapped which upsets many children.

Please keep toys at home.

There is plenty to do at school. When children bring items for 'show and tell' these are kept in the class during the day.



Keeping you up to date and informed...

The school has many policies, including Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Maths and English to name but a few. All policies are available for you to see in the office or via our website.

The signed minutes of all full governors' meetings are available in the same way. The governors have a full meeting every other month. If there is any feedback you wish to give please speak to any of the governors.

The first full governors' meeting is on
11/09/17

HOUSE CAPTAIN AND SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

HOUSE CAPTAINS

FALCON Evie A & Hayden E

KESTREL Lilly C & Riley W

HAWK Ella Y & Charlie R

OSPREY Molly H & Kyle P

RESPONSIBILITIES

FIR CLASS SUPPORT

Scarlett D & Hollie F

OFFICE

Morgan A & Tyler B

SPORTS LEADERS

Jacob C-H & Billy H

ASSEMBLY ASSISTANTS/ AV EQUIPMENT

Aidan C and James C

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Chair - Lola B

Vice Chair - Cameron B

Treasurer - Max B

Secretary - Niall T



**Monday 2nd - Friday
6th October 2017**

This week supports the Eco School and Healthy Living aims of the school, as well as being great fun.

If you have to drive, you could leave home 5 minutes early, and park 5 minutes walk away from school.

Journey totals and types will be collected and results will be given out at the end of the week.

If your child has not completed a cycle/scooter contract before please ask for a form from the office.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be in school on

**Thursday 21st
September**

Children will be photographed individually and with siblings.

CLUBS

A sign up sheet will be sent out w/c 11/9/17.

CLASS BROCHURES

These will also be sent home next week and will ensure you are informed of the plans for your child's class this term.



Parent Support Advisor

Are you finding family life difficult?
Not sure where to find support and advice?

Why not have a chat with

Sharon Atyeo – Parent Support Advisor.

**Open drop in at Newton Flotman School
Every Tuesday 8.30 – 9.00.**

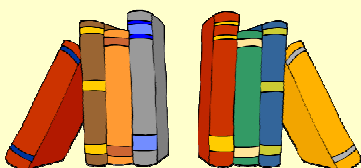
**Or appointments are available between
9.15 and 12.00.**

Phone: 01508 470379

Email: satyeo97r5@nsix.org.uk

SCHOOL LIBRARY

The library will now be open to parents and children after school every Thursday between 3 - 3.20pm this half term.



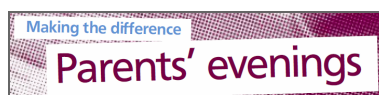
Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

Many children need additional help during their school years. Mrs Hollie Podolski is our school SENCo and is available on a **Thursday morning** to any parent of a child already on our SEN register or for parents that may have a concern about their child.

Please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Podolski or to make an appointment to see her via the school office.

Please ensure your child has the following with them each day

- ◆ Book bag
- ◆ Water bottle
- ◆ P.E. Kit
- ◆ Coat/rain coat
- ◆ Sun hat (on sunny days)
- ◆ Dinner/milk money (on a Monday)
- ◆ Wellies (when there has been snow)



Tuesday 10th October - 4.30 -7pm
Thursday 12th October - 3.10 - 5.30pm

Appointment sheets/times will be available for you to sign up in the corridor on
25/09/17

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Parents' evening is also when we ask all parents to fill in a parental questionnaire. These will be given out at the parents' evenings and we ask that you return them on the night or by 21/10/17. There will be a box to post your completed questionnaire.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Mrs Steer will be running our Homework Café every Friday from 3pm - 4pm. It's a great way for pupils to get their homework done before the weekend. It's also a wonderful opportunity for parents to ask questions or get support about how best to support your child with their homework.

CLASSROOM OPEN DOORS

We are continuing to invite parents into their child's classroom every week as follows:-

Fir & Beech: Mondays

Maple, Oak, Willow & Poplar: Wednesdays

3 - 3.30pm





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

- 6th - Yr.1 - 6 pupils return to school
- 11th - Reception pupils start school 8:40-12:00
- 13th - Club forms will be sent home
- w/c 18th Reception pupils stay for lunch - collect at 1pm
- w/c 25th Reception pupils stay until 1pm if part time, 3pm if full time
- 18th Deadline for nominations for Parent governor
- 21st Individual/sibling Photographs
- 22nd Harvest Assembly @ school 2pm
- 25th Parents' evening sign up sheets available



October

- 2nd – 6th WALK/CYCLE/SCOOTER TO SCHOOL WEEK**
- 10th Parents' evening 4.30 - 7pm
- 12th Parents' evening 3.10 - 5.30pm



20th October to 27th October - Half Term

- 30th Pupils return to school**



November

- 17th - Children in Need Day
- 28th - Flu Vaccinations - full details to follow



December

- 8th - Reception pupils visit to Norwich Playhouse
- 19th - End of Term Service 9.30am at Newton Flotman Church



January

- 2nd - INSET DAY
- 3rd - INSET DAY
- 4th - Pupils return for the Spring Term

