

Newsletter

Autumn 1 2016



Welcome Back

The new school year is well underway now and I am delighted with the progress that the children are already making in their learning. So that you can see for yourselves, there will be a drop-in evening from **3.30-5pm on Wednesday 19th October**; this is a chance for your child to show you what they have done, and it gives you a chance to see the work prior to the Parents Evenings after half term.

Harvest Assembly

Many thanks to everyone who was able to attend the Harvest Assembly. It was great to have such a large turnout, and the Harvest collection was fantastic! We have now delivered the donations to the local food bank, who would also like to pass on their thanks.

Safe Cycling



The fine weather this Autumn Term has seen lots of families choosing to cycle or scoot to school – good exercise for all. Every year we provide cycle

training for children from Year 4 upwards that promotes bike handling skills and road awareness lessons. However, it is for parents to decide how ready children are to cycle on public roads, especially considering how chaotic it can be at the start and end of the day. At school we are concerned by the number of younger children cycling to school with no adult supervision, especially when they do not understand or use the rules of the road and are unaware of traffic.

Parking



The usual story here – as you know, there is not enough space to park on the road outside the school. It is illegal to park on the yellow ziz-zags and very dangerous to park on the verge or the bend. However there is a huge (largely empty) car park at the village hall which is barely 200m up the road. If you do have to travel to school by car, then the more families who use the village hall, the quieter and safer the road outside the school will be.

Lunch-Boxes



In order to keep energy levels up throughout the day, it is essential that every child has a balanced, healthy lunch. The meals provided by the school kitchen are required to

meet very exacting food standards, but it is important for those children with a packed lunch from home are also getting the right foods to sustain them all day. To help parents with this, we recommend looking at www.nhs.uk/livewell/childhealth-6-15 which gives advice on how to put together a balanced packed lunch. **Please remember we are a nut free school which also includes chocolate hazelnut/Nutella spread.**

Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 21st October we will have a non-school uniform day to raise money for a local charity, Gambia Aid Through Education. The money we raise sponsors a young boys schooling for a whole year. A donation of £1 per child allows your child to wear non-uniform and help make a difference.

News from the classes



Reception have settled in well to our classroom routines and are enjoying learning about 'Ourselves and our families'. We have started our phonics programme, Read, Write Inc this week and we are continuing our Maths learning. We anticipate making much progress! Please remember your child needs his/her PE kit at school at all times. As always, please do ask if you have any questions or additional queries.



We are learning to read and write using the Read, Write Inc scheme. We have been using Numicon to secure our number facts. We are learning about the human skeleton. Meet Boris the skeleton in

our classroom! Swimming is on Tuesday and P.E is on Wednesday. Please make sure children have kit every week!



We are learning about keeping healthy, life cycles, significant people and our village. Sketching facial proportions and painting in the style of Van Gogh are the focuses of art lessons. Swimming will be on Tuesdays, PE on Wednesdays and 'show and tell' on Fridays. Your help and support is really appreciated!



This term we are studying Ancient Egypt and the children are very enthusiastic learning about this topic. Any extra research on the homework project will help to consolidate the work we will be doing in class. We have booked a trip to the British Museum linked to the topic and will let you know the details in due course. In Science we are learning about solids, liquids and gases.



In Year 4 this term we are learning about the Celts and Romans. News about our class trip to the Norwich Castle Museum will be sent out soon. P.E. is on Fridays this half term – outdoor kit required. Please bring library books to be changed every Friday as well.



Year 5 are focusing on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in English. In maths, a large proportion of the term will be spent on place value and developing written strategies for number operations. In Geography, the children will be working with OS Maps and reading four and six figure grid references



Our main focus is World War II this term, including a trip to IWM Duxford on 1st November. In addition to regular homework tasks, we would encourage children to start early learning their spellings (from the lists provided) so they can apply them in their weekly writing assessments.

House Keeping

- **If your child is going to be out of school for a medical appointment, please can you bring in some evidence of the appointment for our records**
- **Safeguarding- If your child is going home with someone else please inform the class teacher, send in a note or ring the office before 2pm.**
- **Dinner booking forms and money in a named envelope should brought in on a Monday please**
- **Only water in water bottles please**

Diary Dates

19th October - Parents Drop-in session after school

20th October – Flu Immunisations for Y1/2/3

21st October – School Closes at 3.15pm for Half Term

31st October – School re-opens

1st November - NORSE Spooky Bonfire Lunch

1st November – Y6 Visit to Duxford IWM

4th November – Y3 visit to The British Museum

7th November – Parent Consultation Evening 5-7pm

10th November – Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-5.30pm

(The office will be taking bookings taken from Monday 31st for the above)

11th November – Y4 visit to Norwich Castle

24th November – Y3 Egyptian Workshop 9-10.30

16th December – School closes at 3.15pm for Christmas Break.