



Newsletter No 25 Friday 15th March 2019

Dear Families,

It is amazing that we are already half way through this term!

For the children it has been a regular week in their learning but behind the scenes it has been a busy one for our teachers:

Mr Johnson attended another PiXL conference in London on Thursday. As usual this provides us with a wealth of resources and ideas to use in the classroom and share with our school team. At present we are focusing on the 'Currency' element of PiXL. This has helped provide assessments to regularly review and monitor the progress of individual children, identifying gaps in learning and suggest ways of delivering interventions. As part of this assessment process we have introduced Learning Mentoring for Year 6 children. This involves either myself or Miss Hayes meeting with each child on a 1:1 basis. We review the last two pixl assessments for Reading, Spag and Maths; then identifying together areas they would like further support with. It is also an opportunity to tell them just how proud of their progress we are. The children have been really mature in their responses. The discussions were recorded and will be shared with parents in the coming weeks.

Mrs Tutin visited a school in Littleport. We often visit other schools locally and nationally to look at different approaches to learning and whether we can use some of these ideas to further enhance the experiences for our children. Often it also reinforces what a good job our teachers are doing! Mrs Tutin came back with lots of ideas for the Ducklings class. We are currently looking into 'The Curiosity Approach' as a way of learning. You will hear more about this in the coming months.

As part of KWEST, there are key areas, they feel as a MAT, they would like to develop within the schools. One focus is outdoor learning opportunities for all children. Miss Elliott attended an outdoor learning course in Norwich to look at ways of promoting this within Key Stage 1. We have also made links with Jason Wright, the forest schools leader from Churchill Park, to investigate how we can develop our school grounds to enhance outdoor learning – even for our Year 6 children. This is an ongoing project – but one we are really excited about.

Mrs Arrowsmith & Miss Hayes

Heads of School

Pupil Progress YELLOW WEEK

W/C 18/03/19

- Mon 18th – Cricket taster session for Kingfishers/Swans PE Kit Needed
- Tue 19th – Swans class swimming
- Fri 22nd – Herons Class Trip to Cadbury World. Pupils should arrive at school at 6.40am, full school uniform and a packed lunch.

SAT Booster Sessions

YEAR 6 - SATS BOOSTER SESSIONS

3:00 - 4:30pm on Mondays
18/03, 25/03, 01/04 and 29/04.

Please see Mr. Johnson if you cannot attend.

Extra booster sessions being held on 8/9 April ~ please see letter that went out earlier to Y6 in the week.



Lateness

Quite a few children are still arriving late in the mornings and this result in them losing their school mark. As you know, school starts at **8.55am** sharp.

Thank you for your Comic Relief contributions, you raised

£142.00

FANTASTIC!!

COMIC RELIEF

Please join us for our END OF TERM PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY Mon 1st April 9.05am



GREAT WORK AND WELL DONE

Certificates

Ducklings ~ Jake
Kingfishers ~ Jack & Maisie
Swans ~ Ellie & James M
Herons ~ Leah & Isaaq



The summer fayre will take place
Friday 5th July

SAVE THE DATE

Swans swimming this term on Tuesdays

March

Thur 28th ~ The Dogs Trust Assembly and whole school workshops

Fri 29th ~ FOWPS Easter egg Hunt for the whole school

Fri 29th ~ FOWPS Dress down Day ~in exchange for an Easter themed tombola prize for Cake cafe

April

Mon 1st ~ End of Term Presentation Assembly @ 9.05 am

Mon 1st ~ Football Tournament @ Hillcrest School

Tues 2Nd ~ Kingfishers and Ducklings trip to Thetford Forest

Fri 5th ~ FOWPS Cake Cafe

Fri 5th ~ Break up for Easter Holidays

Tues 23rd ~ Back to School

Fri 26th ~ FOWPS Easter Disco

Tue 30th ~ Y6 Crucial Crew

May

Fri 3rd ~ Pret a portrait class photos

Sun 5th ~ Mini GEAR Run Kings Lynn

Mon 6th ~ May Day Bank Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED

W/C 13th ~ SATS Week

W/C 20th May ~ International Health and wellness week

Mon 20th ~ The Bridges Sportsday @ LynnSport

Wed 22nd ~ Year 6 Leavers Trip to London

Fri 24th ~ Downham Games Sponsored walk

Fri 24th ~ Break up for Half Term

June

Mon 3rd ~ Back to school

W/C 3rd ~ Y6 Cycling Proficiency

Mon 10th ~ Kingfishers Infant Musical Festival am

Mon 10th – Herons Class SRE Session

Fri 21st ~ Harry Potter Day Year 5 @DMA

Fri 21st ~ Make Music Day (Details to follow)

July

Fri 5th ~ Maths Masterclass @ DMA

Fri 5th – Summer Fayre

Thur 11th ~ Area Sports @ Hillcrest

Fri 12th ~ Reports to parents

Wed 24th ~ Last Day of Term