



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a good February half-term break. It is lovely that the days are now beginning to draw out and that it is a lot lighter at the start and at the end of the school day.

You will have seen in this week's press and news that the NHS have released new guidance, 'Is my child too ill for school?' - NHS ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)). This is really clear about when children should come into school if they are mildly poorly and when they should stay home. It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they are unwell.

If you do keep your child at home, it is important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let us know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. You may be asked questions about the nature of the illness in line with the new guidance.

I know that this half term is very short although we still have a packed half term of learning and interesting activities for the children leading up to Easter.

Mrs Long  
ARPF Executive Headteacher

#### Message from Norfolk Constabulary

Please find attached a flyer about a webinar for parents and carers which is intended to raise awareness of County Lines. The webinar takes place on 12<sup>th</sup> March between 7:00pm and 8:30pm. Parents and carers can book their place on the following link to Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/county-lines-awareness-in-norfolk-free-parent-webinar-tickets-852060284247>

#### DISCO – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

A reminder that the Friends have organised a disco on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The cost is £2.00. Please find the flyer attached to the email.

- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: **5.00pm – 6.15pm**
- Year 3, 4, 5 and 6: **6.30pm – 7.45pm**

Can we please ask parents to park considerately when dropping children off and collecting children.

### Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

Please see the attached flyer for information about Easter holidays activities – they are free for children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

### Parents' Consultations

Parents' consultations will be held during the week beginning **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March** so parents can meet with their child's class teacher to discuss their progress and attainment. We are offering two options this term – either a face-to-face meeting or an online meeting. Dates and booking information to follow.

### Safeguarding

If you have any concerns for the safety or welfare of a child at any time, but particularly during the holidays, please share your concern by calling either of the following numbers: NSPCC – 0808 800 5000 Child Advice and Duty Service: 0344 800 8020 Calls can be anonymous.

### Top Table Awards

Each week, the MSAs choose one child who has shown excellent behaviour to have lunch at the special Top Table. Congratulations to Top Table children this week:

**Leonie, Aria, Edward, Jensen, Adel, Millie and Keiara.**

### Half-termly curriculum overviews

Class teachers have produced this term's half-termly curriculum overview which have been emailed out to parents. These overviews show what your child will be learning this half-term.

### World Book Day

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. The children are invited to dress up as a character from a book (not TV or film unless it was a book first). This is entirely optional. If you do choose to dress up, please ensure that this is not too elaborate that it may interfere with learning and that any costumes are cheap/homemade. In school, we will be doing a few reading/book related activities during the day and we will be having a book 'giveaway'. **We are also running an optional competition, to be completed at home: design your own book cover.** Your child is invited to imagine they were writing their own autobiographical book and design the front cover of this. How creative can they make the title? What reviews would it have? What would the picture be? Entries to be handed in to their class teacher/ Mrs Banks by **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**, with the winner/s being awarded a book token.

### Paramedic Visit

The Reception children really enjoyed the visit from the paramedic this week. He answered lots of their questions and they were able to go inside the ambulance.

### Parent Code of Conduct

To create a welcoming and safe learning environment, the school implements a specifically designed set of rules regarding behaviour and conduct which parents are expected to act in accordance with. Please find this document attached to the email.

### Year 1 trip to Africa Alive

After learning all about Kenya, about African animals and producing some stunning descriptive writing about what it would be like to go on safari, the Y1 children went on their first ever school trip this week: to Africa Alive! The journey was smooth, the children were impeccably behaved, and an unforgettable trip was enjoyed by all- children and adults alike. Highlights included the rather lazy cheetah, the snoozing bat-eared fox, the very friendly ring-tailed lemurs, the magnificent lions and an alfresco lunch! After all that excitement, we bet the children slept well on Wednesday night! **Mrs Banks**

## Gold Award

Every week, during Friday celebration assembly, a Gold Award is presented to children who have demonstrated excellent behaviour, or who have produced excellent work. Congratulations to the following children who received a Gold Award this week:

**Daniel, Anna, Ivie, Charlotte, Gabby, Jake, Jaycee-Leigh, Chloe, Lucy, Millie, Denis, Darcy, Iris, Amelia C and James.**

### This week's attendance

<b>Reception</b> <i>Caterpillar</i>	<b>Year 1</b> <i>Red Squirrel</i>	<b>Year 2</b> <i>Ladybirds</i>	<b>Year 3</b> <i>Fox</i>	<b>Year 4</b> <i>Red Deer</i>	<b>Year 5</b> <i>Barn Owl</i>	<b>Year 6</b> <i>Seal</i>
<b>96.9%</b>	<b>96.3%</b>	<b>94.8%</b>	<b>93.0%</b>	<b>90.0%</b>	<b>96.1%</b>	<b>95.5%</b>
<b>Reception</b> <i>Dragonfly</i>	<b>Year 1</b> <i>Hedgehog</i>	<b>Year 2</b> <i>Bumblebees</i>	<b>Year 3</b> <i>Badger</i>	<b>Year 4</b> <i>Kingfisher</i>	<b>Year 5</b> <i>Otter</i>	<b>Year 6</b> <i>Heron</i>
<b>95.2%</b>	<b>98.0%</b>	<b>91.3%</b>	<b>96.7%</b>	<b>87.7%</b>	<b>84.0%</b>	<b>89.0%</b>

Our attendance target is 97%. A reminder that the gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am. Children who arrive after 8.50am need to go through the office and will be marked as late.

If your child is absent from school, please let the school office know as soon as possible on the morning of the absence. If we do not hear from parents by 9.20am, we will start our first day calling procedures.

### House Points

<b>EARTH</b>	<b>AIR</b>	<b>FIRE</b>	<b>WATER</b>
<b>363</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>360</b>

The house with the most points wins an end of term treat as a reward.

### Key Dates

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Friends' Disco</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Police Office visiting Reception class. Dentist visiting Reception class
Week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 residential trip to How Hill
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	RAF science STEM workshops
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 trip to London – Houses of Parliament and National Gallery
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day – Comic Relief
Week beginning 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 2 cathedral trip
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Thetford Forest trip

### TERM DATES

#### Spring Term

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Half-term holiday: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Easter Holiday: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

#### Summer Term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May (*Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May is a Bank Holiday*)

**Half-term holiday: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

