

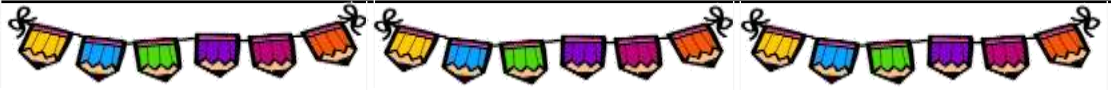


Executive Headteachers' Bulletin

October 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,



The first half of the Autumn Term is now well under way. It has been a slightly different start to the year, but it is great to see how the children have responded so positively. Their confidence and independence is a credit to them and to you! Thank you to everyone who has attended the virtual parent/teacher meetings. Although not quite the same as meeting face-to-face, we are pleased that we have been able to have these important conversations together. Please feel free to send any feedback on this or any other aspect of our work with you, via the school office email accounts. Thank you.

Ms Jordan

Coronavirus Safety



Thank you for your ongoing support with our safety measures.

It is essential that we keep going with these measures, keep socially distancing, keep washing our hands regularly and keep vigilant to possible symptoms. We have not yet asked that parents/carers wear face coverings at drop off/pick up times, but please do so if you feel unable to distance. We will of course update you should we feel we need to request this action for the safety of our whole school community.

'Friends'



'Friends' or Parent Associations are invaluable to schools in the support they can offer and funds they can raise.

As a parent/carer of a child at our schools, you are automatically a 'Friend.'

Although events cannot be held right now, in the way they have in the past, I still believe there is a role for Friends in communicating between home and school and looking forward to when the right time would be to get creative with future fund raising.

The infant school does not currently have a Friends committee and the junior school do not have a full committee, yet I know many of you would love to be involved in some way and Gemma Buck, current Chair of Friends at the juniors, is very keen to make a difference. I believe that as one federation, we could be combining our efforts, sharing the workload and ultimately benefiting all children at both schools. Maybe this could be a way forward?

If you have ideas to share or just want to make a positive difference to our schools, please feel free to contact either school office in the first instance.

Behaviour Policy Review



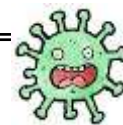
Over the next few weeks, I will be asking the children across the federation, their views on behaviour at our schools.

I will also be sending some questions to all parents/carers. It shouldn't take more than a few minutes to complete and your responses will support the development of our behaviour policy.

Please note, due to our families juggling an array of work and family commitments, I have decided to keep all feedback written and not move forward with an inflexible Zoom meeting time. Please feel free to answer the questions as broadly or as specifically as you like and add any other comments in full at the end.

How behaviour is supported within the home will be individual to each family. Our school policy will not aim to please everyone, but will aim to be clear, consistent and informed by the voices of children, parents/carers and staff.

Flu Vaccines



This year, the nasal flu vaccinations will take place on 26th November at the Infant school and 8th December at the Junior school. In the light of the pandemic, this year, more than ever, the NHS aim to immunise as many children as possible. Please ensure that you have consented or declined the vaccine through the online portal. You can watch a short video here: <https://vimeo.com/341806601>

Any access problems please contact the school immunisations team on: 0300 555 5055

Safeguarding



The past few months have been hard on everyone, including children and young people. But there are lots of things we can do to support their wellbeing at this time. #EveryMindMatters will help you find what's right for the children in your life, visit www.everymindmatters.co.uk for tips and advice.

Attendance



If your child is poorly, please keep them at home.

If your family has to self-isolate, yet your child is well, we will send work home (via Google classroom for Juniors and Tapestry for Infants) to be completed. To minimise any disruption to learning, please ensure this work is completed fully.

General Reminders



Please park considerately to our neighbours.
Please name all your child's items.
Please let us know if your details or circumstances change so we can contact you in an emergency.
Our schools are nut-free zones. Please do not include any items containing nuts in packed lunches.
Special diets can be catered for by either kitchen.
Please follow all COVID safety advice.

Key Dates

Reception curriculum meeting: 8th Oct
Half term: 22nd – 30th Oct
Last day of term: Friday 18th Dec



Reception Curriculum Meeting

Parents/carers of Reception children are warmly invited to attend a virtual information session on Thursday 8th October. Our class teachers will share with you what the Reception curriculum looks like and how we are supporting our youngest children to make the best progress possible. There will also be a chance to ask the teachers any questions you have about learning and development across the Reception year. The meeting will begin at 9.30 am. An invite will be sent to all families ahead of the meeting date. Information from the meeting will be made available via our website for any parent/carer unable to attend.



School Council

We really value our school councils, but as we cannot meet across bubbles, we have yet to establish these this year. However, we are hoping to begin Zoom meetings after half term! Look out for applications for committee roles coming soon!



Harvest Festival

At this time of year we would normally be celebrating the Harvest Festival and accepting donations of non-perishable items to donate to the local food bank. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions in place we will not be able to collect items this year. We will still be marking the harvest in school through special classroom assemblies the week commencing 5th October. If you would like to support Norwich Foodbank, you can do so via the link below

<https://www.bankuet.co.uk/norwich>

