

THE ACORN NEWSLETTER

Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

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Dear families,

Welcome to another edition of the Acorn newsletter. We have continued to do our best to get back to normal and I hope this newsletter gives you a flavour of what has been going on.

Covid is still around in school, and last week we did have to 'bubble' a class. They were 'unbubbled' at the start of this week, and currently we have had 65 cases this half term with 12 'live' cases over the past 10 days. We are seeing staff go down with Covid on a regular basis, - I myself had it in January - or to care for their own children, but so far that has fortunately not caused unmanageable disruption for us.

Suffolk have relaxed their guidance somewhat now, and we can start planning on reintroducing more visitors into school. Next half term will see parents' evenings - we are considering offering a 'hybrid' model, with virtual and in-person meetings available. The office have sent out an online survey so we can gauge what demand there would be for either. In person meetings are great but I'm also aware as a busy parent myself that virtual meetings have benefits too. Please do let the office know and we can start to make plans for the March meetings.

The governors are also starting the process of appointing my successor. They will be appointing an internal candidate as interim head for the summer term, with a permanent successor hopefully starting in September. They will of course communicate relevant information to you all as and when they have news to tell you regarding it. The school has a clear direction at the moment as we embed our new vision and curriculum.

Don't forget that we break up for half term on Thursday 17th February. Next Friday is an additional holiday as a result of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This half term is a week later than Norfolk or Essex, so it may be confusing for some! We'll see the children back to school on Monday 28th February.

Paul Seeman
Headteacher

Reasons for Absence and Covid Feedback from Parents

Please remember to leave a message on our absence line if your child is not in school, reporting your child's class and reason for absence.

We are also keeping a record of Covid cases in school to allow us to look for patterns and take appropriate action based on the number of cases in a particular class/activity group. For this to be as accurate as possible, please let us know if your child has had a positive lateral flow test/having a PCR test, and the dates and results of the (PCR) tests. It is important for us to know the result even if it is negative.

Thank you for your continued support.

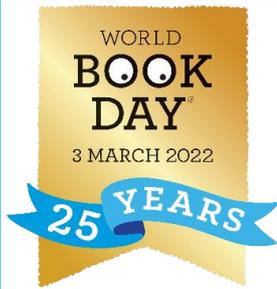


Thursday 17th February

A reminder that the Friends of School are holding a non-school uniform day on the last day of term, Thursday 17th February, with a suggested donation of £1.00.

The Kitchen will be serving a Friday menu of fish and chips on this day.





We have lots of exciting activities planned to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March.

We are asking parents to record their child doing some extreme reading in funny or unusual places to send to the class teacher through Class Dojo. On the day itself the children can dress as their favourite book character. Each key stage will also have the opportunity to share an online reading session with an award winning author.

Red Nose Day 2022

On Friday 18th March, we invite the children to come to school in non-uniform to support Comic Relief. The theme this year is Disney or the colour Red and we would appreciate a small donation to this worthy cause. Please send your donations to school on the day itself.

Red Noses will be on sale from Monday 14th March. If your child wishes to purchase a nose, they will cost £1.50 each. Initially, we will limit to one nose per child, we will inform you if there are any remaining once everyone who wishes to buy a nose has received one.

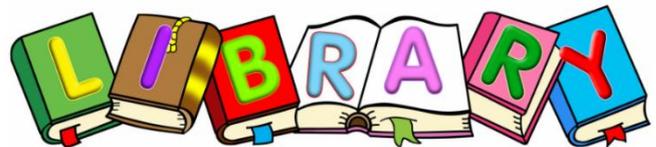


Term Dates

- Thu 17th February - Non Uniform Day
- Thu 17th February - Fish & Chips Lunch
- Thu 17th February - Last Day of Term
- Fri 18th February - Jubilee Day
- Mon 21st February - Half Term Week
- Thu 3rd March - World Book Day
- Tue 15th March - Parents' Evenings
- Thu 17th March - Parents' Evenings
- Fri 18th March - Red Nose Day
- Tue 5th April - Easter Foodbank Collection
- Fri 8th April - Last Day of Term
- Mon 25th April - First Day of Term
- Friday 1st July - Sports Day
- Mon 11th July - Reports Home to Parents
- Tue 12th July - Y6 Leavers' Production
- Wed 13th July - Y6 Leavers' Production
- Mon 18th July - Y6 Leavers' Picnic
- Wed 20th July - Last Day of Term

Book Tokens for Schools

Thank you for all the book tokens sent in to school from the local newspapers. With your support we collected enough tokens to purchase £100 worth of new books for the school library.



Year 5/6 Learning

In Y5/6 the children are learning about evolution and have been investigating how different beaks are effective in breaking up food.

They have been experimenting with different foods and equipment, e.g. chopsticks, spoons and tweezers to pick up rice, marbles and raisins.

