



THE ACORN NEWSLETTER

Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

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Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new and existing families as we start a new academic year. It has been lovely to see so many happy faces coming into school this week. The children have settled well into their new routines and classes. We are looking forward to the year ahead and all the exciting learning experiences.

Kind regards
Holly Marchand
Headteacher

Mon 11 Sept – UKS2 Meet and Greet – 3.30pm
Tue 12 Sept – EYFS Meet and Greet – 2.45pm
Wed 13 Sept – Y6 to Kingswood
Mon 18 Sept – KS1 Meet and Greet – 2.45pm
Wed 20 Sept – LKS2 Meet and Greet – 2.45pm
Mon 23 Oct – Half Term Week
Mon 30 Oct – PD Day
Mon 6 Nov – Individual School Photos
Tue 7 Nov – Flu Immunisations
Thu 16 Nov – Y6 Crucial Crew
Fri 18 Nov – Children in Need Day
Wed 20 Dec – Last Day of Term
Wed 3 Jan 24 – PD Day
Thu 4 Jan 24 – Pupils return to school



Communication with School

Our fortnightly Acorn Newsletter will continue to come out on a Friday and this will keep you up to date with information and dates of upcoming events and news from the school.

You will also receive a half termly curriculum overview at the start of each new half term. This will provide information about what your child will be learning in all subjects for that half term.

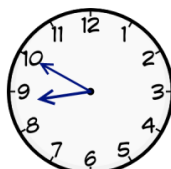
At the end of the summer term, we sent out dates for our 'Meet and Greet' sessions which will provide you with further information about routines and how you can support your child at home. The dates and times for these meetings are below:

Year 5/6 – Monday 11th September at 3.30pm
Reception – Tuesday 12th September at 2.45pm
Year 1/2 – Monday 18th September at 2.45pm
Year 3/4 – Wednesday 20th September at 2.45pm

Please come to the main school office when attending these meetings. All meetings will take place in the hall.

Start Time

The school day starts at 8.50am. From Monday, the doors will be open between 8.40am and 8.50am and will close promptly at 8.50am. Registers will close at 9.00am.



Absence Procedures

If your child is not going to be in school due to illness, please contact the school office before 8.50am on the day of absence. You can either leave a message on the school answerphone or send an email to the school office.

If any of your contact details including telephone numbers, addresses, email contacts or details of other people who can collect your child have changed, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

If you need to take your child out of school in term time, it is very unlikely that this will be authorised. However, we would always prefer to know where your child is and that they are safe. Therefore, please complete a leave of absence form which can be collected from the office. Unauthorised absences of more than three days will lead to a fixed penalty notice fine.





RAAC Update

We understand that the recent news regarding the historic use of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in school buildings may be of concern to you. As a school, we have been liaising with Suffolk County Council to establish the school's position regarding the risk of RAAC in our building. To date, we have not been contacted by the DFE and we are not on the priority list for Suffolk County Council, so the risk of RAAC in our building is believed to be low.

However, we have been informed by Suffolk County Council that they will be looking again at their building surveys of all schools and they may conduct further investigations at any school sites, as required. At this stage, we have not been identified or contacted for a further survey. We have also kept our governing body updated with this situation and we will keep you informed of any changes or updates.

Field Update

During the summer holiday, we had our field drainage system completed. Channels have been dug and drainage systems installed which will collect excess water from the field and draw it to the large underground tank. This should mean that our field doesn't remain so wet and we can use it for more of the year. The drained water will be recycled and pumped up to the pond in the environmental area, as required. The drainage channels have been filled and reseeded with grass seed. This is now beginning to establish but we will need to stay off the main field for the first couple of weeks of term. In addition, the soil that was removed from the ground has been reused to create some screens and mounds for our new memorial and wellbeing garden.

We have also had some further equipment and features installed in this area. Once again, these areas need to be protected while the grass seed establishes. Therefore, please do not walk on the field before or after school until the children are once again able to use the main field. In the meantime, we have been using our other field at playtime and lunchtime.



School Uniform

At Worlingham CEVC Primary School, we take pride in looking smart in our uniform. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform, including footwear, at all times. We have a large amount of preloved, good quality uniform that has been donated to the school. If you are short of any item of uniform, please enquire at the office and we will provide you with any available items required, where possible.



We are very excited to tell you that the Suffolk Philharmonic Orchestra is visiting our school on Wednesday 13th September to perform to KS1 and KS2 children.

The Orchestra will also be performing to the community as follows:

A FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT inspired by nature

Beccles Public Hall & Theatre, Smallgate
Beccles NR34 9AD

Wednesday 13th September 2023
11.30am to 1.30pm

Tickets are FREE but must be pre-booked:
Call 01502 770060 or visit
www.becclespublichall.co.uk