



Spring Term 2019

January 11th 2019

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a Very Happy New Year.

Secondly, a heart-felt thank you for all my lovely cards and gifts at the end of last term. They were all much appreciated.

We have had a very calm and successful start to the Spring term. The children have returned with good attitudes to learning and are already producing impressive work. Thank you and well done to all the children who continued to read over the holidays and who completed Christmas homework projects. There has been a dramatic improvement in the children's reading quiz scores in Key Stage 2 and I have loved looking at their Christmas projects.

School Dinners

All EYFS and Y1/2 children are entitled to a free school dinner – this is known as Universal Infant Free School Meals. Therefore, if your child would like a hot meal there is no charge to you until your children move into Y3.

This is different from Free School Meals which have to be applied for and are granted to children of any age if parents are eligible for this support.

If your child is in EYFS/ Y1/ Y2 you can still apply for the Free School Meals funding even though your child is automatically able to have a dinner. The funding comes in to school for us to better be able to support your child. This is spent on additional adults in class, resources, trips, uniform, clubs and music lessons: to name a few.

If your situation has recently changed or you feel you may be eligible for the Free school meal Funding please apply online, or come to see either Mrs. Fox or myself.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

There will be a change of menu on Thursday 17th January, please see separate letter for information previously emailed.

Dinner Money

Dinners must be paid for in advance. We have a number of outstanding school dinner payments. If you owe for school dinners you will be asked to provide a packed lunch for your child until all debts are cleared.

Birthday tables

Please can you send in cupcakes or individual items for Birthday tables. We are currently very short staffed at lunchtimes and this saves us a lot of time. Can I also remind you that a birthday table needs to be pre - booked with the office, the tables have 8 spaces so please only list 7 children to accompany the Birthday child? Many thanks.

MDSA cover

If any of you would be interested in joining our lunchtime team, even if only for a day or two or as a relief member, please contact the school office for an information pack.

A Plea

If any of you have any old metal or wooden items that you no longer need please donate them to EYFS for their mud kitchen area. They are on the lookout for spoons, pots, pans, bowls, sieves etc.

Thank you!

Football

We have been informed that Lakenheath Youth Football Club are looking for some new recruits to join their under 7s team. Girls and boys from year 2 are welcome to join. They train every Tuesday evening at 6pm on the playing field next to the pavilion and play a match most Saturday mornings. For further information please call or text their coach Daniel Wells on 07717 753487.

Parents' Evenings

We are trialling a different system for the mid-year point this term. Parents will be given the opportunity to book their appointment using the on-line booking system like we did last term. However, Y6 parents will receive a mid-term report for their children and be invited to a SATS information evening to find out more about where their children are against the National average, what they need to achieve and how parents can help. They will then have the chance to speak to teachers. This will take place on the Wednesday of the parents' evenings at 6pm. We will not be producing the mid-year written report for all children this year as we did not receive enough positive feedback regarding these last year.

Reminders

Jewellery – we have noticed an increased number of children wearing hooped earrings. Only stud earrings should be worn in school as hoops can get caught and we do not want injuries to occur. Earrings should be removed for PE lessons for health and safety reasons – if they cannot be removed children must tape their ears. In the case of young children these should be taped at home before school.

And finally...

We will send other dates out as they come up during the term but we wanted to give you early warning of the following:

Date	Event	Who it involves
Tuesdays – this half term	Forest School	am – group from EYFS pm – Firefly Y5
February 5 th	Parents' evening – early session	Whole school
February 6 th	Parents' evening – late session	Whole school
February 6 th at 6pm	Y6 SATs information session	Y6 parents and carers
February 8 th	First Aid sessions	Y5/6
February 15 th at 3pm	Half term begins	Whole school
February 25 th	School restarts	Whole school
Week beginning March 4 th - date to be confirmed	Crucial Crew	Year 6
March 7 th	World Book day	Whole School – details to follow
March 15 th	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day	Whole School – details to follow
March 20 th	South Angle Farm - TBC	EYFS
April 1 st at 2:15pm	Y3/4 Spring Production Dress rehearsal Grandparents and younger siblings may attend	Y3/4
April 2 nd at 6pm	Y3/4 Spring Production	Y3/4
April 3 rd at 6pm	Y3/4 Spring Production	Y3/4
April 5 th at 3pm	Easter Holidays begin	Whole School
April 24 th	Summer term begins	Whole School
April 25 th	Suffolk Farm Show	Y3



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