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AMAZING ART

We are looking forward to being able to invite you all back into school to see the amazing artwork the children produced last week. The atrium has been transformed into a rainforest, with prowling jaguars, watchful lemurs, colourful macaws and any number of other brightly coloured animals. Thank you to our volunteers for helping out, and well done children for your fantastic work!



SENSORY GARDEN DAY—SAT 3rd JULY

Thank you to all who have volunteered on Saturday 3rd July. We are hoping to be joined by volunteers from the COOP and Suffolk CC too. We have a large delivery of stone paving, sand, cement and other goodies scheduled for this week, ready for the weekend. Unfortunately, due to the nature of the work we are hoping to complete—terrace and path laying, raised beds, etc.—it won't be safe for children to come too. Thank you.

EAR PIERCING

If you are thinking about having your child's ears pierced, the very start of the Summer Holidays is the perfect time to do so as it will give the holes time to heal before the return to school. Remember, only small ear studs are allowed to be worn in school, and these **must** be removed before PE lessons.



IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

2nd July 2021

We are drawing close to the end of the most unusual year and a half of teaching any of us have ever experienced, so it is a fitting time to reflect on what we have achieved as a school and a community. Firstly, we would like to say a huge, "Well done and thank you!" for all your efforts supporting your children at home during the lock down. You did a fantastic job, but let's hope we don't have to go through all that again! The return to school also went smoothly, and the children showed us just how resilient and responsible they were, how excited they were to work with others again, and how eager they were to learn. As we think about September, we are hoping for an end to 'bubbles' and the return, finally, of the normal routines of school life. In the meantime, we hope you have a very happy summer holiday.

SPORTS DAY

A slightly adapted Sports Day will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday 13th July for all children, and we are really pleased to be able to invite one member of each household to attend. We understand that many schools are holding their sports days behind closed doors but, due to the large size of our field, if we are careful, we feel we can safely invite one adult per family to attend.

A separate letter with final details will be sent out shortly, but events are due to start at about 1pm.

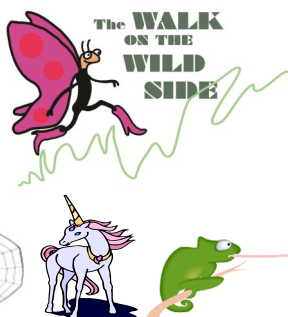
SHUFFLE UP DAYS

On Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th July, our children will work in their new classes. We have chosen the last two days of term to avoid as much mixing of bubbles as possible. The children will spend the two days getting to know each other and their teacher, and working on some shared projects together. These are such an important part of transition, as they help the children bond as a class and feel confident about the return to school in September.

WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Unfortunately, due to the logistical difficulties of organising the sponsored walk within the current covid guidelines, we will be postponing the Walk on the Wild Side until the autumn term. Thank you to those who volunteered to come with us; I hope you will still be available in the autumn.

As the Year 6s won't be able to come with us next year, Yangtze Class are still hoping to go on a walk on Friday 16th July. If you are a parent of a child in Yangtze Class and are able to join us, please email the office or Mr Leicester.



DIARY DATES

Mon 21st & Tues 22nd June	Art Solutions Workshops (whole school)
Wed 23rd June	Scooter Day (Whole School)
Thurs 24th June	Eaton Vale (Year 5&6)
Wed 30th June	Moving up day for Thomas Mills (Y6)
Thurs 1st July	Moving up day for Stradbroke High (Y6)
Sat 3rd July	Sensory Garden Work Day
Wed 7th and Thurs 8th July	Yangtze Class performance: Star Warts!
Tues 13th July	Sports Day (Whole School)
Thurs 15th July 5pm	Welcome Evening
Fri 16th July	Yangtze Class Walk
Fri 16th July	Year 6 Rounders Match, BBQ and Water fight
Mon 19th and Tues 20th July	Children will start in their new classes.
Tues 20th July 2pm	Cups and Leavers Assembly

WELCOME MEETING

On Thursday 15th July at 5pm, we will be holding a welcome meeting for our new Reception parents. This is a chance for you to meet the team and ask any questions you may have. We hope you can make it, and we look forward to meeting you.

Our Value this term is : **HOPE**

Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul—and sings the tunes without the words—and never stops at all. Emily Dickinson



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MR DEEKS RETIREMENT

We would like to say a huge, "Thank you!" to Mr Deeks, who has retired from his role of Chair of the Governing Body after eight years of service to our school. In Summer 2013 he joined us as a Local Authority governor and took on the position of Chair in Autumn 2018, when he also became a Trustee for our academy. As a former Head and a proactive member of the community, Mr Deeks brought a huge amount of knowledge, experience, enthusiasm and expertise to his role helping move our school forward. He will be much missed by the other members of the governing body, the staff, and the children—not least of which will be by the children he worked with as part of our *Aiming High* group, those he helped to build the poly tunnel and those that have danced around the maypole with him. Thank you.

A MESSAGE FROM REV LOXTON

Hi parents and carers, this is Revd Susan here.

We all know that the last 18 months have been difficult for most of us, and everyone has struggled in some way. In school the staff are doing all they can to help our children cope and adjust to having to live differently, as well as trying to help them all catch up on their education.

But I wonder if you adults have the help you might need to cope with all that has happened and the changes that the lockdown has brought.

Some people have lost their jobs, been on furlough, which can bring financial hardship. Some are working from home, which can mean we are isolated and missing company. Many of you have had to juggle work and education as well as everything else life throws at us.

As the vicar of 6 parishes, I get to talk and listen to lots of people. I have noticed that so many are struggling in various ways. It is not surprising of course as this time is unprecedented in our lifetime and we all react differently.

As a minister in 6 parishes, my job is to care for everyone, not just the people who come to church. Of course, this is impossible in some ways but, I am here, and happy to talk, have a coffee and listen. I can also put you in touch with various agencies that might provide the help you need. And I also can issue boxes of food from the foodbank to anyone who needs a bit of a helping hand. You can ring my landline 01379 388493, leave a message if I am not in. Or for the foodbank you can ring a dedicated mobile that I pick up 07749 179446.

If you would rather email me revloxton@gmail.com.



Please don't hesitate to get in touch. Even if you think it is silly, if it is worrying you, it is not. No strings attached!

God bless,
Susan

RSE

In most classes, children have started their RSE block on how our bodies grow and change. They have been really mature and interested in their learning. This is a great opportunity for you to mention this subject (if your child hasn't already), and start talking about things at home.

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

As many of you know, at the start of this term, we joined the UNICEF Rights Respecting School programme and we are now in a position to apply for our Bronze Award. There will be an open meeting about this on Wednesday 14th July at 2.30pm to share our action plan. We are hoping to recruit a parent volunteer to join our Steering Committee to help us move from Bronze to Silver over the course of next year. Please email Mrs Drax or Mr Leicester if you can help.



NUT-FREE SCHOOL

Please remember we are a nut-free school. It is sometimes easy to overlook how many things sold for packed lunches contain nuts, so it is worth reminding ourselves every so often.

Thank you.

GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Would you like to help make a positive contribution to children's education? We currently have two vacancies on the Governing Body. The Governors play a hugely important role both supporting and challenging the school in order to ensure improvement and progression. You do not need to have a background in education, and many other skills are equally valuable. Governors have access to a training programme to build their understanding and skills. We welcome those wanting to get involved in the community and learn new skills. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Drax, Mr Taylor or Mr Leicester

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MRS FOSTER—PIANO CONCERT & COLLECTION

As you know, the lovely Mrs Foster teaches piano to children from Year 3 up, and many of our children have made amazing progress with her. Each year she organises a wonderful concert at Wingfield Barns. After a break last year, the concert is back on Saturday 10th July (although tickets are strictly limited to families of performers). If you would like to make a contribution to a present for Mrs Foster to present on the evening, we are making a collection in the office. Thank you.