



IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

3rd October 2022

There's lots going on and lots to share this week. I hope the diary dates on the reverse of this newsletter help you with planning for the rest of the term.

NORWICH CATHEDRAL TRIP—KS2

On Thursday 10th November, the children in KS2 (Colorado, Congo and Yangtze Classes) will be going to Norwich Cathedral to take part in a series of workshops around the theme of Remembrance. The workshops tie in directly to our current History topic, called: *We Will Remember Them, The First World War*. We will even have the chance to meet Edith Cavell—the British Nurse who treated wounded soldiers from both sides of the conflict without favour or discrimination. The following day, on Armistice Day itself, we will visit the Commonwealth War Graves in the Church and the Old Chapel.

ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

Congratulations to our new group of Anti-Bullying Ambassadors: James, Maisie, Callum, Bella, Bepe, Tilly, Reuben, James, Martha and Sienna.

This keen and committed group of volunteers have a vital role to play in the life of the school: each lunchtime they patrol the school field in their High Vis tops to help children sort out any differences and to support the younger children.

ESSENTIAL GUIDES

The Essential Guides to reading, which have recently been updated by our School Librarians, will be sent home this week. The lists include books we highly recommend for each year group. Every time your child finishes one of the books on the list, their name will be added to a Golden Box for a prize draw each week in assembly.

THE GREAT CHARITY SHOP BOOK SCAVENGER HUNT!

To link with the release of the Essential Guides for Reading, we are launching a Charity Shop Book Scavenger Hunt to try to find all the books on our Essential Guides. (See the launch letter for further information.) By working together, we hope to be able to complete our collection.

NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

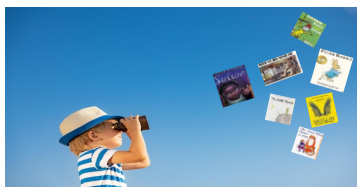
We would like to welcome Emily-Aliza and Alfie to the School Council. They were elected by the children in Year 1 to represent their views. They will join the other members of our School Council to represent the pupils views and liaise with the School's Leadership Team.

MATHS SHARE MORNING

We would like to invite all parents and carers into school on the morning of Tuesday 15th November for our first Share morning since Covid. The focus of the morning will be on the teaching of calculations in maths. The session will start at 8.50am in the school hall, where Ms Perry will give a short run through of how the teaching of calculation (addition, subtraction, division and multiplication) progresses through the school. You are then welcome to join your child in class for a maths lesson from about 9.30am until break at 10.25am. There will be a letter coming shortly with a reply slip, so please let us know if you can join us.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival will take place on 21st Oct at the Church at 9.30am. As always, there will be a presentation of produce which will go to the local foodbank. Dry produce (cans, packets, etc) is preferred. Children can bring this into school on the day. We hope you can join us.



EARLY YEARS

CURRICULUM MEETING

We would like to invite the parents of children in Waveney Class to join us for a meeting about Phonics, Reading and Early Maths on the morning of Thursday 20th October at 9am. Simply drop your child off at the usual time, then join us to learn how we approach the teaching of these important subjects. The workshop has been timed to coincide with the moment we start teaching the children the letter sounds and will give you the confidence to know you are following the school's approach when you support your child at home. We hope you can join us and we look forward to seeing you there.

FOODBANK

If you and your family are struggling and you need some food, please contact Rev Susan on 01379 388493.



HILLTOP KIT LIST

The Kit List for those in Year 4 visiting Hilltop after half term has been sent out. Please contact us if you didn't receive it. Please know that there is no need to buy expensive new items—most activities require older clothes that can get a bit dirty. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know so we can help. And remember, don't forget your teddy!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you would like to order the Cauliflower Cards Christmas Cards, please place your order before 5th October. Thank you.

WELLIES

Please bring in a pair of wellies to wear on the school field. Our intention is to use our lovely field throughout the winter, but the children will need to wear wellies at playtime as the weather gets wetter. Please make sure the wellies



IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Remember, the Battle of the Bands has now started: Ms Perry's Congo Class have challenged Mr Leicester's Yangtze Class to a Battle of the Bands on Times Tables Rock Stars through the month of October. The platform has been significantly updated over the summer with more games and activities and each child should find their profile has been moved into their new class. This is a great, fun way to become really whizzy with Times Tables. The winning team will be the class that clocks up the greatest number of hours playing the games over the month.



LENDING LIBRARY

The Lending Library will be starting again this week, so please bring in your books. The School Librarians will be helping children to change their books over lunchtime. Children in EYFS and KS1 will be encouraged to change their books on Tuesdays and KS2 will be asked to change their books on Wednesdays. On Thursdays, anyone who hasn't managed to change their books can do so. Remember, these books are free choice, so your child might come home with books that are much too hard for them to read by themselves. Please read the books to your child, or encourage them to change them again at the next opportunity.

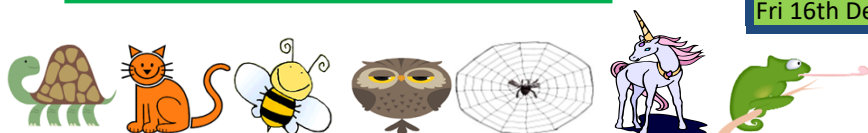
SCHOOL UNIFORM & SHOES

With the rising cost of living, this term is set to be very financially challenging for the great majority of our families. We would like to let you know that there is a great deal of very good quality school uniform available from the school office for just 50p/item. Also, to avoid having to buy two sets of wellies, plimsols and trainers, it is perfectly fine to ask your child to bring these items home rather than leaving them in school. Many children take their wellies home at the weekend. Just make sure your child has what they need in school on the days they need it. Thank you.

DOG MESS

Unfortunately, dog's mess was trodden around the nursery last week by a child who had stepped in it just before coming into school. The mess had been left in the alleyway next to the school hall; the classroom had to be deep-cleaned before the children were able to go back in. For this reason, and because some of our children are very sensitive around dogs, we ask that they aren't brought onto school grounds. Thank you.

OUR SCHOOL VALUE THIS TERM IS: TRUST



DATE	EVENT
Mon 3rd Oct	Anti-Bullying Day
Tue 4th Oct	Tag Rugby Tournament
Mon 10th Oct	Parents' Evening (Yangtze only)
Tue 11th Oct	Parents' Evening (not Yangtze)
Wed 12th Oct	Team Building Carousel
Wed 12th Oct	Sukkot Assembly
Wed 12th Oct	Parents' Evening (Whole School)
Thu 13th Oct	Cross-Country at Mellis Common
Fri 14th Oct	Celebration of Black History
Wed 19th Oct	Diwali Assembly
Thu 20th Oct	EYFS Curriculum Meeting
Thu 20th Oct	Bags to School Collection
Fri 21st Oct	Harvest Festival at Church 9.30am
Mon 24th -	Half Term
Mon 31st Oct - Wed 2nd	Y4 Residential Hilltop
Thu 3rd Nov	Open the Book Assembly
Thu 10th Nov	KS2 Norwich Cathedral Trip
Fri 11th Nov	KS2 Village Walk - Commonwealth War Graves
Tue 15th Nov	Maths SHARE morning
Fri 18th Nov	FOFSA Autumn Disco
Tue 22nd Nov	Flu Vaccinations
Fri 25th Nov	Dr Dan Poulter MP visit Any Questions?
Mon 5th Dec	Flu Vaccinations
Tue 6th Dec	Christmas Across the World at St Peter's and St Paul's Church
Thu 8th Dec	Christmas Panto
Fri 9th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Fri 9th Dec	FOFSA Christmas Fair
Mon 12th Dec	Nativity Dress Rehearsal to School
Tue 13th Dec	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Wed 14th Dec	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Thu 15th Dec	Christmas Carols at the Church
Thu 15th Dec	Christmas Class Parties
Fri 16th Dec	Staff PD Day. School Closed.