



# IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

28th April 2023

## THE BIG CAMP OUT

Letters about the Big Camp Out have been sent out today. We hope you can join us for a cook-up, star-gazing, pond-dipping, games, crafts and late-night stories around the bonfire. This was a lovely event the last time it was held and is a great way to meet other parents. It was lovely last time to have older brothers and sisters back, so please feel free to come as a whole family. Please send back your letters by Friday 12th May. Thank you.



## WORLD EARTH DAY

Thank you to Eden and Jasmine who helped plan and deliver an assembly this week about World Earth Day. The assembly was a great start to Key Stage 2's new summer theme called: There is no Planet B—Our Impact on the Environment. This unit was introduced into our 4-year rolling programme at the request of the Eco Committee (who had been inspired by Greta Thunberg's protests) and will include issues such as the burning of fossil fuels, climate change, pollution, habitat loss and things that can be done to counter this.



## NO JEWELLERY

We have noticed that some children have started wearing jewellery to school. We would like to remind you that jewellery is not allowed as part of our school uniform policy apart from single plain stud earrings (which must be removed by the child for PE). Thank you.

## CORONATION DAY

I hope you received the letter last Friday about our Coronation Day celebrations. We will be celebrating with a day of special activities on Friday 5th May, including the planting of trees in the forest school area (donated by FOFSA), a special picnic on the school field, and a coronation of our own during assembly at the end of the day. I hope you can support us by providing some cakes for our puddings (please see last week's letter). Picnic lunch choices must be returned by Tuesday 2nd May at the latest unless your child is having a packed lunch from home. Thank you.



## WALK TO SCHOOL

The week of 15-19th May will be Walk to School Week. The Junior Road Safety Officers would like to encourage you to either walk or cycle to school, or to park a little further away and walk the final stretch. There is ample parking by the Fressingfield Community Centre and a path behind the playpark, through the houses to the school. Those children who walk into school will earn stickers and points for their houses.

On a similar note, the JRSOs spent Friday morning observing the parking during drop-off at the school. They would like to thank those parents who are parking in the Baptist Chapel, and remind everyone that we would prefer it if you didn't park on the road in front of the school. Thank you.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Many families will soon be starting to think about school uniform for next year, especially as many of the supermarkets seem to offer special deals before the summer holiday break. I would like to remind all our families that we also have many good-quality second-hand items of uniform at school—some seem just as good as new. We used to ask for a 50p donation for these, but are now offering them to those that can make use of them for free. I would also like to request that any children growing out of their clothes, or leaving the school (such as Year 6) to donate any good quality items to the school to be used again. If you would like to see what we have available, simply pop into the office or look for the stand at the school fair after sports day.

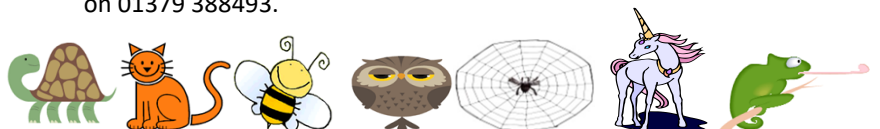


## BABY HECTOR

What a cutie! And what a pleasure it was to finally have our long-awaited cuddles with the delightful Hector when Miss Adamson came in on Monday. The children were very excited to see them both (but especially Baby Hector!). We look forward to welcoming Miss Adamson back to school later in the term.

## FOODBANK

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



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## THE WRITE STUFF!

If your child is in Key Stage 2, they might have told you about a change to the way we are teaching writing. The teachers in Key Stage 2 are trialing an approach (that will later be adopted by Key Stage 1 too) called 'The Write Stuff' by Jane Considine. The programme makes use of inspirational texts and film and teaches children to write through shared word gathering and teacher modelling. The children act as 'Sentence Stackers,' building up paragraphs one high-quality sentence at a time and fleshing out 'Plot Points' until they have retold the story. The next time you are in school, you will probably notice a change in the work in the children's books. We are really pleased with the children's approach to these daily sessions and are looking forward to seeing the impact this work has on the children's independent work. When we are all a bit more confident at delivering using this new approach, we also look forward to being able to invite you in to observe.

## SUFFOLK SHOW

The children in Year 3 and Year 4 loved the Suffolk Farm and Country Fair at the start of term. They loved petting the animals and tasting a variety of foods and were particularly interested by the demonstration of pneumatic engineering. Kayden's explanation for how it all worked was apparently so good, the demonstrator said he would use his exact words for the rest of the day! The children's behavior on the school trip was fantastic. We would like to say a special thank you to Martha's grandad, Mr Mortimer, who contributed towards the cost of the day. Thank you and well done all!



DATE	EVENT
Mon 17th April	Term Starts
Thu 20th April	Y3/4 Suffolk Farm and Country Park (all day)
Fri 21st April	Star of the Week Assembly resumes
Mon 24th April	FOFSA Uniform Sale 3.15pm Come and buy your summer dresses!
Wed 26th April	Colorado Class First Swim
Wed 26th April	Year 5 Science Morning at Stradbroke High School
Fri 28th April	Work Party to put up the new polytunnel 3.15-5pm Free childcare available
Fri 5th May	Coronation Day Celebrations all day. Special lunch.
Mon 8th May	Coronation Bank Holiday
Tues 9th—Fri 12th May	Key Stage 2 SATs Week.
Mon 15th—Fri 19th May	Walk to School Week
Mon 15th May	Cross-country finals will be held this week.
Tue 16th May	Works Evening to finish putting up the new polytunnel 3.15pm—5pm Free child care available.
Thurs 18th May	Full Governing Body Meeting
Mon 22nd May	HSSSP Tennis Tournament 12-2.45pm
Wed 24th—Fri 26th May	Year 6 Residential Hilltop
Tue 6th June	HSSSP Cricket Dynamos
Wed 7th June	Colorado Last Swim
Fri 9th June	The Big Camp Out
Wed 14th June	Danube First Swim
Thur 15th June	Quadkids Athletics Thomas Mills 9.30—5pm (depending on year group)
Mon 19th June	Crucial Crew Life Skills Stowmarket Year 6 12pm—5pm
Thur 29th June	Full Governing Body Meeting
Mon 3rd July	Rounders Tournament Hartismere 12pm—2.45pm
Tue 4th July	Y6 Trip to Cambridge University
Frid 7th July	SPORTS DAY and FOFSA SUMMER FAIR 1pm—4pm
Mon 10th July	KS2 Summer Performance Dress Rehearsal
Tues 11th July	HSSSP Footgolf and Just Dance Hartismere 12.15pm—2.30pm
Tues 11th and	KS2 Summer Performance 6pm
Fri 14th July	Reserve Sports Day
Wed 19th July	Leavers Rounders Match and BBQ
Thurs 20th July	9.30am Summer Church Service 2.30pm Leavers Service in school
Fri 21st July	PD Day