



Headteachers' Bulletin

Farewell 2019

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Dear Parent/Carers,

What a fantastic end to a super year! Trips, visits and performances all leaving us feeling proud of our school and everyone within it. The staff and Governors would like to thank you all for your support this year and wish you all a happy, healthy, safe and fun-filled Summer break. We wish our current Year 2 children much success as they move on to Junior school and look forward to welcoming back all other children from Wednesday 4th September.

Keep Learning!

Help your children to make a flying start to their new year by regularly taking part in learning activities over the Summer. All the following available:



Attendance

I am extremely pleased to report that this year, as a whole school we have achieved our attendance target of 96%. Our final figure is 96.3%!

Individual attendance information is in your child's school report and letters or certificates have been shared.

Thank you

From every member of staff, may I pass on our very grateful 'thank yous' for all the kind words and even gifts that you have shared with us. Your support, generosity and thoughtfulness, to all of our staff team, are very much appreciated.

Thank you 



19-20 Dates

The majority of our key dates are now set for next year. These have been provided to all families by email and are also available on our website. We hope that in getting these dates to you now, it proves easier for you to plan your own diaries.

Back to School Reminders

Please ensure all uniform is named before September

Please ensure all packed lunches provided from home are nut free

If you change your mobile number over the Summer, please let us know straight away in September

Our before school fitness club is available from 8.30am. Places must be booked in advance.



September Information **Children's University**



A number of changes have taken place over the past year within Children's University. The cost to schools has increased (now over £660 per year plus the cost of passports). Graduations are only offered to children once they have reached the 'gold' award and the ceremony itself has been minimised.

After careful consideration the governors and staff have decided not to continue with Children's University from September. We will however offer our own school version and will honour the hours children have accumulated so far through our own award system.

From September, every child will have a Learning Outside the Classroom passport. Parents can record all clubs/visits attended outside of school and we will record extra-curricular learning from school visits and visitors too. There will be no cost to parents. Awards will be given at ceremonies in school, which we will make sure are just as special for the children.

Further information will be available in September.



September Information **Premises Plans – in brief**

Our Children's Centre room closes at the end of July. We are pleased to share that Stepping Stones nursery have made a bid to use this space. This will mean separate rooms for the babies and toddlers/pre-school children and more opportunities for supporting families. With increased spaces, over time we are likely to see the school benefit from larger numbers of children joining us. Once final agreements have been made, there will be some small scale building works to improve this part of the school.

We are thrilled to be benefitting from funding from Norfolk Property Services to replace our current oil boiler (which is over 30 years old!) to a new gas boiler. Works will begin in the Summer break.

Looking ahead, next year is likely to be the last year in which schools benefit from Sports Funding. We are keen to provide a canopy over part of the main playground next year. This will allow for greater outdoor learning and play for all children. We hope to combine this with improvement works to Horse Chestnut class window and the entrance from the playground.

Support Staff Changes

We are very sorry that our long serving caretaker and cleaner will both be leaving us after the Autumn term. We would like to thank them for their dedication to our school and wish them every success and happiness in the future.

This does mean we are looking for two new people to join us. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in a before and after school cleaning or caretaking post, please speak to us in September for more information.



We will also be looking for reading volunteers in September. If you have any regular, spare time to support in a class to hear children read, we would love to hear from you!

**Congratulations to one and all on a fantastic year.
Enjoy the Summer!**



The Year Ahead – Key Dates For Your Diary

Performances

Autumn Term

Christmas Plays

Reception: Tuesday 17th (10.45am) and
Wednesday 18th December (9.30am)

Year 1/2: Tuesday 17th (9.30am) and
Wednesday 18th December (10.45am)

Spring Term

Class Assemblies (9.10am)

Maple: Friday 6th March

Sycamore: Friday 13th March

Oak: Friday 20th March

Beech: Friday 27th March

Summer Term

Moving On/Moving Up Concerts (2pm)

Reception: Wednesday 15th July

Year 1: Thursday 16th July

Year 2: Friday 17th July

Reading Cafés for Reception

Tuesday 15th October 9.00 – 10.00 a.m.

Thursday 23rd January 9.00 – 10.00 a.m.

Wednesday 20th May 9.00 – 10.00 a.m.

Maths Cafés for Year 1

Wednesday 16th October 9.00 – 10.00 a.m.

Tuesday 21st January 9.00 – 10.00 a.m.

Thursday 21st May 9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.

Writing Cafés for Year 2

Thursday 17th October 9.00 – 10.00 a.m.

Wednesday 22nd January 9.00 – 10.00 a.m.

Friday 22nd May 9.00 – 10.00 a.m.

Christmas Cafés

Beech:

Monday 2nd December 2.00 – 3.00 pm

Oak:

Tuesday 3rd December 2.00 – 3.00 pm

Sycamore:

Thursday 5th December 2.00 – 3.00pm

Maple:

Friday 6th December 2.00 – 3.00 pm

Siblings are welcome to attend Christmas Cafes

Parent Forums

Please join the Head Teacher, Friends and
Governors to discuss key issues over a cup of
tea!

Friday 18th October 9.05am

Friday 14th February 9.05am

Friday 5th June 9.05am

Parents/Teacher Progress Meetings

All Year Groups:

Friday 20th September 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Monday 23rd September 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Tuesday 24th September 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Wednesday 25th September 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Friday 22nd November 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Monday 25th November 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Tuesday 26th November 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Wednesday 27th November 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Friday 7th February 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Monday 10th February 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Tuesday 11th February 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Wednesday 12th February 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Friday 24th April 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Monday 27th April 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Tuesday 28th April 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Wednesday 29th April 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Sharing Afternoons

You are welcome to come into school at 2.45pm on
the following dates to share reading activities and
look at your child's work in their classroom:

Beech: Tuesday 1st October; Friday 15th November;
Monday 3rd February; Monday 20th April

Oak: Wednesday 2nd October; Tuesday 19th
November; Thursday 6th February; Tuesday 21st
April

Maple: Thursday 3rd October; Monday 18th
November; Friday 31st January; Wednesday 22nd
April

Sycamore: Friday 4th October; Wednesday 20th
November; Tuesday 4th February; Thursday 23rd
April

Other Dates

Reception Parents Curriculum Meeting – Friday 4th October 9.10am
Harvest Festival – Friday 11th October (Children only)
Open Afternoon – Thursday 21st November
Christmas Lunch – Friday 13th December
Christingle – Monday 16th December (Children only)
Health Visitor Drop-In/Health Workshop for parents – w/c 13th January TBC
Assessment Workshop (all year groups) – Monday 2nd March 2.15pm
Year 2 Statutory Testing Period – 1st – 31st May
Year 1 Phonic Screening Period – 8th – 12th June
Sports Morning & Picnic – Wednesday 1st July
Open Evening – Monday 6th July 5.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.
Reports to Parents – Thursday 9th July

Term Dates

Wednesday 4th September – Wednesday 18th December: Autumn Term
Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October: School closed for half term
Monday 6th January – Wednesday 1st April: Spring Term
Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February: School closed for half term
Monday 20th April – Tuesday 21st July: Summer Term
Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May: School closed for half term
Friday 8th May: School closed for May Day

Please do not book holiday during term time. Thank you.