Executive Headteachers' Bulletin April 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term! I hope you had a super Easter break. This is a long term and one in which we hope our children will continue to thrive and grow. Again, it will be slightly different to other Summer Terms as we continue to do all we can to stay safe, but we still have many plans to look forward to. More information about how we will celebrate the end of the school year and how we will support the children's transitions ready for next year will be shared with you as soon as possible. For now, please read on to find out more about changes, achievements and updates.

Ms Jordan

Coronavirus Safety

We had a really successful, full re-opening last half term. The children are all being great 'hygiene champions' and thanks as always to our staff for completing all the extra cleaning of high touch points each day. Drop off times are tight at the infant school but thanks to your promptness, most classes are having a smooth start to the day. We know a few children need a parent/carer to stay in the line with them, that's fine! Thank you also to infant parents for picking up from the field, we know it's not perfect, but this position does mean all teachers can see you from their classes –hopefully we won't need to do this for too much longer. Junior parents, please pass on our thanks to your children for their maturity in entering/leaving school independently. We are fortunate that we have not had to close any bubbles yet, but know this could happen. Please continue to follow all COVID safety rules in and around our schools.

Y6 Life Coaching



We are thrilled to be welcoming Paddy Venner to Woodland View Junior School for the next 6 weeks. Paddy is a professional life coach and will be completing some invaluable coaching work with our Year 6 children.

To find out more about Paddy and his work, please follow this link:

<u>Home | PADDY VENNER Life Coach (theyourevolution.com)</u>

Thank You!

Just a simple 'thank you' goes a long way but one incredibly generous family donated £1000 to Spixworth Infant School for the teachers' efforts during lockdown. All classes feel very lucky to have now received new, plush rugs for carpet sessions and lots of new Forest School resources.



Parent Questionnaire

Please look out for a parent questionnaire coming to your inbox soon. Your feedback is very important to us and helps to guide future decisions for our schools.











Outdoor Improvements!

The EYFS outdoor area now has a roadway!



The old, rotten stage is in it's final stages of amphitheatre transformation!



And shade sails will bring purposeful spaces to the KS2 field!



Safeguarding



Both schools will shortly be (virtually) welcoming members of the NSPCC to help our children to know ways to keep themselves safe. An assembly-style presentation, tailored to the infants and juniors, will remind our children of the PANTS rule and ensure they have a voice to Speak Out to Stay Safe. Further information to help you share the same messages at home can be found here: Watch our Speak out Stay safe assembly at home | NSPCC

<u>Attendance</u>



From Monday 8th March it became mandatory for all children to be back in school, unless the child is clinically extremely vulnerable and has a letter from their doctor stating they must stay at home. Norfolk schools have beaten National statistics for attendance since reopening and our two schools have been a very positive part of this – thank you!

Friends

Thank you to Gemma Buck for working behind the scenes to complete the none too easy task of setting up a new parents and friends association. We can't wait to be working together in this way again very soon...

Mr Woolley

At the end of last term we wished Mr Woolley farewell as he makes a planned move to complete his teacher training at another school. All children and staff, particularly Maple Class, wish him every success.

General Reminders



Please park considerately to our neighbours.

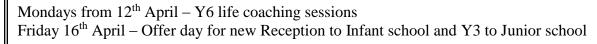
Please name all your child's items.

Please let us know if your details or circumstances change so we can contact you in an emergency.

Our schools are nut-free zones. Please do not include any items containing nuts in packed lunches. Special diets can be catered for by either kitchen.

Please follow all COVID safety advice.

Key Dates





Please note: There will be no SATs in May this year. Teachers will complete assessments with their classes in June to help inform their end of year judgements.