

Executive Headteachers' Bulletin

July 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,



After another very unique year, we have reached July and the final few weeks of the Summer term. The children (and adults!) have had to cope with so much change and uncertainty this year. I'm sure you are as proud as we are of them all. Please read on for lots of information about the final weeks of this term, Summer holiday fun and staffing changes ahead of next term.

Ms Jordan

Coronavirus Safety



As you will know, with the unfortunate rise again in Coronavirus cases, we had to make some adjustments to our end of term plans. We also currently have one bubble closed. Our updated risk assessments are available on our website. Thank you for all of your support as we work together to keep our whole community as safe as possible.

Staffing Updates and Changes



In the June bulletin, I shared that Mrs Goodhew will be leaving Woodland View at the end of July. Mrs Patterson will be job sharing with Mrs Whiles. I am delighted to announce that the very popular vacancy left by this change has been filled by Mr White. Mr White is thrilled to be joining the Woodland View team, bringing with him particular strengths in Science and PE.

We are currently advertising for three new members of support staff to join our Federation. I look forward to sharing with you further information before the end of term.

It is with sadness that I must also share that Mrs Rudling (part-time Teaching Assistant at Woodland View) has now had to leave us due to ill-health. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Rudling for all her work with the children and wish her good health and happiness in the future.

You may also be aware that Mrs Carter (Teaching Assistant at Woodland View) has also been absent this half term. Mrs Carter is away from work following an accident but is on the road to recovery. She is greatly missed and we all wish her well. We hope to welcome Mrs Carter back to the team in September.

Summer Reading Challenge 21 – Norfolk Libraries

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

The Summer Reading Challenge, hosted by Norfolk Libraries, will this year have the theme 'Wild World Heroes.' The children will all be invited to take part through an assembly in school and an information leaflet has already been sent. Reading is always important, but continuing to read over the holidays is even more essential. So take up the challenge, read widely, meet new characters, learn new facts, go places you cannot get to in the car, (keep your reading skills high), and have fun! All completed challenges will be celebrated in school in September!

**WILD WORLD
HEROES**

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

Anxiety Support for Children

Anxiety is a normal reaction to danger. It can help you stay alert and react quickly to a threat. However, sometimes it can get in the way of the things we want to do and cause physical symptoms and that's when we need a bit of extra help. Children can feel anxious too. This feeling usually passes quite quickly, but if you think your child is struggling with anxiety there are lots of ways to help and places to go for advice and support. Phrases such as 'I am here, you are safe' or using a calming strategy with your child such as 'I'm going to take a big breath' can be enough. For more information on anxiety please speak to any of our Mental Health Champions or visit [Smiling Mind](#) , www.childline.org.uk , [Health Advice & Support for Children - Just One Norfolk](#) or call Just One Number: 0300 300 0123



Infant School Family Room

Horse Chestnut classroom at the infant school is undergoing a transformation! From September, this will be a Family Room hosting drop-in sessions for all parents/carers. Sessions will include regular SEND meetings, Coffee and Chat sessions, Stay and Play for our families with 0-4s and any other gatherings YOU would find useful. More information and regular dates will be shared in September.

Safeguarding



Recently we have been made aware of a number of incidents where children have sent unkind and unacceptable messages via text or social media. If you are allowing your children unsupervised use of mobile phones and access to communication apps, please ensure you are monitoring use closely to prevent immediate harm to others or longer term harm to themselves, as digital content can never be fully deleted.

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.

Attendance



Please note, due to the pandemic, attendance information on our end of year reports this year will be from March – June. (Attendance until the last day of term in July will still be recorded.)

When parked outside our schools, please turn your engines off. Fumes from running engines can affect anyone walking by our schools as well as the air quality for our community more generally.
Thank you.

Safe Pick-Ups



Please note: From September, only children in Year 5 and 6 will be allowed to walk/bike home without a parent/carers. This permission will only be granted following written consent in advance from the parent/carers where the safety of the journey (distance, number of roads to be crossed etc) and arrangements for arrival at home have been considered and shared.

Key Dates

Sports afternoons – WV from 24th June; SIS from 5th July
Federation transition sessions – Friday 9th and Friday 16th July
End of Year reports to parents (sent via email) – Tuesday 13th July
Any questions or concerns about reports, sent via email, will be answered by telephone – Thursday 15th July
Leavers' assembly – Y6 Monday 19th July; Y2 Wednesday 21st July (These are planned to be outside)
Leavers' water games – Tuesday 20th July
Last day of term – Wednesday 21st July

