

# Executive Headteachers' Bulletin July 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

July is here, the sun has been shining and we have three more weeks of learning and fun before the end of this school year to be grateful for. Please read on to find out more about these last weeks and what we are looking forward to in September.

Ms Jordan

# **Lunch Providers**

We are sad that Little Norfolk Kitchen will no longer be trading after the end of this term and so will not be providing the Junior school meals from September. We thank Andy, Cheryl and their team and wish them happiness for the future.



I am pleased to share that Edwards and Blake will be moving into the Junior kitchen and from here, will produce lunches for both schools. The menus for September will be shared soon.

Ordering is via the Pupil Asset app and must be completed weekly before 9am every Monday. Payment (for Junior children only) is via School Money. If you have any questions or need help with any part of this change, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

# Staff Recruitment



Mrs Andrews and Mr Medhurst will be leaving us at the end of term for new adventures. We wish them both the best of luck.

We are currently advertising for two Teaching Assistants, one to work with a class and one to support an individual child. We are also looking for a full-time Clerical Assistant. If you or someone you know may be interested in any of these roles, please find our adverts here:

<u>Teaching Assistant | Education Job Finder</u> <u>SEN Classroom Assistant | Education Job Finder</u> <u>Clerical Assistant | Education Job Finder</u>

## Parents' Section



Thank you to everyone who has completed our parent questionnaire. We will give full feedback soon but thank you for all the positive comments like these:

Caring atmosphere, lovely setting, good range of play equipment and learning through care.

It is small and the children are known personally

The quality of teachers is great

If you have any good news stories to share, please email either school office.

# A Spotlight on Supporting Transitions

Change is a normal part of life and provides children with a chance to develop their resilience, but change can also be worrying and some children will find change harder than others. Whatever your child's age, changing their place of education is a big step. Routines and communication support children to cope. To find out more: For transition to Infant school: <a href="How to help your child transition from home to school - BBC Bitesize">How to help your child transition from home to school - BBC Bitesize</a>
For transition to Junior school: <a href="Transition from infant to junior school A guide for parents and carers.pdf">Transition from infant to junior school A guide for parents and carers.pdf</a>
For transition to high school: <a href="top-ten-tips-for-parents.pdf">top-ten-tips-for-parents.pdf</a> (youngminds.org.uk)

# Festival of the Spoken Word

In a change to the usual end of year plays, this year all children will be taking part in our version of a speech and drama festival. Classes, groups and individuals will be celebrating the spoken word by performing poems, extracts of books and scripts. Families are invited to watch – please see dates below and further information coming soon from each class.



# Sports Days

We are looking forward to our annual sports days! The Infant School children will take part in several group activities (some suitable for parent participation!) followed by a running race and a novelty race. Parents/carers are invited to stay for a picnic on the field after the races.

The Junior School children will compete in a variety of races.

All children will earn points for their Houses and the winning House will have their colours displayed on the Sports trophy.



# **Safeguarding**

We are thrilled that Mrs Kidd has now completed Designated Safeguarding Leader training and Early Help and Assessment Process training. She is a very welcome addition to our Safeguarding team across the Federation.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

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## <u>Attendance</u>



The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full-time education. This [education] is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. We aim to work with families to ensure every child achieves the best attendance possible. To find out more about attendance go to: Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

## Library

Thank you to those parents who kindly gave their time to help Mrs Clarke in the Infant School library. Year 2 children will be introduced to the Accelerated Reader programme very soon and we are very grateful for the support received to get this organised and ready for them.

## **Friends**



Don't forget the Friends are meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July for their first AGM. Please get involved in any way you can to support our schools to provide added extras for our children.

## Fun Run

Thank you to everyone who has been collecting sponsorship for our Fun Run! All money raised will help towards safety signage around parking, a sensory trail for the Juniors and trim trail element for the Infants. Please remember to hand all sponsorship money to the office by July 15th



## **General Reminders**

Please park considerately to our neighbours.

Please also be reminded not to park on the yellow zigzag lines outside of either school.

Please ensure your child has suitable warm clothing and all items are named.

Please let us know if your details or circumstances have changed.

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.

Thank you

## **Key Dates**

Friday 1st July: Fun Run

Tuesday 5th July: New Reception Teddy Bear's picnic

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Infant sports morning, Y3 and 4 sports afternoon

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Transition afternoon Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July: Transition morning Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July: Reports published

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July: Paddy Venner talk - Transitioning successfully to high school

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July: Open Evening

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July: Optional telephone appointments for report feedback/questions

Monday 18th July: Y5 and 6 sports afternoon

New! Monday 18th July: Festival of the Spoken Word Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 1.30-3pm

New! Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Festival of the Spoken Word, Year 3 and 4 1.30-3pm New! Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July: Festival of the Spoken Word, Year 5 and 6 1.30-3pm

Thursday 21st July: Y2 and Y6 water games

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July: Final assembly 9.15am Y2 and 2pm Y6

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July: Last day of term for all children

School reopens: Tuesday 6th September 2022

