

Executive Headteachers' Bulletin March 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

March brings a further month of uncertainty, with teacher strikes planned on three days this month: 1st, 15th and 16th. As with the strike in February, teachers are not required to inform their schools of their intention to strike until the day of action. Again, we have contingency plans in place and hope to remain open wherever possible.

In other news, March will see our schools welcome Konflux Theatre to work with our children. We are looking forward to seeing the outcomes of this work with each Play in a Day performance – break a leg everyone!

Ms Jordan

Y4 Residential

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the hugely successful Y4 residential to The Horstead Centre. More photos on the website!



Pupil Voice - Behaviour

Last half term we collected children's views on behaviour. We take the voice of the child very seriously. They know what is working well and what they need to happen next. Every child asked could state our three school rules: 'Ready, Respectful, Safe'

When everyone is remembering these rules, the schools are 'calm; you can concentrate better; there are no arguments; it feels good' The children also understood what happened if these rules were not followed: 'you get a reminder, then a time out, if it carries on your mum or dad get told.'

Friends

Thank you to everyone for donating and buying treats for the Friends' bake sale last month and for the Friends for organising this. The next fund-raising event is the Reading for Change challenge. Red Nose Day also follows shortly as well as a non-uniform day at the end of term in support of the Summer fete. All children will benefit from the little extras that the money raised contributes to.



A Spotlight on Eating Disorder Awareness Week 27th Feb – 5th March

What is an eating disorder?

Eating disorders are serious mental illnesses that involve disordered eating behaviour.

Anyone can develop one. Irrespective of age, gender, ethnicity or background, and young people are at particular risk.

An eating disorder might mean limiting the amount of food eaten, eating very large quantities of food at once, getting rid of food eaten through unhealthy means, or a combination of these behaviours. It's important to remember that eating disorders are not all about food itself, but about feelings. The way the person interacts with food may make them feel more able to cope or may make them feel in control.

You can find out more about eating disorders here.

Additional Signposting for families: <u>Eating Disorders (justonenorfolk.nhs.uk)</u> Worried about a friend or family member - Beat (beateatingdisorders.org.uk)



Family Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you to all those families who responded to our questionnaire last half term. A summary of the responses is included with this newsletter. The ideas shared for future clubs and for supporting you to help your child with English at home, were especially useful to gain.

School Matters!

Attendance

Parental Responsibility in relation to attendance comes under Educational law. This is slightly different to Family law. Anyone who lives with a school-aged child shares the responsibility to ensure this child accesses their right to education. If attendance reaches a level of concern where fines/legal intervention is necessary, all those adults could be included. If you need support with any matters related to your child's attendance, please speak to your Head of School.

Safeguarding

Our teachers will all receive training on Child Sexual Abuse and Harmful Sexual Behaviours at our inset day in April. Thankfully, our safeguarding leaders rarely need to have difficult conversations related to these subjects with parents, but if we have any concern, however small, we will be open and honest with you about these. Please do not be offended if we do need to ask difficult questions, it is our duty of care to our children to do this and means we can work with families to ensure our children are safe.

General Reminders



- Please park considerately to our neighbours and safely for our whole community.
- All children should have their own, named, water bottle in school everyday
- Please name all your child's items.
- Please let us know if your details or circumstances have changed over the holiday.
- Our schools are nut-free zones. Please do not include any items containing nuts in packed lunches. Special diets can be catered for by the kitchen.

Website Updates

We are thrilled to share our new Curriculum page on our websites. This now gives much more information about our curriculum including what will be taught, why and how. A few areas are still having content uploaded and we will continue to enhance this page over time, but please take a look!

Children attending The ARC have recently reviewed their after-school menu. This is now available on the website too. Go to https://www.woodlandview.norfolk.sch.uk/before-after-school-care/ to find out more.

If there is something you can't find, or would like to see on our website, please let us know via

Key Dates for this Half Term

Please note a full list of key dates for the year was sent in July and is available on our website.

Play in a Day: 8th, 9th, 10th, 13th, 16th, 17th (invites sent for performances!) Red Nose Day: Friday 17th (Friends selling items on the playground on 13th)

Non-uniform day in aid of Summer fete: Friday 24th

Last day of term: Friday 31st Schools reopen: Tuesday 18th April

