



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to May! This is always a month in school where everyone feels so many different emotions: happiness at being outside in good weather, gratitude at the extra bank holidays, pride in seeing children doing their best in assessments and excitement in the preparation of transitions – to name just a few! Read on to find out about a brilliant cycling programme, premises improvements and how you can support some of our reviews ahead of next year and much more...

Ms Jordan

### 2023 Assessments Reminders



- 9<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test
- 10<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 Reading test
- 11<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 Arithmetic and Reasoning 1 tests
- 12<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 Reasoning 2 test
- Throughout May: Year 2 Reading, Maths and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar tests
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June: Year 1 Phonic Screening checks
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June: Year 4 Multiplication checks

We will ensure every child is as prepared as possible to undertake these tests and checks with confidence and an understanding that their best is enough.

Please continue with your child's normal routine at home and speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions or worries about the assessments.

### Parent Review Groups



Following the recent parent questionnaire, several parents offered to be part of review groups for our behaviour policy and for our enhanced offer for next year. I am pleased to say, dates have now been set for both review meetings and everyone is welcome.

23<sup>rd</sup> May at 2pm: Behaviour policy review  
Please read our current policy available here: [behaviour policy](#) The main focus of the meeting will be the reward/consequence flow chart and ensuring complete clarity of our practices.

23<sup>rd</sup> June at 9am: Enhanced offer review  
Our current overview will be shared at the meeting. The main focus of this meeting will be to plan suitable experiences, beyond the National Curriculum, for every year group across the year that can be shared on our website.

If you are unable to attend a meeting, but would like to send a comment, or read minutes from the meetings, please email the school office.

### A Spotlight on:

#### **Flourishing Families Tool – A Message from Just One Norfolk**

The Flourishing Families tool has been designed for families who might want a little extra help meeting their child's needs. We know that parenting can sometimes feel overwhelming but we all share the common goal to give our children the best start in life. There are all sorts of things that you can get help with, whether it's healthy eating, fun activities or financial management, and this tool was developed to help you work out what you're already doing well and help you find support when and if you need it.

The tool is available at [www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/flourishingfamilies](http://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/flourishingfamilies) and in just five minutes you can find out about the support that is available for you and your family to help you thrive together.

## Complete Cycling Program



I am thrilled to share that we have been awarded Opening School Facilities funding to provide a complete program of events to get children and families cycling. This will not only increase skills and confidence for young riders but will enable children and families to benefit from the health benefits of cycling and find enjoyment and wellbeing from being life-long riders in our beautiful local environment.

We will be working with Little Riders to get your bikes road safe with two dates booked for **free safety checks and minor repair** sessions. We will offer **beginner and improver cycling courses**, initially for the Year 3 and 4 children with more courses planned for September. To make sure your family's bikes keep safe and in good working order essential **bike maintenance workshops** for parents/carers and older children will be available. We will also be able to support some families with the costs of new bikes and helmets so everyone can benefit. Looking ahead, we are able to provide training for our staff so the beginner and improver courses can continue long into the future. We will also be able to offer bikes and equipment to loan so no child is left out.

We hope you are as excited by this opportunity as we are and we look forward to sharing more details including dates for all courses and workshops in the coming weeks.

### Car Park Plan



Our governors have recently agreed a plan to extend the Woodland View car park. This means all school staff, some nursery cars and all Community Hub users will be able to park on site making the roads around our schools safer for children, parents and all other road users. We hope work can begin this Summer.

### Attendance



Our attendance target is 96%.

The boys lead the girls at the Infant school in the attendance race, with Reception having the best attendance of each year group so far. At the Junior school, the girls lead the boys overall with Year 4 leading the year groups! Keep up the great work!

### Safeguarding



Reminder: Operation Encompass  
Operation Encompass is an information sharing agreement between schools and the police. If children are present when police attend domestic violence incidents, we will be informed so we can help to support your child. We will always speak to you and share the support put in place.

**24 hour domestic violence helpline:  
0808 2000 247**

### 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.

## 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.**

EYFS/KS1 Catton Park visit: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May & Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Coronation Family Picnic: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 12-3pm

KS2 SATs Week: 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May (KS1 throughout May)

Friends Garage Sale and Car boot: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May

Y5/6 Cambridge Visit: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Fencing Experience: Juniors: 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> May, Infants: 25<sup>th</sup> May

Parent Review Group – Behaviour: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Last Day of Half Term: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Schools reopen Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

