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Newsletter 2 Autumn 2022

High School Open Evenings

The High schools are due to hold their open evenings this term for families with a child in Year 6. This gives you the opportunity to look at both schools with your child and make a choice for September 2023. We are lucky to have two good High Schools in Dereham, and the choice is a personal one for you.

The High School Open Evenings this year are:

29th September - Northgate 5.30-8.30pm

6th October - Neatherd 5-9pm

Prospectuses were sent out on Tuesday to all Year 6 children to share with their families.

Tapestry and Dojo

If you have any problems in getting onto dojo or tapestry, please let the class teacher or the office now and we will help you to get it sorted. Beginning of term gremlins are not unusual! Please note although it says Mrs Pedlow's class, this is only because of the system and all messages go directly to the class teachers. It allows us also to let other teachers in other classes award dojos, such as for assembly or break or within a club or subject grouping.

MSAs

A reminder that we have some MSA vacancies and to contact the office for further details.

Children's University

Unfortunately, we arrived back to school in September with the sudden and unexpected news that Norfolk County Council will no longer be running Children's University. This is with immediate effect.

This is obviously disappointing given how much the children have enjoyed being a part of the initiative, and how much they have benefitted from it.

One of the exciting aspects of Children's University was the outside support from the council with things like the graduation ceremonies, as well as the knowledge of the local clubs, museums and ventures that participated in the programme. This support we have been told no longer exists.

We have however been informed that what does remain in place is the reduced entry fee to museums such as Gressenhall, Time and Tide, and the Castle Museum in Norwich. As long as you present your child's passport to the venue, they will honour this. For this reason, it may be worth keeping hold of your child's passport.

For now, we won't be able to validate or process any Children's University passports. We are really sorry about this. We have had no prior indication that the programme was looking to be pulled and can assure you we are equally frustrated and saddened with the decision made by Norfolk County Council. As it stands, the programme isn't running, and is unlikely to do so in the near future. We do share the disappointment this decision will cause but sadly can do nothing about it.

Dates

We are working on a calendar of events for parents/carers to join with us and some events for children only. It is very important for us that we build up our opportunities for parents/carers to come into school and learn more about how their children learn, as well as celebrate their successes.

Please note for some events we simply do not have the space for younger children to attend and some events will be limited in numbers for safety reasons and to allow the events to run smoothly for all involved and to be enjoyable for everyone. Thankyou for your understanding.

We fully appreciate you may not be able to attend all events but we hope that by having a range on offer you will be able to attend at least some of them.

Autumn 1

Monday 3rd October

Friday 7th October

Friday 14th October

Friday 21st October from 2pm

Phonics workshop for Reception and Year 1 parents

Accelerated Reader workshop at Juniors for parents/carers in Years 3,4,5,6. No younger siblings please

Year 2 History day - children only

Yr1-6 Harvest Activity Sessions (Parents/carers invited. No younger siblings please)

Opportunity to look at your child's books/work

Reception Harvest Activity Session TBC

Autumn 2

31st October at 4pm

Tuesday 1st November

Wednesday 2nd November

Monday 7th November

Wednesday 9th November

Thursday 10th November

Monday 14th November

Monday 21st November

Wednesday 23rd November

Reception Christmas Activity Morning TBC

Monday 12th December pm

Tuesday 13th December pm

Thursday 15th December pm

Tuesday 13th December pm (New Hall)

Tuesday 13th December pm (Main Hall)

Thursday 15th December pm (New Hall)

Thursday 16th December pm (Main Hall)

Wednesday 14th December

Parent consultation booking opens

Individual photos Year3 & siblings across the schools

Individual photos Yr4/5/6

Autumn term report cards out

Individual photos R/1/2

Parent consultations 4-7pm (online)

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Pre-school activity morning

Computing & Online Safety workshop

Yr2 Christmas Party

Yr1 Christmas Party

Reception Christmas Party

Yr 3 Christmas Party

Yr 4 Christmas Party

Yr 5 Christmas Party

Yr 6 Christmas Party

Christmas Lunch (Infants and Juniors) Booking will be required

This will be the only meal available on this day

Year 6 Residential and Trips

One of the special things about being in Year 6 is the residential in February. We really want this to go ahead this year, but school budgets are so tight it means we cannot afford to do this unless all families pay for their child's place. We do not have the funding available to pay for them to go, as much as we would like to be able to.

We have sent a survey to all Year 6 parents/carers and will let you know if we can proceed once we have all the replies in. We will be allowing families to pay in instalments to support everyone as best we can.

Unfortunately the increase in fuel and the increase in staff costs due to the Government pay award which is not funded, we will be relying on parents/carers this year to pay if we are to be able to run any trips. Last year we had a pot of funding we used to pay for all of the children, but this is not available this year.

We will keep you updated but wanted to make you aware this will be the case this year. Trips should be no more than £20, with the exception of the residential, so we hope by giving advance notice you may be able to budget or save for these. If anything changes we will keep you updated.

Further dates and information will follow. Please note dates may change in exceptional circumstances.

Best wishes

Joanna Pedlow



At Toftwood Methodist Church, Chapel Lane,
Toftwood, NR19 1LD

Tuesday 27 September

Tuesday 18 October

Tuesday 22 November

Tuesday 13 December

Group opens at 3.30pm. Snacks and drinks available.

Session ends approx. 5.15pm after a hot meal

(PLEASE notify us of any food allergies/ requirements in advance!)

Children must be accompanied by parent or carer.

£1.00 per child per session please

EVERYONE WELCOME



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