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BBC Bitesize

Did you know that the BBC Bitesize has lots of tips and advice for parents and carers too?

- There are six guides for parents to help you support your reception child in [English](#) and [Maths](#)
- The [BBC Bitesize Parents' Toolkit](#) has lots of fun activities, real-life stories, wellbeing support and loads of helpful advice.
- Topics covered include: settling into the school routine, supporting children with homework and helping children to make new friends.
- Perfect for you to recommend to parents who might need some extra support as their child starts school

Federation School Council

Following elections, these are the members of the Federation School Council this term

TC1	Isla-Mae
CC1	Sienna
KD1	Daisy
RP2	Georgia
DC2	Thomas
RP2 (Vice Chair)	Albert
SW3	George
CT3	Emily
LM3	Zachary
FB4	Everlee
LJ4	Tuppence
MM4	Alice
LW5	Austin
RL5	Jasmine
HS5	Harry
GG6	Olivia
GB6	Tyler
KH6	Poppy
Treasurer	Rose
Chair	Wren
Secretary	Frankie

Well done to all of those children. Also well done to everyone who stood and was not successful this time.

Dates

Here are our dates for the term. New dates since the last newsletter are in bold type and highlighted blue

Autumn 1

Tuesday 11th October 2.30-3pm	Maths session for all parents/carers at the Infants. No younger children please
Wednesday 12th October 9.15-10.15am	Infant tours for new families
Wednesday 12th October 10.30 -11.30am	Junior School tours for new families (current Year 2)
Thursday 13th October	TAG rugby for selected Year 5/6 children
Friday 14 th October	Year 2 History day - children only
Friday 14th October	Y1/2 Rugby festival for selected children
Tuesday 18th October 9.15 - 10.30	Reception harvest activity morning for one parent only (no younger children) Info sent out via tapestry also
Wednesday 19th October	Petting farm visit to Year 1 (Children only)
Thursday 20th October 9.15-10.15am	Infant tours for new families
Thursday 20th October 10.30 -11.30am	Junior School tours for new families (current Year 2)
Thursday 20th October	Junior school flu inoculations - info via email
Thursday 20th October	Black History Music Assembly Years 3-6 (Children only)
Friday 21 st October from 2pm	Yr1-6 Harvest Activity Sessions (Parents/carers invited. No younger siblings please) Opportunity to look at your child's books/work ahead of consultations

Autumn 2

Monday 31st October	Year 3 Egyptian day - children only - info to come from class teachers
Monday 31st October	R/1/2 Flu inoculations - info via email
Monday 31 st October at 4pm	Parent consultation booking opens
Tuesday 1 st November	Individual photos Year3 & siblings across the schools
Tuesday 1st November	Y4 and Y6 football competitions for selected children
Wednesday 2 nd November	Individual photos Yr4/5/6 and any missed from previous day
Monday 7 th November	Autumn term report cards out
Monday 7th November	Y4 Roman day - info to come from class team
Wednesday 9 th November	Individual photos R/1/2
Thursday 10 th November	Parent consultations 4-7pm (online)
Friday 11 th November	School assemblies for remembrance (Children only) including one minute silence
Monday 14th November	Maths week in the schools
Monday 14 th November	Parent consultations 4-7pm (online)
Thursday 17th November 2.45	Thorpe Woodlands Meeting for Y6 parents in Junior Hall
Monday 21st November	Pre-school activity morning for children in William Cowper and Little Owls Toftwood. If you have a child due to start with us in September 2023 who would like to attend but does not go to one of those Nurseries, please ring us to arrange. Please note it is for children only and Nursery staff.
Wednesday 23rd November 2-3pm in the Junior Hall	Computing & Online Safety workshop for parents/carers.
Thursday 24th November	Y3 and 4 selected children Outdoor Adventurous Activity trip
Friday 2nd December	KS1 Gymnastics event for selected children
Monday 12 th December pm	Yr2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 13th December am 9.15 - 10.30am	Reception Christmas activity morning. Parents/carers invited, one per child. No younger children please.
Tuesday 13 th December pm	Yr1 Christmas Party
Wednesday 14th December	Peter Pan Virtual panto in school for children
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Lunch (Infants and Juniors) Booking will be required This will be the only meal available on this day
Thursday 15 th December pm	Reception Christmas Party
Tuesday 13 th December pm (New Hall)	Yr 3 Christmas Party
Tuesday 13 th December pm (Main Hall)	Yr 4 Christmas Party
Thursday 15 th December pm (New Hall)	Yr 5 Christmas Party
Thursday 15 th December pm (Main Hall)	Yr 6 Christmas Party
Friday 16 th December	School closes at 3.15 (Infants) and 3.25 (Juniors) for the Christmas holiday

Please note children all return to school on Wednesday 4th January.

MSAs

A reminder that we have some MSA vacancies and to contact the office for further details. The hours are 12-1.15 daily. You need to be able to provide two references and a full enhanced DBS check will be undertaken also.

Parent/Carer Sessions

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who joined us for the Phonics and Accelerated Reader workshops. We hope you found them useful. If you have any further questions, please do contact the class teacher who will be happy to help. The presentations from both of these sessions will be on the website shortly.

Parking

We do remind parents/carers about parking sensibly around the schools.

Please do not:

- Park or drop off on the zig zags. This is not only illegal, but it is dangerous also.
- Park blocking the driveways of any of our neighbours on the surrounding roads
- Park blocking the entrance to the new development opposite the Junior School
- Turn around in the Year 3 gateway

Hoots parents - when dropping off you should park on the road but please do not park on the zig zags as this makes it unsafe for the traffic and for staff trying to enter the car park at a busy time.

By working together and thinking of others we can help make the drop off and collection a safe time.

Uniform

Please do refer to the uniform guidelines on the website. Can you remember hair accessories should be functional eg a band to tie the hair back, and not large or just for decoration. They should also be in the Federation colours. Large or non functional hair accessories will be popped in the home tray for the end of the day.

Leggings are NOT part of school uniform and only tailored trousers/school trousers should be worn.

Teaching Assistant Course

Dereham Library are running a TA course. This does not guarantee you a role in schools but would give you some training that would be useful and required for TA roles.



The poster is for a 'Teaching Assistant Level 2' course. It features a purple header with the 'Learning for Work' logo and an 'Ofsted Good Provider' badge. Below the header is a photo of two young girls sitting at a table, focused on a craft project. The main text on the right side of the poster provides details about the course, including its purpose, level, code, start date, duration, time, and cost. It also lists the location as Dereham Library. At the bottom, there is contact information for booking the course, including a website and a phone number. Logos for 'Adult Learning', 'Norfolk', 'Education & Skills Funding Agency', 'European Union', and 'matrix' are visible at the bottom of the poster.

Learning for Work **Ofsted Good Provider**

Teaching Assistant Level 2

Gain a nationally recognised Teaching Assistant qualification. Suitable for newly appointed and voluntary Teaching Assistants within a school environment. Learn about school procedure and policy, equality, diversity and inclusion, child development, health and safety, communication and developing relationships, promoting positive behaviour and improving own and team practice

LEVEL 2
Course code: TL2TB1622Z

Start date: Monday 17 October
Duration: 19 weeks
Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm
Cost: Free if earning less than £18,525

Dereham Library
59 High Street
Dereham, Norfolk
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To book:
www.norfolk.gov.uk/adultlearning
0344 800 8020

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Arriving on Time

The majority of our children arrive in on time, but recently we have had a few who have been arriving after the gates close at 8.55am. Please note anyone arriving after this time is marked on the register as late, even if it is only a few minutes.

Please make sure your child arrives by 8.55 each day when the gates close.

If children are persistently late, then we will review the cases with the Local Authority and it could result in a fixed penalty notice. We would rather support you to ensure your child arrives on time, so do contact us if this is difficult for you and we will make a plan to improve things with you.

Family Support

For many people at the moment, life is tougher than it has ever been and we understand that and want to help. The kind of things parents might need some early stage support with are wide and varied. The issues may be financial, they may be to do with your child not sleeping or not eating or there may be family illness or bereavement. Whatever the issues are, support begins with a conversation. We can't help if we don't know, so please do not hesitate to use this support service even if you aren't quite sure where to start.

Mrs Bates our Family Support Worker works on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays across both sites. She is also happy for you to catch her if she is at the school gate in the morning or afternoon.

She has put together some information which might be helpful:

Financial Help

1] The Norfolk Assistance Scheme (NAS) helps people who are in financial hardship and cannot pay their living costs. There is a form that will need to be completed on line. It takes about 45 minutes. <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/support-for-living-independently/money-and-benefits/norfolk-assistance-scheme>
She can provide support for you to complete this form if you are having difficulties.

2] RENT ARREARS- If you receive Housing Benefit or the Housing element of Universal Credit then you can apply for a Discretionary Housing Payment for rent arrears here: Discretionary Housing Payment
She can provide support for you to complete this form if you are having difficulties.

3] BENEFIT APPLICATIONS There is more support available for families who might help with completing benefit applications, support to source childcare, rent arrears and debt. If you feel you might need this additional support, please get in touch with Mrs Bates.

Feeding your Family

4] The Breckland Mobile Food Store - good quality, affordable food if you live in the Breckland area. Show proof of address, pay one off joining fee £3 per household. Dry, fresh, tinned food. Toiletries and personal care items at a very discounted cost.

5] The Food bank in Dereham is open on Mondays and Fridays:

Foodbank open:

- Mondays 1.30-3.30pm
- Fridays 1:00 -3:00pm.

Celebrations

There has already been much to celebrate!

Our Year 6 football team played their first match at Scarning, and after a close fought match won on penalties! This is first match we have had for a long time, so it is very exciting to get off to a good start! Thanks to Mr Barnes for coaching them and supporting them to their first victory!

Several of our children have already been on other sporting trips this term. KS1 football and Active Kids are just two of them. We have had Greek day in Year 6 too.

We have write ups for all of these on the website.

Dance club and ukulele club have already started at Junior School and gardening club will start soon.

We were also pleased to be able to invite families in for our Phonics and Accelerated reader workshops. It was wonderful to be able to work with you in person once again!

Remember also we have celebrations boards at both schools so if your child has achieved something out of school, take a photo, let us know what they have achieved and we can add this to our celebrations board in school. Please send this directly to the class teacher marked 'celebrations board'. We have children who have won sporting medals, been volunteering in the community, supported others, taken part in drama productions. There is lots to celebrate out of school too so please let us know so we can share and celebrate with the children.

Year 6 Greek day

<https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/uncategorized/year-6-greek-day/>

Year 5 National Poetry day

<https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/news/curriculum-news/year-5-really-enjoyed-national-poetry-day-2022/>

Infant Football Festival

<https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/news/sports-competitions/autumn-1-2022-ks1-football-festival/>

Year 2 and 4 Active Kids festival

<https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/news/sports-competitions/29-9-22-active-kids-festival/>

PE

PE is an important part of the curriculum, just like the other subject areas and it is an expectation that all children join in every session.

Therefore, can you please make sure:

- Your child's earrings are removed for PE days or they can remove them themselves. This is for health and safety and tape is not an option or seen as best practice.
- They have their PE kit in on a Monday for the week, including a pair of trainers

Children in Infants generally come home with their PE kit at the end of the half term. Children in Juniors will bring theirs home on a Friday each week to be washed and sent back in for Monday. Evidently, as children get older they sweat more and the PE kit therefore needs washing more often. They also do more PE sessions outside which means they may get dirty on a more regular basis.

So:

- **PE kits in every week**
- **Earrings out for PE**

Thankyou for your support with this.

Babies!

This term we have had exciting news for several of our staff who are having babies!

Congratulations to Mrs Tataryn, Miss Briggs, Mrs Kim, Mrs Rathi and Mrs Jessop who are all having babies between November and January.

We will share with you the arrangements for Mrs Tataryn's and Miss Briggs' cover for the rest of the academic year as soon as it is finalised but please be assured this will be carefully worked out to give continuity to the children in those classes with a detailed handover in the second half of the Autumn term. Miss Briggs aims to be with us until the end of the Autumn term and Mrs Tataryn until the end of January, unless those babies appear early!

Best wishes

Joanna Pedlow

Autumn 1

Monday 3rd October

Friday 7th October

Friday 14th October

Friday 21st October from 2pm

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

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

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)

Parent consultations 4-7pm (online)

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

Community Events



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



search for: Toftwood Messy Church

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