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**Executive Headteacher - Mrs Joanna Pedlow**

### **End of Year Newsletter July 2023**

#### **What a Year!**

As we come to the end of a school year and begin to look forward to a new one after the break, we look back on all that has happened this year.

We have had visitors, visits, sports, picnics, celebrations and competitions. We have had children who have taken on responsibilities in school, who have run clubs for younger children, who had represented us in different competitions and who have shown that they are kind, supportive and helpful.

The staff have, as always, worked so hard for the children in so many ways. To have such a team working for our children is a privilege. Every day we see their work with the children and how they want what is best for all of them, and their commitment is there even in challenging times.

A huge thankyou to all of the children for making up our school community and showing every day how amazing children are, to all the families that have been so supportive of the schools, to the staff for all they have done this year (the seen and the unseen things that make the difference), to our Governors for working so closely with us to ensure our children have the best care and education possible.

Thankyou also for the kind words, lovely report comments, thoughtful gifts and cards received by staff this year. They have all been much appreciated.

Thankyou also to the children for all of their hard work, kindness and creativity this year. You have all worked hard and done your best to make us proud of you. Thankyou to each and every one of you.

#### **Goodbye Year 6**

As always, it is time to say goodbye to all of our Year 6 children as they move on to High School and new challenges and experiences.

We have seen these children grow and progress throughout their time with us, some of them before then, since they were babies on the school run with big brothers and sisters. To be able to watch their growing confidence, their progress with learning and their development into the diverse range of individuals they are now is such a privilege. There have been exciting times, challenging times, moments of pure joy and some of frustration, but always it is inspiring to see how they overcome their difficulties, reflect on and learn from their mistakes and support each other in good times and bad.

They impressed us all with their work on their leavers' plays, with how they took on responsibilities, how they worked together and showed an increasing maturity over the year.

They all showed such a great attitude towards their SATS, approaching them with a positive mindset and looking at their results, they all did their very best and we are equally proud of each and every one of them, regardless of their results.

They are all more than just a score, their personal progress, determination and positive attitude towards their learning is to be commended.

Our message to them all is this: embrace the adventure ahead, the joy of finding new friends, the challenges of learning new things, the experiences that you have on offer. Don't waste a minute, work hard, be kind, stay out of trouble and focus on doing your best and not what everyone around you can do. We will miss you, but we look forward to hearing all about your next steps.

All of the children have been gifted a book of their choice and we hope they will read it and be further inspired to be great readers in the future. Good luck to all of you.

### **Goodbye to Staff**

We say goodbye to Mrs Chapman, Mr Williams, Mrs Gale, Mr Roberts, Miss Brown and Miss Griffiths as they all move on to pastures new. Thankyou to each of them for all they have done and best wishes for the future. Good luck to Mrs Ponder who is due her first baby in the next few weeks!

We also say **CONGRATULATIONS** to Miss Brown who has been working as our speech and language TA at the Juniors. Miss Brown started with us as an MSA at Infants, then moved to be a TA at the Juniors, then became the speech and language TA and has also been studying for a degree in speech and language therapy. We are so proud that she has been awarded a 1<sup>st</sup> class BSc Honours degree in Speech and Language Therapy alongside working with us and also being a Mum to 4 children! She is an inspiration to our children to show you should follow your dreams and work hard. She is now going to leave us to work as a fully qualified speech and language therapist. Well done, Miss Brown. We are so very pleased for you.

### **Hello to New Staff!**

We are also saying hello to Miss Waller, Miss Wicks and Mrs Green who all joined us in transfer week and will be with us in September. We have also said welcome back to Mrs Kim who has been on maternity leave and will be back teaching Monday to Wednesday in Year 2, and welcome back to Mrs Sugarman who will be working as a TA in Year 6.

### **Good luck!**

We also say good luck to Miss Clarke, who will return after the holidays as Mrs Morton, teaching CM1. We hope she has a fabulous wedding day and we look forward to seeing the photos.

### **Race Days**

Thank you to all of the friends and family who joined us for the race days. We were so lucky with the weather. The children all showed such great sporting attitudes and competitive spirit. There were some dubious tactics in the adult egg and spoon races, but everyone seems to have had an enjoyable time. Thankyou to all the adults who made it possible.

There are some photographs and a write up about Race day and Team Day at Infants on the website here:

<https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/category/news/sports-competitions/>

### **Year 3 Cathedral Visit**

Year 3 had a fabulous visit to Norwich Cathedral last week. We wanted to share with you that the polite, mature and sensible behaviour of the year 3s was commented on by no fewer than 15 members of the general public throughout the day. One couple asked which school they went to as they were very impressed with the respectful way they were conducting themselves.

The cathedral staff repeatedly commented on how well behaved the children were in each group and how engaged they were with the day. They were impressed with the children's replies and it was pleasing to hear the children using their Year 3 knowledge from R.E. and Science (light topic) to answer questions that had posed.

Well done to all of the children, it is always lovely to hear such positive feedback from others.

### **Year 2 Art Exhibition**

There are some more photos and information about the Year 2 Art exhibition on the website which can be found here:

<https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/year-groups/year-2-children/year-2-toftwood-tate-july-2023/>

### **Time Capsule Burial**

Last week we took four children to bury a time capsule on the new Taylor Wimpey development off Norwich Road. Children from both schools chose items which would help people in the future understand what 2023 was like and to give them an insight into school life. Items included photographs of events, drawings by the children, brochures and tickets of places visited, leaflets of Dereham, memorabilia linked to the jubilee and recent coronation, a letter to King Charles, handwritten notes, coins, stamps, a school jumper, a map of the school, a school dinner menu and a sweatshirt.

Evangeline in Year 5, Harrison in Year 6, Jessica in Year 1 and Nathan from Year 2 all went to bury it with Mrs Sutterby and Mrs Pedlow. The time capsule has been placed in the grounds and the plan is to open it in fifty years!

If you take a walk you will be able to see where it is buried, and there is a plaque there to mark it. Unfortunately it only mentions the Junior School, but it was definitely a federation project. If you are here in 50 years time, please do go and see it being dug up!

Thankyou to Mrs Sutterby and Mrs Lee for arranging everything.

See some photos and a write up here:

<https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/uncategorized/federation-time-capsule-project-with-taylor-wimpey-east-anglia/>

### Computing!

Take a look at what we have been learning in computing this term

<https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/news/curriculum-news/computing-summer-term-2023-2/>

<https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/news/curriculum-news/computing-summer-term-2023/>

### Lunch Payments to the End of Term

Can you please ensure that ALL lunch accounts are cleared before the end of term as the catering company require payment before the holidays. Thankyou.

### Win Money for our School Libraries



Please do use the link below to enter our schools for the chance to win £1000 for the school libraries. It would be a tremendous boost for us to have further funding for the libraries to add to the lovely books we already have. You can enter for both schools.

[https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools?utm\\_source=twitter&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=twitter-teachers-schools-23&utm\\_content=nominate-your-school#nominate-your-school-title](https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=twitter-teachers-schools-23&utm_content=nominate-your-school#nominate-your-school-title)

### Menu for the first day back



## Diary Dates for the Autumn Term

We have been busy planning next year's calendar, looking at ensuring an event for parents every term, three open afternoons and a range of workshops. We have already planned in Christmas performances as we know parents/carers need advanced notice.

These dates are all correct now, and will only change in exceptional circumstances.

We hope they are helpful for you all.

Autumn 2023 Date List		
Date	Infant School	Junior School
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Schools closed to children - INSET day for staff	
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Schools closed to children - INSET day for staff	
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Back to school for children in Years 1-6	
	Reception Parent Consultations	
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9:00am-1:45pm Reception Group A in school	
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9:00am-1:45pm Reception Group B in school	
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	All Reception children in school full time from this date	
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	2-3pm Phonics Workshop for parents/carers in Reception. Year 1/ 2 parent/carers also welcome if they feel they would benefit or their child needs some support with phonics	
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct		Y6 National Child Measurement Checks
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Farm visit to Year 1 children (in school)	
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	World Mental Health Day. Details to follow	
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2-3pm English Workshop for parents/carers in Year 1/2. Year 3 parent/carers also welcome if they feel they would benefit or their child needs some support with phonics. In the Infant Hall.	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Information sent to all parents/carers with instructions on how to book a parent/carer consultation	
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9:15-11:30am Reception Harvest Activity Morning. 1 adult per child. No younger children please.	
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2pm onwards. Year 1-6 Harvest Activity sessions for parents/carers. Please note, children will not be allowed to leave until the end of the school day. Adults will leave the sessions 10 minutes before the end of the school day. No younger children please.	
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term	
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent Consultation booking site opens at 4pm	
Tue 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	2:15-3pm Maths Workshop for parents/carers in all year groups, Infant Hall	
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	2pm onwards Year R- Year 6 Open Afternoon for parents/carers to come and look at books before Parent Consultations. Please note, children will not be allowed to leave until the end of the school day. Parents/carers will leave the sessions 10 minutes before the end of the school day. No pushchairs allowed in school.	
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4-7pm Online Parent Consultations following in person open afternoon	
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Maths Week. Details to follow	
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4-7pm Online Parent Consultations	
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children In Need. Details to follow	

Date	Infant School	Junior School
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	9:15-11:15am Pre-School Activity Morning for children starting school in September 2024.	
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Flu Vaccination NHS team in school
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu Vaccination NHS team in school	
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec		2:30-3pm Year 6 Residential Information Session for parents/carers. Main Hall at Juniors.
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:15-11:15am Reception Christmas Activity Morning. 1 adult per child. No younger children please.	
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Federation Christmas Lunch. Children can bring festive headwear to wear at lunchtime if they wish.	
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec		9:15am Year 5 Christmas Performance, Main Hall. 2 adults per child. No younger children please.  Year 5 Christmas Party (children only) Year 5 children can wear clothes suitable for a party all day on this day.
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception Christmas Party (children only) Reception children can wear clothes suitable for a party all day on this day.	9:15am Year 6 Christmas Performance, Main Hall. 2 adults per child. No younger children please.  Year 6 Christmas Party (children only) Year 6 children can wear clothes suitable for a party all day on this day.
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:15am Year 2 Christmas Performance, Main Hall. 2 adults per child. No younger children please.  Year 2 Christmas Party (children only) Year 2 children can wear clothes suitable for a party all day on this day.	10:45am Year 3 Christmas Performance, Main Hall. 2 adults per child. No younger children please.  Year 3 Christmas Party (children only) Year 3 children can wear clothes suitable for a party all day on this day.
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:15am Year 1 Christmas Performance, Main Hall. 2 adults per child. No younger children please.  Year 1 Christmas Party (children only) Year 1 children can wear clothes suitable for a party all day on this day.	10:45am Year 4 Christmas Performance, Main Hall. 2 adults per child. No younger children please.  Year 4 Christmas Party (children only) Year 4 children can wear clothes suitable for a party all day on this day.
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Non uniform day. Christmas Activity and Cinema Afternoon.  Last day of term. <b>School closes for Christmas holiday at the end of the school day and reopens to children at 8:40am on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.</b>	



## Community News

### Dereham Debt Centre Newsletter



## Newsletter



Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre, in partnership with Dereham Baptist Church



With the summer holidays approaching many families will be feeling the pinch, creating and sticking to a budget can help - allocating money for days out, finding out where kids can eat free, or accessing council run holiday clubs.

Save money on your food bill by using Love Dereham's Community Fridge, open Mon-Fri, doors at 09:30, fridge opens at 10am. Location and full details at: [lovedereham.org.uk](http://lovedereham.org.uk)

Or join a social supermarket, Food Cabin at Wellspring Family Church can save you up to 30%. Location and details at: [wcdereham.org/food-cabin/](http://wcdereham.org/food-cabin/)

For free debt help phone  
0800 328 0006  
Visit [capuk.org](http://capuk.org) for more info

#### Morgan's Update

The recent CAP client report highlighted the impact of the cost of living crisis, and we are seeing the effect on our clients.

A client recently told me: "My payment plan goes very well and I am so happy about that. It is less stressful and I feel more confident knowing that I can manage my spending".

We know that many people put off asking for help due to fear or shame. No matter how big or small you think your debt is, if you would like some advice about how you can improve your situation, do give us a call in complete confidence, and together we will stop the cycle of debt.

Many people are not receiving the benefits which they are entitled to, it's simple to use the benefit calculator at:

<https://capuk.org/money-and-debt-advice/benefits-calculator>

Our debt services are free, and available for those in postcodes NR19 and NR20. There are other centres in Norfolk.

Dereham Debt Centre Newsletter July 2023

## Library Summer Reading Challenge

Summer Reading Challenge 2023

# Ready, Set, Read!

Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

## Coming Soon to your local library

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### How can children take part in the Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge is a flexible programme that is designed for all levels of ability.

#### At the library

A child will visit their local library and sign up the Challenge for free. They will need to be a library member. Remember, it is free to join your local library. They receive their Ready, Set, Read! core pack folder.

They set a personal reading goal for the summer.

Borrow and read books, e-books and audiobooks of their choice.

- They can read anything they like: fiction, fact books, poetry, joke books, picture books, graphic novels, audiobooks...

Collect special stickers from the library each time they finish a book.

Receive a certificate and medal for taking part, or for reaching their Challenge goal.

In addition, libraries offer a wide variety of events and activities for families to enjoy throughout the summer.

#### Online

Alternatively, children can participate in the Challenge online.

Sign up at [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

Set a personal reading goal for the summer.

- Receive book recommendations and tips for accessing books for free at home.
- You can download e-books as a library member for free.

Each time they finish a book, the child adds it to their online profile and leaves a review. They unlock digital badges and online rewards along the way.

Unlock a certificate for reaching their Challenge goal.

Children can also play games, enter competitions, share book recommendations and more on our free, safe, moderated platform.

Join the library here and receive your cards in the post.

The Summer Reading Challenge is open to all children aged 4-11. There is also a mini challenge for under 4's.

The 2023 Challenge launches on Saturday 8th July in Norfolk Libraries.

Under 16's do not get charged overdue fees.

## Activities at Billingford Lakes



**NatureWalks** Billingford Lakes

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The poster features a grid of nine images showing various activities: a dragonfly, a bird in a nest, a lake scene, two children sitting, a dog, a wooden play structure, a river, a stone wall, and a swan. The background is a light brown with stylized tree trunk graphics.

## Big Norfolk Holiday Fun



**Big Norfolk** Holiday Fun

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The poster features three circular images of children: one jumping, one writing, and one climbing. The background is light blue with a green grassy area at the bottom. Logos for active norfolk, Norfolk County Council, and the Department for Education are in the top right.

**Wishing you all a lovely Summer  
Break**