



Happy New Year! Welcome to the new school term! As ever, we have a busy term planned with new topics, and a variety of exciting learning activities for the children- Please keep the diary dates handy. Other activities and events will be added as the term progresses, so ensure you check book bags for letters and our school website for upcoming events.



Your child's class teacher will also be providing you with the Curriculum information for this term- again look out for these in book bags and on the website.

It has been a super start to the term - the children seem ready to be back to school - which is great!

Rowan class have already attended a Sensational Science Workshop at the Norwich School - they enjoyed activities which involved pops, bangs, explosions and rockets! The Norwich School staff stated that the class were 'a credit to the school, as they were superbly behaved and very polite.' What a great response - well done Rowan pupils.

Next, Willow class are visiting the Bridewell Museum to find out more for their Toys topic, and to start gathering ideas for their own Toy museum in a few weeks' time.

National Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 7th February, and in school we will be reinforcing age appropriate messages about keeping safe on the internet. We will also be involved in Fair Trade Fortnight with our very own 'Fair Trade Friday' on 23 February. Rowan and Oak class will be attending Whitwell Outdoor days, and we will be taking part in World Book Day and Sport Relief once again.

The term will finish with an Easter service at church with the Reverend, and all will be welcome to join us for this.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We have just received our reward for all the vouchers that were donated and sent off during the summer. This year, we have purchased a voucher that will enable us to purchase ingredients so that each class can undertake healthy eating cooking lessons in school this year.

Sainsbury's are ending the scheme and so vouchers will no longer be available.

Thank you to all those who gave their tokens this year, and in previous years. We have been able to buy PE equipment, playtime equipment, outdoor equipment and cooking utensils since the scheme started.



Wellies !

At this time of year, we want to offer the children the opportunity to play on the field during lunchtimes, to offer more space and freedom to run around. If you are happy for your child to go on the field -please be aware that your child may get muddy if they fall over- please send them with a pair of clearly named wellies in a separate bag that they can change into. This way, lunchtime supervisors will clearly identify which children can/ cannot go onto the field.



Students in School

Our two SCITT trainee teachers will be joining us next week.

Mr Phillips will be in Willow class and Mr Woodhouse will be in Cherry Class.

Christmas Jumper Day ... Thank you to all those who took part. The money raised was £ 78, which has been donated to Save the Children.



School Equipment Reminders

Please ensure your child is well prepared for school.

PE - All children need plain navy or black shorts, white Tshirt and plimsolls/ trainers. For outside games , children need a tracksuit/ sweatshirt. These should be kept in school during the week and all items should be named!

Stationary, pens etc- only OAK pupils are allowed to bring in pencil cases, *if they wish*. Each pupil should only be bringing one pencil case.

Water Bottles - please remind your children to take these home each day, so that they can be hygienically washed and refilled each day. Please note - water only in these.

Wellies - if children bring a named pair of wellies to school, they are permitted onto the field at lunchtime play (see note over for more details)

School Closures Reminder

At this time of year, there is always the chance of extreme wintry weather which may result in the school having to close. Should this be possible, you can check via Norfolk County Council, which has a list of school closures, updated as schools confirm closures. You can access this by looking on:

www.disruptions.norfolk.gov.uk and click on the 'schools' heading.

Local Radio also makes announcements.

Clubs ... we have a number of clubs running this half term.

Please note that if your child chooses to join, this is a commitment and we kindly request that they attend each week .

Please ensure that if you are happy for your older child to walk/ cycle home from school on their own, that the school has **written consent**.

There are a few places for Sportshall Athletics (Willow pupils on Mondays and Rowan /Oak pupils on Tuesdays)

If you would like your child to attend, please see Mrs Rudd.

Both these clubs are run by professional coaches and cost £1.50 per week.



Parent Consultation Meetings

Take this opportunity to share in your child's learning by looking at their books with them, and to talk to your child's teacher about their progress and next steps.

Letters will be sent out separately, with reply slips for your preferred appointment times.

Dates are as follows:

Tuesday 20 February 3.30-5pm Monday 26 February 4.20- 6pm Wednesday 28 February 4.50- 6.30pm

Dates for your diary (we will be adding sports tournaments once dates are confirmed)

23 January - Willow Visit to Bridewell Museum

2 February - Parent Workshop - 'Growth Mindset' 9.00- 9.45am approx..

7 February - Safer Internet Day

9 February - Willow Toy Museum (in the hall after school- parents/carers invited)

23 February - Fair Trade Friday - in school activities

1 March - World Book Day - In school Activities

6 March - Rowan visit to Whitwell for an Outdoor Day

14 March Oak visit to Whitwell for an Outdoor Day

16 March - Zoolab visit to Rowan - they will be bringing some mystery creatures!

23 March - Sport Relief Day - Wear something Sporty.

28 March - Easter Service at church 10.00am

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

12- 16 February - Half term week. School reopens Monday 19 February

29 March - 16 April - Easter holidays. School reopens Monday 16 April

LOOKING AHEAD - Sports day is planned for Friday 29 June (am- Clockwork/ pm Races)

