



NEWSLETTER April 2018



Church School Inspection

Our church school inspection report has now been published following the inspector's visit before the Easter break. The school has been judged good in all aspects of the inspection. He spent time visiting classes, break and lunchtimes, talking to children throughout the day.

We are delighted that he confirmed we are a good school, and highly praised the ethos of our school finding many strengths, including

'pupils' behaviour is excellent and the highly positive relationships between all in the school community are based on mutual respect.'

'pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural understanding is highly developed, regardless of ability, background or faith of each pupil'.

'pupils ...are socially aware, going out of their way to be helpful to all and having great pride in their school'.

'levels of attendance are high as pupils say they enjoy coming to school.'

All this follows our successful Ofsted inspection last term, in which our school was also rated good.

As a school community, we should be very proud of our school, and all the support from everyone within it – families, staff, governors, and of course the children, that make our 'school family' the unique and wonderful place that it is for our children in which to 'grow, learn and achieve together'.

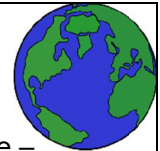
Both reports are accessible via the school website.

Our Wide and Wonderful curriculum is taking us around the world this term.

Learning this term is taking a 'global' perspective with all classes learning about cultures and countries around the world. This will include Music and Dance workshops for all children, and a 'Round the World day across the school.

Of course, we also have important events taking place for us to find out about and celebrate – with the Royal wedding celebrations and the World Cup!

We are keeping the children active and outdoors this term – after school clubs, swimming, competitions, forest schools, Outdoor day, road safety / cycling, a skipping day, along with our sports week in June.



Congratulations

Cycling – All the children in Oak class who took part in the cycling proficiency training passed the practical and written tests. Brandon has been congratulated for being the most improved trainee and his name has been put forward to the council team who organise the training. His name will be drawn out of a hat of names of most improved children from other schools. Good Luck Brandon!

Athletics – Our regular after school Athletic club members spent last term working for their UK Academy Sportshall Decathlon awards.

Elliott and Samantha – Silver Award; Cameron, Charlotte, Niamh, Oliver, Olivia, Rhys – Bronze Award
Grace and Joel – Step 10 Award; Edward, Marnie, Owen – Step 9 Award; Archie and Johan – Step 8 award
Tara, Thomas – Improver Award.

Coach Yvonne will present certificates and badges in assembly on 4 May.

Reach for the Stars Reading Challenge – Well done to Bluebell, Daisy M, Daisy S, Joe C, Johan, Libby, Oliver C, Tara, William, who have managed to complete all the activities in this recent event.

They will each receive a certificate of achievement.

Termly Team Points Award – the team with the most points for the Spring Term was Kingfishers



Mr Rafftree- we shall sadly be saying 'Goodbye' to Mr Rafftree at the end of this term- he is leaving us to take on new challenges in a new teaching post in September. We are seeking to appoint a new Cherry class teacher soon, so that we can ensure a smooth transition for the reception children joining us in September.

Our Values

This half term we will be learning about **Service**. Children will be learning about Service as: helping others; offering and using our talents to help. We will find out about those who serve in the community.

In celebrating the Christian calendar, we will focus on the season of Pentecost



Parent survey

We had 35 replies from the survey distributed at parents' evenings. The responses were overwhelmingly positive, although communication about events was considered poor by a few parents. We will therefore aim to ensure that information is on our newsletters (paper and online) and school website on the upcoming events section for parents who can't regularly come into school. We would hope that parents could check on these rather than have text reminders – as this method adds to the school costs, so we would prefer to use texting for urgent messages to parents. The full survey results have been added to our website.

School Meals survey. This survey was organised by the School Council and we had 33 replies. There were a range of comments from parents. The Universal Free meals programme is clearly valued by parents of our younger children. Some parents were not aware of the range available such as packed lunches for Rowan and Oak pupils. For parents of older children, many considered that portions were too small.

As a result of the survey, our caterers (Norse) are looking to increase the portion size for Oak pupils with immediate effect. They are also going to hold a Parents' Taster and Information meeting.

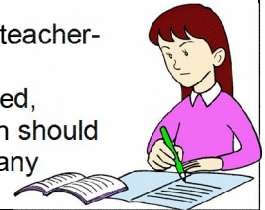
This will be on Friday 18th May at 2.15pm.

Tests in school

May is the busy month for tests. National Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) are taking place for Year 2 and Year 6 children. The national dates set for Year 6 SATS is the week of May 14th. In June, Year 1 pupils take a National phonics test.

For any information or questions please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher – either at drop-in, appointment, or phone call.

Children are well prepared in school, and know what to expect in terms of times allowed, presentation and style of questioning so they should not feel over anxious. Y6 children should continue to practise at home with their revision books, talking to Miss Wharton about any questions they have.



Dates for your diary

5 May -Wensum Valley Nursery Spring Fayre

14 – 17 -May -SATS week for Year 6 pupils

17 May -Royal Wedding Street Party lunch

16 May -Countryside Classroom day at the Salle Estate Rowan class

18 May -School Meals Taster session for Parents 2.15pm-2.45pm

23-25 May -Residential Oak class

24 May- Road Safety visitor Year 1, Reception

25 May – Y4 Cycling

7 June- Parents meeting – talk by Reepham HS (Year 6 parents and pupils)

8 June – Round the World Day (children wear their holiday clothes!)

14 June – 'World Cup' Intra school tournament at school

19 June- Buddhist visitor to Oak class

28 June – Skipping Day (all pupils)

29 June- Sports Day Clockwork Sports in the morning 10.45-12pm; Races in the afternoon (1.15pm)

11-12 July – Year 6 Move up days to High School; 1 day for rest of the school

13 July – African Dance & Rhythms workshop, Willow class

20 July- Outdoor Day – all pupils

24 July – Last day of term

24 July- Leavers Assembly (for Oak class parents)

School closed Monday 7 May (Bank Holiday)

School closed for the half term from 3.05pm Friday 25 May and reopens at 8.55am on Monday 4 June.

School closes for the summer holidays on 24 July at 3.05pm and reopens at 8.55am on 6 September.