



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2018



Welcome to the new school year!

A new school year is now well underway. We hope you have enjoyed the summer holiday and the chance for family time together.

We have welcomed our new staff. Miss Phillpot is the Cherry class teacher and Mrs Smith is a Teaching Assistant. She will be supporting in Oak class. We also welcomed our new families and children to Cherry class. Everyone is settling in to their new classes and routines, and we are already seeing the children's positive attitudes to learning after the holiday.

This term, we also welcome Community Sports Foundation (CSF) coach, Mr Matthews for weekly **PE lessons** in Willow, Oak and Rowan.

We are really pleased that also joining us this term is Mrs Song. She is teaching weekly lessons in Mandarin and Chinese culture to Oak class, and Cherry class this year. Mr Amey will be teaching weekly **whole class music**- Willow will be learning musical skills, Rowan and Oak will be improving their ukulele skills. We are delighted Ms Funnell is continuing with violin tuition, with many new children starting to learn this term.

As always, please see your child's class teacher if you have any concerns or questions- and don't forget we also love to hear when something is going well in your child's learning and about achievements at home.



Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 28 September

Join us once again and support this fundraising event!
All funds raised are given to Macmillan Cancer Care.

We will be grouping the children according to their 'house' teams so that children from the same family will be in the hall together.
Swans, Herons and Kingfishers each have a time to attend.

Herons - 10.00 – 10.30, Kingfishers 10-45- 11.15, Swans 11.30-12.00

Please read and return your invitation slip when it arrives.

If you (or a relative) are unable to join your child, he/she will still attend, and you can send your donation in a sealed envelope on the day marked 'Macmillan'.

Donations of cakes and biscuits would be really appreciated as they always sell well!
Please drop off at the office at the start of the coffee morning day.



St Margaret's church, Lyng
on Wednesday 3 October at 9.45am

If you can help with escorting our younger children to and from church, please let Mrs Tebbutt or Miss Phillpot know.

We hope you can join us – all welcome.
Children can bring their harvest gifts to school and we will take them to the church.

Our Values

Each half term, the whole school focuses on learning about one of our Values – This term, we are learning about Generosity –including the message 'love your neighbour as yourself'. Children will learn about generosity as giving, encouraging others, offering help, sharing our time, taking care of God's creation for the future. During Drop In, look out for the Values Tree in our classrooms.



Attendance

High attendance ensures your child has a chance to make the best possible progress. Absence below 90% becomes a cause for concern for the school.

Any holidays and 'days out' in term time are not authorised, although we will aim to support exceptional circumstances. To request an absence, you need to write a letter to the headteacher.

If your child is ill and unable to attend, please telephone the school before the start of the school day.

You will be asked for the details of the illness, so please include this if you have to leave a message.

It is not sufficient to say 'ill' or 'poorly.' For safeguarding reasons the school will contact you if your child is absent and we have not heard from you.

Reminder- Please let us know if someone different is going to be collecting your child- we will not let them go until we have confirmation of any changes.

What's changing and what's new?

Drop In Friday

As a number of parents responded in our survey that Drop In Friday felt a little rushed, we have decided to extend this weekly event by 5 minutes, so from 21 September it will run from 8.45 to 9am. Take the opportunity to carry out an activity with your child linked to their learning. The class teacher also includes information on the screen about the learning in the week. Families with a child in different classes often alternate each week so that children can complete the activity with their parent. We hope the extra few minutes will make the difference needed.

Homework

To reflect our 'Growth Mindset' approach to learning, we are changing our expectations for homework. We would like children to have some goals to aim for each half term, and to be able to learn them at their own pace, with your help, of course!

If your child is in Willow, Rowan or Oak class, they will receive a set 'half termly homework challenges' linked to the national curriculum requirements. This will replace the weekly homework sheets currently provided to Rowan and Oak pupils. Each child will receive a leaflet on Monday, which will explain what your child needs to learn.

Please ask to see your child's class teacher if anything remains unclear once you have received the leaflet.

Explorer Cafés

Each class will be running their own family Explorer Café, parents and children learning together. Look out for your invitation this half term!

Diary Dates

18 September – School Photographs – individuals and family groups.

27 September- Sports tournament Active Kids

28 September – Macmillan Coffee Morning

3 October – Harvest Festival at church

4 October – SportsTournament Tag Rugby

12 October- Oak class Outdoors Day at Manor Adventure

31 October – Rowan Class visit 'Victorian School Day' (children are asked to wear Victorian costume)

1 November- Sports Tournament – Cross country

5 November – Oak class visit – WWII day (children will be asked to wear 1940's evacuee costume)

16 November – Children in Need

23 November – Oak class visit to Norwich Cathedral

5 December- Christmas service (afternoon)

7 December – Christmas service (morning)

School closes at 3.05pm on Wednesday 17 October and reopens at 8.55 am on Monday 29 October (Half term)

School closes at 3.05 pm on Tuesday 18 December and reopens at 8.55am on Thursday 3 January (Christmas)

PARENTS' EVENINGS- 30 October 3.30-5pm; 1 Nov 5-6.30pm ; 7 Nov 4.30-6pm - appointment slips will be sent out.

