



Newsletter

January



2020

Happy New Year! Welcome to the new school term! 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.



A group of Oak pupils are attending Norwich School for a Chinese New Year Celebration next week and Rowan class are soon to attend a Sensational Science Workshop there.

Willow class will be visiting the 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 11 February, and in school we will be reinforcing age appropriate messages about keeping safe on the internet. Oak class will be working on a Drama workshop, and parents are invited to attend the performance at 2.40pm on this day.

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 School Council and Eco Team have had their first meetings of the term. Australia and plastic have been raised as concerns- someone's been keeping up with the news!

The term will finish with an Easter service at church with the Reverend, and all will be welcome to join us for this on the last day of term, 1 April at 10am

Our Value for this half term is Perseverance, which fits in well as the children start to think about their goals for this half term, and having to 'keep going' with lots of effort in order to achieve them.

Autumn Term Achievement Report - this was sent home with your child last Friday. Each pupil has some next steps for their learning in school, as well as some suggestions for practise at home- class teachers suggest topics that you can help your child with in order for them to progress. You will have already received the Curriculum information and your child's Homework Booklets for this term, so that you know what your child will be learning.

It has been a super start to the term - the children have quickly settled back into the new term, and the early starts once more!

I have already seen numerous children for entry into the Gold Book for their learning, which is fantastic!

Congratulations to Anna in Year 6 for her entry in the Mid Norfolk Parliamentary Christmas Card Competition! She has just had a letter from the House of Commons, George Freeman MP. Her entry was highly commended and her design was included on his E card this year. She was awarded a £10 book token. Well Done, Anna!

Sports

A team from Willow class attended the Sportshall tournament this week.

They were jumping, throwing, aiming and working together as a team. All the team received a certificate, and Lilou and Stella received a School Games Values certificate, for determination.



Sports Stacking Assembly

This created lots of enthusiasm and Speedstacks challenges Christmas surprisingly active! Rhys teamed up with Miss Keen and Erin teamed up with Miss Phillpot for a competition, which was great fun for all! The children are really keen to try this in school, and we have been offered vouchers for parents to buy sets at a reduced cost for use at home. These were sent home on Thursday.



Student in School

We are very pleased to be welcoming a trainee teacher this term. Miss Bell is a trainee with SCITT, which provides placements in school each term, so that graduate students can learn 'on the job'. We have had SCITT trainees before and always been pleased with the calibre of students. Miss Bell will be joining Cherry class, starting on Monday, and she will be in school every day. She has already visited the class and is looking forward to her time at Lyng.

School Closures Reminder

The weather has been very mild for the time of year. Yet there is always the chance of extreme wintry weather which may result in the school having to close. Should this be needed, 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.

World Book Day – We will celebrate this on Friday 6th March with in school activities. We would like to invite parents to Friday Drop In, to read and share books together. No dressing up this time.

Sport Relief- 13 March - Come to school in your Sports kit!

Dates for your Diary

23 Jan Group of Oak pupils to visit Norwich School for Chinese New Year celebrations

4 Feb Road Safety activities

4 Feb Rowan Class 'Sensational Science; workshop at Norwich School (they will have their road safety in the afternoon).

5 Feb Willow class to visit the Toy Museum at Museum of Norwich

10 Feb Willow class display of their own Toy Museum, after school to 3.45pm

11 Feb E Safety day. Oak will perform their drama at 2.40pm ; parents welcome.

27 Feb- Football tournament

5 March – Whitwell Outdoor day – Rowan

5 March World Book Day (we will not be dressing up this time and will be celebrating on 6 March – see above)

6 March – Whitwell Outdoor day- Oak

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24 January
at the
Village Hall

10 March – Tag Rugby tournament

Half term – school closes Friday 14 February at 3.05pm and reopens on Monday 24 February at 8.55am

Easter Holidays – school closes Wed 1 April at 3.05pm and reopens on Monday 20 April at 8.55am