



Newsletter

February 2020



Welcome back to the second half of Spring Term! We hope you all had a good half term and that you were all able to keep safe with the severe weather recently.

There was a busy first half of term; Cherry class have been enjoying their learning about dinosaurs and were fascinated by their visitor Mr Robertson, who brought in interesting fossils and bones to find out about. Thank you Mr Robertson!

Willow enjoyed a recent visit to the museum, finding out about old toys, and collecting ideas for their own class toy museum. This was attended by parents and grandparents, and everyone enjoyed comparing and remembering their toys.

Rowan class went on a visit to Norwich School for a sensational science workshop... lots of whizzes, bangs and explosions created the wow factor!

As part of E Safety day, Oak class learned and presented a 'play in a day' with the help of Theatre in Education lead, Joss. Our Police community engagement officer also led a talk for pupils, and was available for parents too.

A group from Oak class enjoyed a visit to Norwich school to join in with the Chinese New Year celebrations. Activities included Lion dancing, fan painting and food tasting.

Mandarin Handwriting Award from Norwich School: Congratulations to our winners- Oscar (Year 5) 1st place; Owen (Year 6) 2nd place; Oliver (Year 6) 3rd place. All 3 were awarded a gold, silver or bronze certificate as well as prizes.

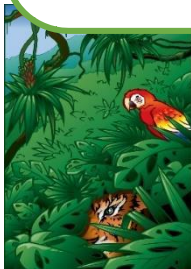
WOODLAND TRUST

GREEN TREE SCHOOLS AWARD

Our school has now been awarded the

Silver Award!

Well Done Everyone. with a special mention for the ECO team for all their efforts.



Library Competition ... This term's competition is well under way. The theme is 'In The Jungle'. Book Token prizes are awarded to the winners- for the best incredulous jungle plant design and the best Jungle Diary Competition closes on 13 March.

School Council Toy and Book Sale.

This was held on the last day of the half term. They made £114. 35 in total, with the help of FOLS who supported with refreshments and cake. This money is going to the Red Cross, to help with the crisis in Australia, following the devastation from the bush fires – as chosen by the School Council members. Well Done to the School Council and Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Our Values

This half term we will be learning about **Justice**. Children will be learning about Justice as: treating people fairly; making wise decisions, seeing the whole picture; Keeping God's rules. In celebrating the Christian calendar, we will focus on the season of Lent and Easter.



Plant to Plate Campaign – We are collecting tokens! Please tell your family and friends! Every school that collects more than 1000 tokens will receive a gardening pack worth £130 that includes strawberry runners, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, tomato planters, potato planters, herbs, compost, a planting kit and planting guides - plus recipe ideas, to make the most of the produce grown.

The 6 schools across Norfolk and Suffolk with the most tokens per pupil will collect £1000 of gardening equipment. Tokens will be published every day in the Eastern Daily Press and Norwich Evening News every day, with double tokens on Saturday, plus the North Norfolk News, Dereham Times, Fakenham Times, Beccles & Bungay Journal, Lowestoft Journal and Great Yarmouth Mercury.

When to collect

Final tokens published on Friday, March 27. Please bring to school by the end of term, Wednesday 1 April.

Reminders

School PE Kit – our website has details of what this should consist of. Your child should not be wearing different sportswear. Please ensure your child has the correct kit.

Water – we want the children to be hydrated through the day. However, water bottles must contain water only please. Children bringing a packed lunch should have their drink in a separate container with their lunch.

Fitbits, watches- These are permitted. NB Watches should be suitable for school use, and not overly sized. However, think carefully before allowing your child to wear such a valuable item for school. Please be aware the school is not responsible for these, including for loss or damage.

School Start Time is 8.55am. Don't be late!

A few minutes won't affect their chance to learn - will it?

Our classes start their activities as soon as they come in.

When you are late *your* child loses out.

Dates for your Diary

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)

5 March – Step on it Road Safety training (Willow)

6 March – Whitwell Outdoor day- Oak

10 March –KS1 Tag Rugby tournament

13 March – Sport Relief- Bring a donation (suggested £1) and to school in non- uniform and wear your Sports Gear. WNDSSP are leading a 'sporty' assembly.

31 March – Bikeability Cycle training Year 4

1 April 10am – Easter service at Church – all welcome.

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

MESSY
CHURCH
27 March

at the
Village Hall