



NEWSLETTER

Dates for Your

DIARY



Monday 10 October 2022

World Mental Health Day—wear yellow

Monday 17th October 2022

Parent/teacher meetings this week

Friday 21st October 2022

School closed—PD day

Monday 31st October

Back to School

Thursday 3rd November

PTA Disco

Friday 4th November

15:30 ~ PTA AGM

Friday 11th November

Open morning for prospective parents

Friday 18th November

Children in Need

A message from the

PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents/Carers,

The start of the school year has gone extremely well. The children have settled into their new classes and have enjoyed the new challenges in their learning. You will have received your child's year group newsletter which will tell you about the learning this term. With the restrictions of the Pandemic no longer on place we are focusing on ensuring that our curriculum has a variety of exciting experiences, including trips, and we will build back in opportunities to share our learning with you in open sessions.

Over the summer we had brand new toilets in the Year 3/4 area

(see photo below). Our canopy structures, bought by the PTA, have arrived and we are awaiting installation. Our PTA AGM is taking place in school on Friday 4th November—please do come along if you would like to volunteer some to help with our events.

We are holding an Open Morning for parents who are applying for a Reception place for next September. This is taking place on Friday 11th November.

We have our first parents' evening shortly. This will be an opportunity to find out how your child has settled into their new class.

Naomi Brown



Quick reminders

Uniform

A huge well done to those who are wearing the full and correct uniform. We sent out our uniform procedure at the end of last year. Our main uniform is:

Academy uniform

- Jumper or cardigan in the academy colours of green with the academy logo. V-neck (not round neck sweater)
- White shirt (Polo shirt for Reception only)
- **Academy tie for Years 1 – 6**
- Grey trousers (shorts in the summer term)
- Grey skirt/pinafore dress/green checked summer dress in the summer term with white socks
- **Black sensible shoes**



Safeguarding



Mental Health

Welcome to the new Safeguarding section of our newsletter. We ensure that safeguarding our pupils is our number one priority and that this underpins everything that we do.

We also aim to promote positive mental health and wellbeing for our whole school community and recognise how important mental health and emotional wellbeing is to our lives in just the same way as physical health.

We know that everyone experiences life challenges that can make us vulnerable and, at times, anyone may need additional emotional support. We promote mental health within our PSHE curriculum (Jigsaw) and also through mental health days.

A great guide to use to support your child is shown below: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/>

It is world mental health day on Monday 10th October and the school will be supporting this by wearing something yellow,



Attendance

Attending school every day is vital in ensuring children get the best education. Our current attendance rate for the school is Well done to xxx who are above our target of 97%.

Being on time is also very important. Being late can mean children miss vital learning and the chance to start the day with their peers. School starts at 8.55am and children need to be in class or their line at that time. Please allow sufficient time to walk to the classroom when arriving.



Time off in term time will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. You must request this in advance. Unauthorised absences may incur a penalty fine of £60 per parent.

At the end of the Autumn term we will be holding a raffle prize draw for attendance. For every complete week that your child is in school, in Autumn 2, they will get a raffle ticket that goes into a draw at the end of term to win a prize.

If you need support with attendance or punctuality please contact the school to speak to a member of our Safeguarding and Pastoral team.

Sporting News

On 26th September, 12 children from Year 6 represented the school at the U12 Cross-country competition at Newmarket Academy. The race was approximately 1 mile and was against Years 5, 6 and 7 pupils from other schools. They all ran brilliantly and were a credit to the school and themselves. Team A came 5th overall, Team B 23rd and Team C 30th.

A special mention goes to Jaxon Hoskins, who came 8th in the boys' race and was the 5th Year 6 boy, and Isabelle Knowles, who came 6th in the girls' race and was the 5th Year 6 girl. They have both been invited to represent Forest Heath at the Area Championships in Ipswich.



Caption here.

SEND

The SEND **Local Offer** details the services available for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Suffolk's SEND Local Offer can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

Suffolk **SENDIASS** (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service) is a confidential and impartial service that provides support with issues relating to Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND). It is free and easy to access. They help children, parents and young people take part in decisions that affect their lives. Their website can be found [here](#).

Suffolk **SENDIASS** have a great **youtube channel**, which has a range of great webinars for parents. Recently, Suffolk had a 'Supporting your child with the transition to high school' session which can be viewed [here](#).

Don't miss the What's On guide full of ideas for **family days out this Autumn**, including the top pick of local Pumpkin Patches and lots of Halloween themed days out. Click on this [link](#) below to view the Families Suffolk Magazine: Sept/Oct 2022 edition.

Times Tables Rockstars

Children from KS2 have been using Times Tables Rockstars (or TT Rockstars, as they like to call it!) for the last few years as a way of practising and learning those all important times tables facts.

This year, as a way of recognising and rewarding those pupils who really put in the effort in learning their tables, we have put in place a new scheme that has already been a hit with the children.

Each week, the class with the highest engagement in TT Rockstars win themselves a free playtime! Last week's winners were **Lightning** and **Meteor** who both had **94%** of the class playing TT Rockstars online. Well done to both classes!



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