



Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School - Newsletter Friday 5th October 2018

***This half term our Corvus Core Value is:  
to develop children's communication skills effectively***

### *A message from our Executive Headteacher*

Dear Parents /Carers,

The summer holidays seem a distant memory now and the children are settled into their new classes. We have been observing the teaching in all of our trust schools and have been delighted with the quality of learning that the children are experiencing. Our parent evenings are coming up very soon so please make sure you have made an appointment with your child's/children's class teacher.

The Trust grows from strength to strength. The majority of the money we receive to run our schools is generated by pupil numbers and we do our best to make sure that the majority of that money is spent on your children's education. I work across all three and so does our Special Needs Co-ordinator Diane Bainbridge. This means that we are able to put even more money back into your school pot for good quality teachers. We are always available to talk to if you need us and if you let the school office know they will contact us where ever we are and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Our teachers across the trust work together behind the scenes, planning and co-ordinating subject areas and special events and keeping up to date with the ever changing world of education.

Each of our larger schools has a Head of School and Aslacton Primary, has a Lead Teacher. These are people you need to talk to regarding day to day matters. I am in contact with all three schools every day and spend as much time in school as possible. If you are at all concerned about any other issues or would like to talk to me about the Trust, please let me know and I can talk to you over the phone or arrange to meet you.

Kind regards,

Alex Lightbown (CEO/Executive Headteacher)

### Local Governors Wanted

Since forming the Trust in March 2017 we have established a Board of Trustees and Local Governing Bodies for our schools. The Trustees work at a strategic level and the Local Governors work more directly with the schools monitoring the Teaching and Learning as well as other aspects of school life. We are looking for more people from the community to join our Local Governors.

We meet every half term and there is an opportunity for governors to come into school to play an active part in monitoring provision and to see the wonderful learning experiences that we provide for our children.

If you know of someone who might be interested in the role of Local Governor, it could be a parent, someone who works part-time or possibly someone who is recently retired, please let them know that we are actively seeking new people to join us.

**SMILE: We aspire to unlock the full potential of every pupil by  
Stimulating, Motivating, Inspiring Learning and Enjoyment**



REMEMBER  
ONCE A WEEK,  
TAKE A PEEK

### Head Lice

This weekend is the first 'Bug Busters' of the school year. If every parent could check their child's hair for head lice at least once a week, and treat if necessary, it would significantly reduce the problem in schools. Please see the leaflet being sent home today or [www.onceaweektakeapeek.com](http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com) for more information. Thank you.

### Parent Interviews

Please remember to sign up for a parent interview with your child's class teacher next week. Learning is very much a partnership between home and school and we value the opportunity to speak with you about your child.

### Children's Centre Consultation

You may be aware that the government and local councils are considering the future of children's centres. The children's centre next to the school plays a huge role in supporting many of our pupils and their families and we would appreciate parents giving their feedback on the proposals via 0344 800 8020 or <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/childrens-centres>. Thank you.

### End of Day Collections

Please be sure to let your child's teacher know in the morning if another adult will be collecting them at home time. If you have a regular arrangement with another adult, including child minders or after school clubs for collections, please confirm this with the office so a note can be added to your child's record.



### Macmillan Thank You!

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning and Non-Uniform Day raised £321.34! Thank you for your generosity!

## Diary Dates:

Monday 8th October - Meerkat class woodland learning with the Ovington HLF Project & 'Flu Vaccine consents going home

Wednesday 10th October - Healthy Minds Day, Service Children visit to High Lodge, & Parent Interviews

Thursday 11th October - Parent Interviews and Parrot class bake sale after school

Friday 12th October - E-safety for parents at 2.45pm & PTA meeting 7.30pm at the King's Arms

Sunday 14th October - PTA litter pick 9.30am to 10.30am

w/c Monday 15th October - Health & Safety Week

Tuesday 16th October—Open Morning for Reception 2019 intake

Wednesday 17th October—school closes for half term break

Monday 29th October—school reopens, 'Flu Vaccines for Reception, Yr1 & Yr2, & Key Stage 1 Open Classrooms 2.45pm to 3.05pm.

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### Sickness and School

We understand that sometimes children become unwell and are not fit for school. If your child is too unwell to attend, please contact the office as soon as possible on 01953 882669 with the reason for absence so that it can be considered for authorisation. Children should still attend school if they have a minor ailment such as a cough, cold or tummy ache. If you are not sure, please bring them in and speak with their teacher. Your child will be well looked after and we will contact you if they go down-hill and need to go home. Often children pick up very quickly once they are busy with their friends.

If your child is recovering from an infection and needs medication prescribed by the doctor, they may still attend school. Please bring the medicine (which must be complete with the pharmacy dispensing label) to the office and ask for a medicine consent form.

If your child has been suffering from vomiting or diarrhoea they must stay off school for 48 hours after the last episode to ensure they are fully recovered and help prevent the spread of the illness.

We encourage all parents to allow their child to have the 'flu vaccination during the school nursing team visit on 29th October. Consent forms for this will be sent home next week. Thank you.

### Healthy Minds Day

On Wednesday 10th October we will be taking part in Healthy Minds Day. We will be doing activities with a focus on wellbeing and mindfulness to promote good mental health.

### No Smoking Please

Please refrain from smoking by the school gates to allow our children and their families to enter and exit the site smoke free. Thank you.



### **Head Teacher's Awards:**

Well done to the following children who have received a Head Teacher's Award this week for excellent work:

Holly G, Teja M, Caleb W, Brian K, George B-S, & Cerys N.

### **House Points this week:**

Eagles: 210

Hawks: 160

Kestrels: 165

Ravens: 157

### **Attendance**

We are aiming for 100% attendance in school. This week's attendance is: 90.94%

**Monkeys: 85.11%am  
92.86%pm**

**Pandas: 80.67%**

**Koalas: 96.61%**

**Polar Bears: 87.39%**

**Cheetahs: 82.08%**

**Meerkats: 89.87%**

**Elephants: 96.26%**

**Giraffes: 97.79%**

**Parrots: 93.58%**

**Penguins: 98.08%**

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