



# Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

This half term seems to be passing us by in a flash, who would think that we are half way through the six weeks! As mentioned in the previous newsletter, from next week I am on jury service, I have been told that this will be anything up to two weeks. I am planning to be in school first thing in the morning on some days, dependent upon the time commitments, and if I finish early in court be here some afternoons, it is difficult to be able to gauge more specifics until I have been on Monday for the first day. Whilst I am not in school, Miss Pursglove will be responsible for the day to day running of the school. I am still contactable through email, and by phone, and I will be keeping in contact with the school regularly.

Mrs Moore has now returned and as much as I enjoyed the time teaching in Einstein class, it has allowed me more time this week to visit all classes and see what learning is happening. It is always a pleasure to see how focused our children are on their learning, right from the smallest reception children, who have told me all about what they have learnt about Space, and demonstrating their ability to make and describe shapes. In Seacole class the children started the week continuing learning about the Art of Ancient Egypt and using hieroglyphics to communicate, and in Einstein class the children have been learning more about East Anglia, and the Industrial Revolution – particularly including how by their age they could have been working in the cotton mill and how awful the conditions were! In conjunction with the West Norfolk School Sports Partnership, the children in Einstein class have also started their Young Leaders course, which will support them in being able to lead activities across the school.

We are fortunate that we are currently Covid free within the school, and are trying our very best to keep it like that, thank you for wearing your masks, keeping to social distancing and testing regularly. Please do keep doing so. Reports from different schools are showing that there are a multitude of symptoms associated with Covid, and therefore we are asking that should your child be ill in any way, please do test them.

On Monday the Class Ambassadors met, the discussion included the new VIP table at lunchtimes; the Midday Supervisors pick 6 children based upon behaviour in the dinner hall from across the week to sit at the VIP table on a Friday! The Class Ambassadors say that behaviour in the dinner hall is very good. We discussed learning behaviours within the classes and areas of learning they are enjoying. Mrs Moore also came to discuss the library with the children, and they have come up with lots of ideas to ensure the children are using it. Look out for their fundraising ideas for the coming term too!

The Parent Forum for this half term is taking place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 6pm. This will be led by Miss Pursglove who will be sharing an overview of the developments that have been made in Maths, and what we are currently working on in this subject. I am delighted to be able to share that Mr Ball, Chief Executive Officer from DEMAT, will be joining us for this event along with Mr Barrett, School Performance Director from DEMAT. Please do come and join us at these events, they last about an hour, and give you an opportunity to hear about how we are working to develop the school, and to be able to ask any questions. Minutes will be taken and these will be distributed to you all following the meeting. Please can we ask that masks are worn, and if possible do take a LFT before coming into the building. Seating will be set up to support social distancing measures.

The Parish Council have shared some figures collected from the speed sign that sits on the exit of the village to the A10, for one specific week in November, it shows that the peak time for vehicles on the road is at 9am, and 3pm, consistent with the times that the school begins-finishes. It also shows that at least a third of the cars are going above the limit of 30mph, the average being 33.6mph, and the highest speed being 50mph. We are working with the council regarding the speed of traffic outside the school, and discussing what measures could be put in place to reduce this. Thank you to you all who have signed up to the Safe School Run Pledge. Please can I ask that you continue to observe the speed limits, if not doing less, outside the school. Thank you.

**Young Voices** – We can confirm that the new date to attend the Young Voices concert in Birmingham will be Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Tickets already purchased will be accepted for this date only. Extra tickets may still be purchased via the Young Voices website. T-shirts and tickets will be handed out nearer the time. If you cannot attend the new concert date, please do come and see Mrs Fowl in the office.

**Dinners** – Please be advised that children who normally receive hot dinners had a change in menu on Tuesday. Due to circumstances beyond the schools control all children were given a jacket potato with a topping of their choice instead of the advertised Beef Lasagne. We confirm that you have not been charged for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Menu Change – Week Two (Tuesday)**

This will now be spaghetti bolognaise instead of chicken, sweetcorn pasta bake.

**Bags 2 School** – Please see attached poster about Bags 2 school. Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from school. All the bags will be weighed and we will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more we collect the greater the benefit to our school. We would appreciate it if you could please use your own bags as this will help the environment by cutting plastic use. Please can bags not be brought in before Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

### **Reminders:**

**Pick up:** Please can I ask that all parents come into the playground when collecting your children, it is important that the adult who is releasing your children to you, sees you and is able to speak to you if needed, this allows for you to chat with other parents away from the gate, and avoids congesting the area just outside of the gate, it is important that we keep this as free flowing as possible. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**Cold Weather/ PE:** We have also seen a dramatic change in the weather on our return to school, please ensure that your child has a coat in school, along with a hat/ scarf/ gloves etc. The temperature is also fluctuating in school, especially with windows and doors being opened at different points throughout the day to ensure air circulation, we are advising the children to wear layers – vest or longer sleeved top under their t-shirt and jumper if they need to.

On days when your child has PE, they should have shorts and t-shirts for inside and joggers, hoodie and t-shirt for outside along with a pair of trainers. These again should be as set out in the parent handbook. We are seeing an increase in either missing items that they need or missing kits completely. These items should all be included in their PE kit as your child may be inside or outside for PE lessons across the term. Ideally earrings should be removed before coming to school on the days that the children have PE lessons. There are a lot of reports of incidents throughout the county of accidents involving earrings during physical activity and so this is a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of our children. If your child has recently had their ears pierced we will of course tape over them for the first 6 weeks with micropore tape, please provide this. (All PE kits should be in school from a Monday to Friday). If your child goes home in their PE kit, it needs to be returned the next day.

**Swimming:** Children in Year Three and Four will be swimming every Friday morning. Please can children arrive promptly as they leave as soon as the register has been completed.

**Lunches:** Lunches are now ordered on a Monday for the following week. All orders once submitted cannot be changed or added to. If your child is not in school due to illness and you pay for lunches, unfortunately, you may still be charged.

**Homework:** Fantastic effort on the homework front in Einstein class over the past two weeks! Please could you ensure that your child/ren is completing the work set by the teachers.



**Parking:** Please can we remind you to be considerate and respectful to our neighbours across the road, and make sure that their driveways remain clear during morning and afternoon drop offs, particularly at the moment whilst they are working on the fencing. Also ensuring that you are parking safely if you choose to park on the road rather than at the car park available to you at the social club.

## DIARY DATES

**Swimming every Friday morning, please can Year 3&4 children be in school by 8.45am.**

After school clubs continue up to and including Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### February 2022

- 1<sup>st</sup> - KS1 Active Kids Festival
- 9<sup>th</sup> - West Norfolk Tag Rugby Festival (selected Yr 4/5/6 pupils)
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Parent Forum – Maths Focus – 6pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Non Uniform Day £1 donation
- Omnes Speedstacking (selected KS1/ KS2 pupils)

w/c 14<sup>th</sup> Half term (Please check out a list of activities at Alive Leisure Centre on our website)

21<sup>st</sup> - Return to school

Attachments:

Hockey Poster

Bags 2 School Poster

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