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Newsletter  
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### **Busy Half-Term**

Time certainly flies by at school. It is hard to believe we are at the end of our first half-term! It is really pleasing to see the children settled and working extremely hard, especially as we have a number of new faces since the start of the year. Those children have been welcomed with open arms by their peers and they feel fully integrated into our Reedham School family. There is a packed schedule of things to come in the next half-term so check out the term dates and events section in this newsletter.

Homework continues to be an interesting topic and came up in many of our parent consultations last week. We expect ALL children to be reading as often as possible. This is still the easiest way you can support your child with their learning. Spending a few minutes each day with your child can make an enormous difference to their life chances.

Likewise, learning facts in maths like times tables and simple additions and subtractions to twenty goes a long way to making life a lot easier. There is always Maths Whizz and Hit The Button to support this process and don't forget to check out 'Espresso' as part of the [www.discoveryeducation.co.uk](http://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk) website. Login at the top of the screen under espresso. You will need the school username login which is: student23612 and the password is: reedham 1

### **Parents Evenings**

Thank you to everybody who was able to make it to parents evening. It is really helpful to be able to discuss with you directly your child's positive attributes and areas to work on. Working in partnership ensures your child will make the best progress both emotionally and educationally. If you haven't seen your child's class teacher yet, please arrange an appointment with them.

### **School Uniform**

Thank you to everybody who signed up to our home-school agreement. Part of the agreement acknowledges that children should be wearing the correct uniform each day. This keeps the focus on their education rather than their clothes. Please label your child's clothing and remember, you can donate any decent second hand clothing to the school office or Mason's nanny where it can be reused by future pupils of the school.

## Cross Country Competition

We took twenty-seven children to Fairhaven School on 11<sup>th</sup> October to take part in the Cluster Cross Country Competition. We were really proud of all the children who raced, as they fought hard for every single position. The strong wind was particularly nasty for the runners heading straight into it down the back straight.

There were some excellent performances. Kaden, Sarah and Sophie picked up top ten finishes, in Sophie's case against girls over a year older than herself. Jack H and Jack M both threw themselves at the finishing line and there was a great team spirit amongst all of our team, encouraging and supporting every one of our runners.

However, performance of the afternoon came from Noa-Lily in the Y1/Y2 girls race. She entered the home straight leading, only to be pipped at the post by two other girls. It was a great performance and we were all incredibly proud of her and the whole team's efforts on the day.

Here is a full list of the finishing positions of the runners from Reedham School:

### Y1/Y2 Girls Race

Noa-Lily 3<sup>rd</sup>

Summer 16<sup>th</sup>

Lilah 19<sup>th</sup>

Freyja 24<sup>th</sup>

Louise 25<sup>th</sup>

Charlie 36<sup>th</sup>

Lacey 37<sup>th</sup>

### Y1/Y2 Boys Race

Kaden 6<sup>th</sup>

Cameron 18<sup>th</sup>

### Y3/Y4 Boys Race

Jack A 18<sup>th</sup>

Max 37<sup>th</sup>

### Y3/Y4 Girls Race

Sarah 9<sup>th</sup>

Eva 17<sup>th</sup>

Charlotte 21<sup>st</sup>

Erin 22<sup>nd</sup>



### Y5/Y6 Girls Race

Sophie 9<sup>th</sup>

Alyse 12<sup>th</sup>

Joyce 25<sup>th</sup>

Chloe 34<sup>th</sup>

### Y5/Y6 Boys Race

Jack H. 11<sup>th</sup>

Jack M. 20<sup>th</sup>

Kazen 22<sup>nd</sup>

Jaiden 24<sup>th</sup>

Daniel 25<sup>th</sup>

Harry 33<sup>rd</sup>

Shay 34<sup>th</sup>

George M 39<sup>th</sup>

### KS2 Strumpshaw Fen Visit

Earlier this term, Miss Spaul and Mrs Kelf took children from KS2 to the Strumpshaw Fen to complete a series of nature-based activities. This followed up on work in class with RSPB members coming in to conduct some hands on, fun geography and science work. Thanks to Mr Bass, Mr Blackburn, Mrs Dack and Mrs Jones for giving up their time to help out on the trip. I heard lots of good reports about well-behaved and polite children during the trip which we place great importance to.



### Christmas Play

All of the children have now been cast in their roles for this year's Christmas Play. They should have brought home a slip of paper with what character/animal they are and suggested clothing to help them look the part. If you are in any doubt what clothing/costume they need to wear, please speak to Mrs Bethell or Miss Spaul who can go through it with you to ease your mind. The play will take place at the Village Hall on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 6:00pm.

### Y6 Transition Days to Acle Academy

Acle Academy have once again put on a full range of transition days this year for the Year 6 children, who have already attended two curricula events so far this term. The children came back pleased with the work they had covered and were happy to get used to knowing what lays ahead in their learning journeys. They have already attended a Humanities day and a Design and Technology day. Further events await throughout the year. Acle Academy are really keen to work with the feeder schools to ensure the children's transition from Y6 to Y7 continues to be much smoother than in previous years, all of which makes for a positive transition for the children involved.

### Maths Parents Evening

Thank you to the seven parents who turned up to our first maths event of the year. Those that attended genuinely believed it was very worthwhile to see how we are teaching the children addition and subtraction from the early years right through to Year 6. If you don't believe me, ask one of them!

Next up we would like to address how we approach multiplication and division in Maths. After that, we would be interested to hear your views on how we can share our expertise so that the children are fully supported at both school and home. This could include different subject areas you would like some help with.

Ultimately, if you are more confident with the ways in which we teach concepts to the children and in how you support your child, this can only be a good thing going forwards.

## Building Works

Firstly, I would like to express a huge thank you to Greg Aitchison, Esmæ's Dad. Last weekend, he came into school to repair the wooden shelter on the playground. We had identified that the main stands had started to rot so they needed to be fully replaced. Greg's craftsmanship has enabled us to save a considerable amount of money and the results are fantastic. On behalf of all the school, thank you so much.

I am still hopeful that several building projects will take place this year. I have been speaking to the school's building maintenance contractor to try to secure a complete resurfacing of the playground. This will make the whole area so much nicer to look at and use, rather than the patchwork quilt of a playground surface the children are using at the moment. I then hope to get school council to work on behalf of the children to think about designs we can place on the new tarmac.

Mrs Bethell and Mrs Saunders are also frantically trying to secure a raft of improvements for the Early Years outside area. Having found out that we secured a grant of several thousand pounds over the Summer, the project has a tight timescale to completion. Watch this space as that area has a revamp over the coming months!

We are all really hopeful that all of the modernisation that is, and will take place, encourages the children to take yet more pride in their school. It reminds them to respect what they have and take care of it.

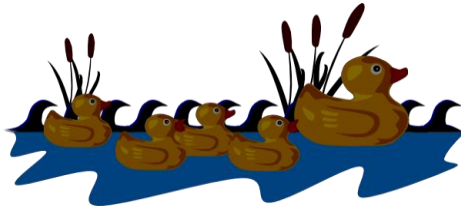
## P.F.A.

A huge thank you to all those parents who have made the PFA an outstanding success over the past year. If you are not a member yet but would to be involved in some way, please give Joyce's mum or Isobel's parents a nod in the playground as they would be only too willing to give you more information as to how you can help to run events or raise money for the school and other charities. The PFA have already had an amazing first event raising £313 during their Macmillan Tea and Cakes afternoon. There was a superb spread put on and a special well done to Mrs Bray for winning the best Victoria Sponge Cake two years running... Next step, Bake Off!

## Respect

With an increase in numbers at the school, means an increase in traffic. We ask you to remain respectful of the houses near to the school. Please do not block people's driveways or park in unsafe places. Please think about your speed on the way to and from school. The last thing anybody would want is an accident.

Please also note that the school premises are a no smoking zone. This includes vaping, which recent studies have pointed to having similar effects as normal cigarette smoking. For everybody's benefit, wait until you are clear of the school before lighting up. Thank you.



## Little Ducklings

It is with great sadness that I have to report that Little Ducklings owner, Mrs Jane Tunyman has decided to call time on her running of the Pre-School. It has been a difficult decision for Jane but follows on from some personal and health issues which has contributed to her not being able to give her all in recent times.

Unfortunately, an Ofsted visit, which coincided with a new inspection framework and the updating of the statutory requirements for early years Foundation Stage highlighted some of the shortcomings that Jane has not been able to oversee to the best of her ability. Most of the points are procedural and Jane and her team have been working flat out to correct any issues that were picked up by the inspection.

This may leave some of you wondering what will happen to the pre-school, the breakfast club and before and after school club provisions. Firstly, let me reassure you that it is the school's intention to try to keep all of these services going. Jane has indicated that she would like to hand over the running of the pre-school to the school and will stay on until at least Christmas to help with the transition.

I can appreciate how important it is for working parents that wrap around care is in place both before and after school. It is also incredibly important for the school to have a successfully operating pre-school feeding children into the main school setting. We want to make all the services we provide a success, just like how the main school is thriving at the moment. We have a strong team in school and will be giving our support to Jane and her team, while they are going through a transitional period.

Hopefully, taking the pre-school under our wing will allow for a better whole school experience for the pre-schoolers. Likewise, ensuring there is wrap around care before and after school will help children and families. There are a number of advantages for us running these services, however I do not know the full cost implications to the school yet. I am aiming to get information out to parents as soon as possible, once I know more of the details myself.

In the meantime, I would like to express my thanks to Jane. It is quite conceivable that we would not have a primary school at all, had it not been for Little Ducklings. Jane started up the pre-school from scratch and has successfully run a lovely setting for a number of years. Those of you who know Jane and her team will know that the children who have been through Little Ducklings have had some wonderful experiences and made a successful transition into the Primary School. We have appreciated their dedication and as a result are determined to ensure that the nursery will continue to support and provide care, meeting the needs of children and families in our community.

## Term Dates

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October - PFA Halloween Disco

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Autumn half-term holiday

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Flu Vaccines for whole school

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October - PFA Halloween Donuts on sale after school

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> November - Y5/Y6 Cluster Netball & Basketball Comps. Acle Academy 1:00 p.m.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Service at the War Memorial 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Teddy Bears Picnic Dressing Up Fun Day with Pre-schoolers

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Individual and sibling photographs

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need Day (Non-uniform on Tuesday this week for the Teddy Bears Picnic, not on Children in Need day)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - PFA Bingo Night at the Vikings

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Height and Weight Measure for YR and Y6

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Miss Jay's last day of Autumn Placement in Mrs Bethell's Class

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Play Rehearsal at the Village Hall. Pick up children from the village hall at 3:15.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Play at the Village Hall

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Service at Reedham Church

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Anne Smith Music Concert at 9:10am

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Whole School Trip to the Panto at St Georges Theatre

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of the Autumn Term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - Pupils return to school for Spring Term

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January - Y6 SATs Parent Evening Meeting 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - YR/Y1/Y2 Cluster Poetry Festival at Southwood Hall a.m.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - Y3/Y4 Cluster Poetry Festival at Southwood Hall p.m.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - Y5/Y6 Cluster Poetry Festival at Southwood Hall a.m.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - KS2 (Y3/Y4 and Y5/Y6) Cluster Rugby Competitions

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020 - Spring half-term holiday

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - Easter Holiday

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - Pupils return to school for Summer Term