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## **22nd September 2023 Newsletter**

### **THANK YOU!**

Firstly, thank you to all of you for bearing with us whilst we go through a period of change and handover. It is greatly appreciated – thank you for all your wishes of support and checking in with staff about how we are all doing!

### **School Uniform**

**We would like to apologise for the confusion caused over uniform changes.**

Just to clarify these changes were made to help our children look smarter and have a sense of belonging. We hate waste and with this in mind, if you have bought other uniform items children will not be penalised. We would ask, at next purchase, that you could buy the correct uniform items. It was brought to our attention that the information was inconsistent – again apologies for the confusion. The information sent out in July was correct as is the information below. Please note the clarification in BLUE. The decision was made to have the black trousers as when we checked most children were wearing black – then because it was black and navy uniform it made sense to be consistent for P.E. If you have already bought a navy or black full tracksuit this is acceptable as it reduces the cost. **Apologies for any inconvenience caused.**

Uniform	Plain black trousers, shorts, skirt or <b>dress (no leggings please)</b> Plain white polo shirt <b>Blue and white check dress</b> Navy jumper or cardigan
PE Kit	Plain white or team coloured t-shirt Plain black shorts or tracksuit bottoms (no leggings please) Plain navy hoodie Appropriate sports shoes (not too brightly coloured please)

Embroidered school uniform is available for purchase online from myclothing.com (please speak to the office about support for this). (Sweatshirts and cardigans, Fleece, Polo Shirts, PE bags, Book bags)

### **PLEASE NAME ALL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS**

**Hair should be tied back, children should not wear jewellery, earrings should be studs (these need to be removed for P.E)**

## **Reminders**

### **PFA Events**

Keep an eye open for events run by the PFA – they have lots planned, including a Halloween disco, raffles, cake sales, and a Christmas fair. Dates of these will be shared when they are finalised.

### **Website**

Have you had a look at our website – we are updating this. Please feedback – what is missing?

### **Pickups and drop offs**

Please make sure you keep your child safe by meeting them on the playground. Children will not be permitted to leave the playground unless accompanied by their adult or have specific permission from parents to walk/bike home alone.

### **Returning forms**

Please return information and consent forms to the school promptly. We recently sent out quite a few forms requesting confirmation and information. So that our records are up to date to keep your child safe, please ensure you send this information back to as ASAP.

### **Music Lessons**

We are very lucky to have Ann Smith come in on Fridays to teach children to play musical instruments. Ann specializes in brass and woodwind instruments but also teaches piano. These lessons are available for KS2 children; lessons are every Friday during term, at a cost of £5 per lesson, payable at the office. If you would like your child to take part, please talk to the office to book your child's place.

### **Healthy and Eco School**

Please ensure, if children are bringing in snacks for break times and packed lunches, that the items are HEALTHY, fruit and dried fruit are great energy providers for a snack. We will continue to try to be greener with less plastic waste – it would be great to have less packaging in lunch boxes to help with this.

### **Parent Survey**

We value your feedback so that we can improve. Please take a few minutes to complete this. Follow the link below – please let us know if it does not work!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNrjRAfhPTNPiwVnGfVI9Wfca\\_oUNfkXrMB22XyzdFukVSLQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNrjRAfhPTNPiwVnGfVI9Wfca_oUNfkXrMB22XyzdFukVSLQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Our class teachers will be sending out an update on parents meetings, which will take place week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – please do make an appointment with them to discuss your child's progress.

## Communication

### Open Door Policy

We would like to remind you good communication is a priority for us. With this in mind, it is really important, if any problems should arise, please get in touch so we can help. Teachers can be contacted via their email addresses, or if you wish to see them face to face, please arrange a meeting with them outside of teaching hours:

office@reedham.norfolk.sch.uk  
head@reedham.norfolk.sch.uk  
sbethell@reedham.norfolk.sch.uk  
swaters@reedham.norfolk.sch.uk  
mhunt@reedham.norfolk.sch.uk

Please note, we have migrated from our in-school server, where data was stored, to a cloud. NSIX emails for staff are no longer accessed.

### Google Calendar for parents

As from September, we have invited parents to use our shared Google calendar. Please find the link sent as a text and follow this to add the calendar on the Google Calendar phone app. You may need to subscribe to the Google calendar on a laptop. Please also keep an eye on the website, which has a calendar for upcoming events for parents. Keep an eye on Facebook too!

## Behaviour

We are acutely aware that there have been incidents around poor behavior choices, particularly at break times. We really hope this is teething problems around settling back in, after a long break and excitement. Please rest assured that we are working hard to ensure that children are playing safely and sensibly, with staff deployed to support the monitoring of this. We have changed mealtime seating and deployed a teacher to the playground at lunch times to monitor this more closely.

We are also encouraging children to be able to report incidents to an adult and tracking these incidents so that we are able to speak to parents when we are aware of any issues. When they feel uncomfortable or unsafe, we have asked children to say, "Stop, I don't like that!" It is vital that children are encouraged to 'Tell a Teacher' about any worries they have.

It is important to remember that they are children and that they are learning and they will make mistakes (some more than others). We need to help them to learn from mistakes they have made. We want our children to be 'good' human 'beans' and that is up to the adults in their lives to help them to learn that. That's our job and your job! Please help us to help **all** children to get along so they are ready for the big wide world.

## Class News from around the school



### Otter Class News

This week, Otter Class followed their curiosity streams and landed in the Neolithic and Paleolithic eras analysing the differences between first and second hand sources. In maths and English, we continued our focus on place value and started planning our own warning stories inspired by Pie Corbett's *The Caravan* respectively.



### Owl Class News

With Miss Waters, Owl class have been writing poems, learning about the human skeleton and investigating whether people with longer arms can throw further with. Miss Spaul and the class have been learning about how the Romans were able to take over many countries around the world. They have continued to learn about time in maths and worked hard to understand some new terminology in grammar and punctuation, to make their writing even better.



### Heron Class

Hérons have been learning about common and proper nouns in English and seasonal changes in science. Miss Spaul dropped in for a lesson – she was impressed with some amazing singing and learning about how positive attitudes!



### Squirrel Class

The children have been busy settling into the routine in Squirrel class and welcoming new children to the class. Squirrels are learning about themselves in their 'All About Me' topic. This means we are learning about the children's interests, family and what makes us unique!

## **Attendance**

**Whole school attendance this year: 98.12%**

**Target: 96.5%**

This is an area we will need to work on for September 2023 - we noticed there were many unauthorised absences due to family holidays, last year. And some families have asked for holiday forms this term. Please note we will be following Norfolk CC guidance around attendance as per the letter sent to families this week. Attendance is a school priority and is important to your child's learning - if they miss large 'chunks' this will have a negative impact on their progress and well-being. *90% attendance is classed as persistent absence and adds up to missing 4 weeks of learning throughout the year. Did you know: Children with good attendance are more than twice as likely to pass their English and Maths GCSEs compared to those who are persistently absent, (DfE,2023).*

## **Future of Reedham Primary and Nursery School**

The governors of our school are working hard to explore different options to find the best way to secure Reedham's future. At present, we are looking at various options, with the support of Norfolk County Council. We understand that this is an uncertain time but we will share news with you as soon as we can.

## **Term Dates**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Full Governors' Meeting

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Year 6 creative industries Acle transition day

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – MacMillan Cake sale after school

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Cluster Year 5 & 6 Netball @ Acle

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October (evening) – Open evening @ Acle

Week commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Parent meetings (days to be confirmed by class teachers)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October - NHS height and weight checks for Year 6 and Reception

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – PFA Halloween party  
(Herons 4.30 to 5.30pm and Owls and Otters 5.45 – 6.45pm)

Week Commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Half term holiday

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Cluster Cross Country event