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THROUGH KNOWLEDGE WE GROW

Newsletter 5

## Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of the newsletter. It's been an action packed term with lots going on. Featured below are some of the activities that the children have been involved in, news of current fund raising activities and plans for next term. Notably this term we would like to extend our congratulations to Laura Watts who has become a Specialist Leader of Education. This means that she will be able to share her skills beyond our Federation and support schools with developing their curriculum and assessment systems. Laura will continue to work across both our schools as Assistant Head – Well Done Laura!

## Acorn Class

We have recently visited Norwich Cathedral as part of our studies around the Easter festival and how it is celebrated across different religions. During the visit we saw lots of different things and then used these in our classroom work when we got back.



## NUMICON News

As you know we have recently been looking to purchase new resources to help us teach and support maths within the school.

Numicon is a specialist teaching resource designed to help children visualise numbers. From this visual picture they can see how we add, subtract, multiply and divide numbers and the relationship between these. The different coloured Numicon shapes represent different numbers. Numicon is multi-sensory so can help children learn from different levels of

achievement and help bridge those gaps effectively. We will be using it to help all our children reach their potential.

We are extremely pleased to announce that **Morrisons** have kindly donated the cost of the Numicon teaching resource! This will make a real difference to our learning and we would like to extend a huge THANKYOU to Morrisons for supporting us.

Below are some of our children using the Numicon resources:



## Pre School

This half term we have celebrated the Hindu Festival of Colour and the children have had great fun experimenting with all the different colours they could make and throwing paint at card people. We watched a short film of the celebrations in India and Nepal and talked about what was happening in pictures of the celebration.



We have also focused on Maths this half term and have had daily activities involving counting and shapes. The children especially enjoyed measuring out the ingredients for pancakes on Shrove Tuesday although eating them may have been the best bit.

In the last few weeks of term we have also welcomed five new children and their families to pre-school and wish them an exciting learning journey with us.

## "Feet" of Endurance 2 May 2019

Our Headteacher Angie Hamilton will be completing a feat of endurance walking/running Hadrian's Wall (85 miles!) in 3 days. Phew! This has been a long held ambition which she is about to fulfil with support from Norwich City Community Sports Foundation. She is raising money for the Foundation who use sport to improve the quality of life for those who need it most in Norfolk. We all wish her the very best in her challenge! If you would like to sponsor Angie in her quest please go to <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AngieHamilton2> We look forward to the pictures after completing the event!

## Information Regarding Payments to School

Firstly a big THANK YOU to everyone who have paid their outstanding monies. We will be sending out running balances next week, please help us to end the term with zero owing. We have to pay for all our lunches each week as they are booked and eaten and as a small rural school any debts to us effect the money we have to spend on our children's learning. Please help us to prevent this by paying for lunches promptly.

What to do now? Next week either pay the office in cash or use internet banking to pay for all lunches being booked next week and any outstanding balances. You can ring the office to find out your current balance, or if it's out of hours either leave an email or message on the answerphone and we can calculate this for you and text/email/call you back with the information. To pay via your internet banking service please use the following information:

Sort Code: 20-62-61

Account Number: 00 38 22 56

Use your child's initial and the first 3 letters of their surname i.e. J Smi (Joe Smith) Lunch  
We can then allocate your payment correctly.

In addition by overpaying even by 50p each time soon builds up a balance that can be drawn down from.

Thank you for your continued help, it makes a real difference to the running of the school.

## Hot Lunch Price increase

In the last newsletter we told you that we were aware of an impending price rise for our hot lunches. We now know this will be an increase of 10p. This applies to all lunches from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, so will effect lunches you book from this week. The new cost of a 2 course hot lunch will now be £2.30

Reminder: From 4 September 2019, the start of the next academic year, we will be going cashless and school meals will be payable in advance only. This rolls out the current option already in place to encompass all payments. Full details and support will be forthcoming. In the meantime please contact the School Office with any queries.

## Timetable updates for Summer Terms 1 & 2

Oak Class: Swimming Summer Term 1 (April & May) – Every Thursday  
Forest School Summer Term 2 (June & July) – Every Thursday  
PE – Every Monday

Acorn Class: Forest School Summer Term 1 (April & May) Every Thursday  
Swimming Summer Term 2 (June & July) – Every Thursday  
PE - Every Monday

As we launch into the summer term, we will be starting swimming and lifesaving again, this means we have made some changes to the timetable to ensure the children all get an opportunity to participate in Swimming, Forest School and PE lessons. When we return from our Easter break, Oak class will be swimming during the first term and then participating in a

Forest School session during the second term. Acorn will attend Forest School during term 1 and swimming in term 2. For both classes PE sessions will be held on a Monday and run by Mrs Rowe who currently teaches at our other school in Erpingham. We would like to take the opportunity to thank LB Sports and Charlie in particular for all their hard work with the children supporting us over the last year. With the change of timetable, we will also be saying au revoir to Caitlyn our Art teacher whose sessions the children have so enjoyed. We will be incorporating Art into the rest of our timetable to make sure the children continue to enjoy these activities, those these will be run by our existing teaching staff. I am sure we all extend our best wishes to Charlie and Caitlyn.

Finally, please ensure that children bring in full and complete kit for each of these sessions as we are unable to provide anything in school.

### Friends of Northrepps Primary School - Update

As a charity we fund raise to provide much needed extra support sometimes in the shape of money and sometimes just a helping hand. All the money we raise is for our children here at Northrepps, so please dig deep – every penny counts! This week we will be celebrating Easter on Thursday with an Easter Bonnet Parade, plus a raffle and cakes for parents to purchase.

Next term we will be raising money to pay for school trips, visitors to the school such as The Mad Scientist and also new tablets and laptops for the children to use in class. We have several ideas we are working on: Tesco and Waitrose tokens; Bingo; a summer fayre, more film clubs, a summer disco....please support us if you can! We welcome any fresh ideas that you may have or events you would like us to run. Please contact the school office or any of the Friends. We are also collecting glass jars and bottles which you may normally put in your green bin...these can be put in Morrisons bottle banks and we get a share of the money – in fact we've just received reimbursement for the Numicon pack that was bought in December - Amanda Hawkes is happy to take bottles to Morrisons if it's not your shop of choice.

**E safety workshop** – thanks to all the parents who attended! Great turnout at the meeting held on Thursday 28th March 2019, 2.45 until 3.15. Main concerns were Facebook - parents allowing their children to put in false DOB to have an account. We were also shocked at the apps (not listing as can scare people) which are not secure and use of them can give away your exact location! We were extremely pleased to hear the school has a very secure firewall, and regular discussions with the children reiterating to always tell an adult. Notably any cases identified are immediately dealt with and reported to the police. The main point that came out of it is always watch what your children are playing/doing online...who are they talking to? What are they viewing? ....bad people target kids games too!

More information is available on the school website about how to stay safe online and keep your children safe – you can find it under "Information for Parents".

We look forward to seeing you at our events over the next few months! Please note if you want to join in on an ad hoc basis more regularly. Please speak to any of the Friends listed here.

The Friends – Emma Robinson - Chair, Lisa Stickells; Amanda Hawkes; Anna Hannant; Hayley Ward

## Diary Dates & Events

Date	For Whom	Event
w/c 1 April	All	Please pay all lunch money for outstanding amounts plus pre pay for this week. Please note 2 course lunch costs £2.30
Thu 4 April	All	Parents/Carers Welcome Easter Bonnet Parade, Friends of Northrepps Cake Sale & Treasure Hunt! Please join us at 2:30pm to see the Easter hats. Prizes for a winner from Oak, Acorn and Pre School with a guest judge.
Fri 5 April	All	Parents/Carers Welcome Easter Church Service St Mary's 2:00pm Please join us to celebrate Easter. Children to be collected from Church, please ensure you tell the teacher you are taking your child. Last Day of Term
Easter Holidays	All	Mon 8 April to Monday 22 April
Tue 23 April	All	First Day of Term
Wed 24 April	Pre School	Visit to Benjamin Court
Thu 25 April	Yr 5/6 Oak	How Hill Trip Parents Meeting – 2:45pm Please attend to find out requirements for the trip.
3/4/5 May	All	Northrepps Flower Festival Please visit the church and see the children's work displayed.
Mon 6 May	All	BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed
20/21/22 May	Yr 5/6	Trip to How Hill
Tue 21 May	Acorn	Farm trip – details to follow
Fri 24 May	All	Last Day of Term
Mon 3 June	All	First Day of Term
Wed 19 June	New Admissions	Parent/Carer meeting for new pupils joining in September
Fri 12 July	All	Sports Day details to follow
Wed 24 July	All	End of Term
Wed 4 September	All	First Day Back of New Academic Year

## School Absence Reporting

School Telephone Number: 01263 579 396

All pupil absences must be reported by 9am to the school office. A message can be left on the answerphone.