



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Dear All,

It has been an exciting week as the children have spent time in their new classes ready for September. Everyone settled really well and enjoyed meeting their new teachers. It was lovely to welcome Mr Bishop as he starts to prepare for the new year.

To tie in with the children's work on the environment and their amazing beach clean, we are planning a plastic free July. We would like you to swap some of the single-use plastic in lunchboxes for recyclable packaging as we hope this will make a small difference to a big problem. There is more information below and some suggestions as to how you could make a change.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

### This week in class...

**Preschool:** Preschool have been practicing prepositions this week and were able to place a teddy on, under, behind and beside a table or chair. We have also had the large tweezers out to help strengthen little hands in readiness for such things as self-dressing and eventually writing. The children continue to be interested in our gardening project and are eager to taste the end result. Tracey is now beginning to look at numbers for next term, so if families know or anyone interested in preschool school sessions from September, please do prompt them to get in touch with us.

**Acorn:** This week Acorn class have been finishing their work on recycling. We have been reusing plastic bottles and making useful items. A big thank you to all parents and governors who helped on the beach clean. We found 3 kilograms of rubbish in about an hour. Mundesley Parish Council spotted us and posted a thank you message on their facebook page. The children really enjoyed the day and it was lovely to see the pictures in the EDP.

**Oak:** Oak Class have been considering our Big Topic Question: What makes Norfolk a great place to live? They came up with their own great ideas and then developed their knowledge of why tourists come to the local area. They have combined this with an investigation into the persuasive devices used in leaflets in order to design their own leaflet which encourages people to visit Norfolk. In French, they have begun the Ma Famille topic, learning to name members of their family. We are continuing our revision of key topics in maths and have also reflected on approaches to solving problems, revising the key language that we need to understand questions. In P.E., the children have greatly enjoyed their swimming lessons and learning to play rounders. Next week is arts week, please feel free to pop in and catch up with your children's progress with art skills on **Monday 4th July and Friday 8th July from 2:50p.m. onwards.**

**Birch:** This week, Birch Class have been thinking about climate change. We have been writing our own versions of Nicola Davies' lovely book 'The Promise'. We have also had a go at creating an illustration for our own versions using oil pastels. We have looked at the causes of climate change as well as what climate change is doing to our world. On the positive side, we have thought about what we can do to help the planet, including having a look at our own carbon footprint. We have continued to develop our confidence in speaking in front of the class, taking it in turns to use the new whiteboard to direct the class, as well as carrying out lots of team games to enhance our learning. In maths, we have been revising and practicing our fraction and decimals skills.



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**Forest School News** Please see a few pictures of last weeks boat races! we got quite wet and everyone was really brave giving the squelchy river bed a feel! We have been fascinated by the tadpoles development each week. Term is getting very busy so the woods are providing a lovely break from the busyness all around, helping the children to reset and recharge.

### Dates for your diary

**Year 5/6 Forest School** – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of July

**Y3/4 Forest School** – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of July

**Y3/4 Swimming** – every Monday afternoon

**Arts' Week** – Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> of July

**Sports' Day** – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July @ 1.30pm – all welcome

**End of Term** - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**Gardening** As you will have seen, our garden is beginning to look beautiful. In order to keep it safe over the summer, gardening club would like to make some scarecrows. If you have any of the following which you would be happy to donate, please bring them into the office by July 11<sup>th</sup>...

- Garden canes - any size
- Old small childrens clothes, tops and trousers
- Old hats
- Old gloves or rubber gloves

We are also on the lookout for volunteers to keep the garden watered over the long holidays. Please let Mrs Watts or Claire Trundell know if you are able to take a turn. **Thank you!**

Try swapping some of these wasteful items for waste free alternatives:

### WASTEFUL LUNCH



Drink cartons & pouches

SWAP FOR

### WASTE FREE LUNCH



Reusable bottle



Sandwich bags, foil & plastic wrap

SWAP FOR



Reusable tubs & beeswax food wraps



Packaged fruit snacks

SWAP FOR



Fresh fruit



Individually wrapped snacks

SWAP FOR



Homemade snacks in reusable tubs/food wraps



Yoghurt in single use packaging & disposable spoon

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Yoghurt decanted from a big pot into a reusable tub with a reusable spoon

## TRY THESE FOR A WASTE FREE LUNCH



Bring drinks in reusable bottles instead of juice cartons



Put sandwiches in a reusable tub or beeswax food wrap instead of using cling film, sandwich bags or foil



Try making homemade cakes, biscuits or flapjacks rather than buying pre-packaged ones



Instead of buying individually packaged foods, buy bigger packs and decant daily portions into reusable tubs



Eat fresh fruit or vegetables for snacks as any leftovers can be composted



Provide reusable utensils rather than plastic/disposable ones



Involve children in planning and making their lunches as this will ensure they like the food and help to encourage them to eat what's included





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