



Monday 24th April 2023

A very warm welcome back to a brand new term! The Summer Term is our Explore Term where we have a geography focus to our topic themes, concepts and key questions. Over the next week you should receive your child's knowledge organiser which will provide you with all the details for the term.

Over the holidays the Parish Council held their Coronation mug competition at the village hall and I must say a very big thank you to the children of Birch Class and parents who came (very early in the morning!) to help bake and then serve so many delicious cakes for the village. It was a sterling effort by all!

We are waiting to hear from the Parish council which designs will be used for the mugs and can't wait to see the finished products!

Best Wishes

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Preschool - Preschool has had an active first week back after the Easter break. We have been looking at basic shapes, measuring how tall we are and practicing our pen control by using our hands as templates to create animals and making lots of cakes in the mud kitchen. We have also welcomed a new child and her family to the setting.

Acorn - Acorn class have begun our new topic by looking at a aerial map of Northrepps and using magnifying glasses to identify places we know. Children have used computers to find where they live on Google Maps by typing in their address, printing out the map and locating their house. The children have written a Cold Task story about a snake and a seal that go on an adventure together. In the next few weeks we will be learning the story The Snail and the Whale and using it to write more detailed stories. Many thanks to parents who remembered to return the new reading books on the first day. This enables us to allocate these books to new children that week. In maths we have been covering the topic of capacity. Please help your child by looking at litres and millilitres on the back of bottles from the supermarket.

Oak - Oak Class have had a busy first few days back. In maths, we have begun learning how to tell the time using both analogue and digital clocks. We have been practising by moving the minute and hour hands on our practise clocks and answering questions. We have also been busy with revising our spellings from last term and have started thinking about our new Topic: Water, water everywhere! We have been using the Atlas to locate parts of the UK, including countries, seas and cities. We have also enjoyed our first music lesson with Mr Weitz, learning about rhythm and some different instruments. In French, we started learning some different food names through the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Mais elle a encore faim!

Birch - Birch class have had a great first week back and have started their new topic term by learning about Ancient Greece. We have made our own kenning poems for extreme earth events that we are excited to be sharing with you in the near future. We have introduced our concept of bravery which we will be exploring over the term and thinking about what bravery means to us.



Wellbeing

We have recently had the attached information shared with us for some parent workshops provided by the NHS which focus on supporting young people's mental health. These are free virtual workshops on zoom and are 60 minutes long. Whilst some dates have passed the workshops still available are:

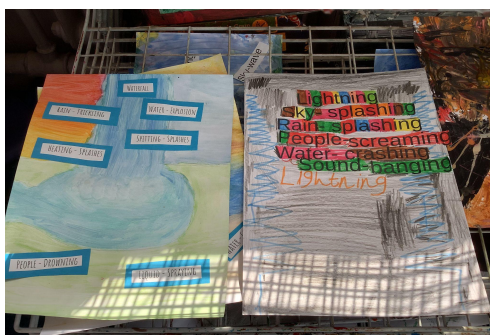
Supporting Our Young people with Big Feelings

Supporting Our Young People with Low Mood

Building Understanding and Supporting your Child with Tourettes/Tics

To book a place please see the attached information and either click on the website link or scan the QR code.

Look out in future newsletters for other workshops being offered to parents and carers.



Staffing News

I would like to give a very warm welcome to our new teaching assistant Mrs Withers! Mrs Withers joins us from Erpingham Pre-School and we are delighted to have her in school.

I would also like to welcome back Mrs Allen who will be helping us in Birch Class on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Sadly we have also said goodbye to Mrs Aish from pre-school. We will miss her and wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

Parking

Please could we remind all parents not to use the school car park unless previously arranged with school. There is very limited space and it can quickly become unsafe especially during drop off and pick up times.



Club News

Clubs will be returning this week with Yoga clubs final session being held this Monday 24th. We are hoping to be able to offer another Monday club soon so watch this space. Breakfast club is also up and running daily. Please contact Mrs Galasky in the office to book your space.



A Pallet Palace!

A very big thank you to Mrs Syrett and her husband Paul along with Kate Wright, Connie and Mrs Galasky for coming in during the Easter break to help create a new den/play space for the children. They were also able to put some pallet fencing up in order to create a more defined gardening space for the children. The wildlife pond is also starting to take shape too. Again a huge thank you to all parents that came to their aid in offering up pallets to help make this happen.



Oak Class Musical Maestros

Oak class enjoyed their first music ensemble lesson with Mr Weitz this week.

Mr Weitz will be teaching the children how to use a range of musical instruments over the coming weeks every Thursday. Mr Weitz joins us from the Norfolk Music Hub and he will be teaching a range of recorders, latin percussion and brass instruments.





DIARY DATES

Monday 24th April - Birch Swimming **Yoga Club last session**

Tuesday 25th April - **Nature Club 3:15-4:15**

Wednesday 26th April -

Thursday 27th April - **Baking Club**

Friday 28th April - Birch Forest School

Monday 1st May **BANK HOLIDAY**

Tuesday 2nd May - **Birch Gymnastics**, **Nature Club 3:15-4:15**

Wednesday 3rd May -

Thursday 4th May - **Baking Club**

Friday 5th May - Oak Forest School

Yr 6 SATS WEEK

Monday 8th May - **BANK HOLIDAY** for the Coronation of Charles III,

Tuesday 9th May - **Nature Club 3:15-4:15**

Wednesday 10th May -

Thursday 11th May - **Baking Club**

Friday 12th May - Birch Forest , **Norfolk Children's Book Centre Book Fair 3:15** Parents invited to **browse and buy**

Monday 15th May - Birch Swimming

Tuesday 16th May - **Acorn Gymnastics** **Nature Club 3:15-4:15**

Wednesday 17th May -

Thursday 18th May - **Baking Club**

Friday 19th May - Oak Forest School

Monday 22nd May - Birch Swimming

Tuesday 23rd May - **Oak Gymnastics**, Acorn Forest School, **Nature Club 3:15-4:15**

Wednesday 24th May - **Family Learning Afternoon**

Thursday 25th May - **Baking Club**

Friday 26th May - **Last day of term** , Birch Forest School

Monday 5th June- **First Day Back**, Birch How Hill Residential

Strike Days

As it stands currently there are a couple of national teachers strike dates planned, these dates are Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. We are expecting to remain open as usual on these days and will keep parents up to date should there be any changes.