

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome back! We were delighted to welcome all the children back to school last Thursday after the summer break and were also very pleased to welcome Miss Horlick, Miss Laniado and Miss Fry to our teaching team. We look forward to getting to know those of you who are new parents to the school in the coming days and weeks.

I am sure that everyone would agree that the Olympic and Paralympic Games were a real highlight of the summer. Both the Olympic and Paralympic athletes were, and continue to be, such an inspiration to us all, showing how graft, perseverance and team-work leads to fantastic things being achieved. We are doing our best to carry on this inspiration into our work with the children over the coming months. In turn, we know that the children will respond to the challenges and work hard to make sure they have a successful year.

As reported last term, we were delighted that the Year 6 children achieved such excellent SAT results last year. 93% achieved Level 4 or better in English (42% L5). In mathematics 95% achieved Level 4 or better (47% at L5). These results are well above national averages and are a real credit to the children and their teachers. We also congratulate all the Hellesdon High School students who achieved a great set of results at GCSE this year which were also above national and local averages.

We look forward to many more successes over the coming months.

YEAR 4 NEWS

READING

Reading is a vitally important part of every child's learning both at school and at home. Your child should have brought home their reading book already.

Please support your child by listening to them read every night and getting them to complete the Reading Record section of their Learning Journal.

PE AND GAMES

As we move into Autumn and the days get a little colder your child will need to have appropriate clothing for Games outside. Unless it is raining heavily every child will go outside for a Games lesson every week. Therefore, they will need track suit trousers, a sweatshirt and trainers for these lessons. Could we also remind you to name everything! Finding lost items of clothing is much easier if everybody names all their belongings.

ALL ABOUT THE UK

Our first topic this term is 'All about the UK'. We will be looking at maps of the UK, identifying where capital and major cities are, learning about our national parks and rivers.

If you wish to help your child with their learning the following websites may be of some use to you.

www.kids.nationalgeographic.com

www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/customs/.../geography



After the half term holiday we will be studying the Tudors.

A BIG THANK YOU!

We would like to congratulate everyone for the fantastic start we have had to the new school year. All of the children look smart in their new uniforms and are very well equipped for lessons. It makes a big difference to the way they work if they are well prepared for all lessons. Thank you.

HOMEWORK

Your child will have already brought home their first pieces of Literacy and Numeracy homework. Please help your child complete their work and return it to school by the Wednesday of the following week. If your child has any problems over their homework then please call in and see their class teacher, or alternatively simply write a note explaining the difficulties your child has had and we will help them.

Diary Dates

September	Tuesday 18 th	5F Holt Hall visit
	Thursday 20 th	School Photographer (Individual & Siblings) Y 5 Open Parent meeting (15:30 – 16:00)
	Monday 24 th	5T Holt Hall visit
	Tuesday 25 th	Y 3 Parents to Lunch
	Friday 28 th	5C Holt Hall visit
October	Monday 1 st	Y 3 Open Parent meeting (15:30-16:00)
	Wednesday 3 rd	Coffee & Chat Session (Dining Hall) Y 4 Parents to Lunch
	Thursday 4 th	Friends of Firside AGM (15:30-16:00)
	Wednesday 10 th	Y 5 & Y6 Parents to Lunch
	Friday 26 th	Y 6 Gressenhall visit
	Monday 29 th	Half term week
November	Monday 5 th	School re-opens
December	Tuesday 11 th	Christmas Concerts
	Wednesday 12 th	Christmas Concerts
	Thursday 20 th	Christmas Lunch
	Friday 21 st	Last day of term

Start of School Please note that children should not arrive on site until 8:30 each day as we cannot supervise them before this time.

Absences If your child is unable to attend school please ensure you ring in before 9:30 on the first day of absence giving a reason and if they are still absent after two days please ring to update us.

Emergency Contact Details – Please make sure you keep the office informed of changes to contact numbers and addresses promptly.

Parentmail If you are able to receive emails and have not signed up to 'Parentmail' please collect a form from the office.

School Dinners Please remember to order & pay for your child's lunches on a Monday for the week ahead - envelopes from the office.

Uniform Please note that all uniform must be ordered and paid for in advance using the forms available from the office or the website.

Food Hygiene rating Congratulations to Debbie and all the kitchen staff who have just had been awarded a "Good" food hygiene rating (4 out of a possible 5).

Term Dates 2012-13

Autumn term	6 th September to 20 th December 2012	Half term holiday: 29 th October to 2 nd November 2012
Spring term	8 th January to 27 th March 2013	Half term holiday: 18 th to 22 nd February 2013
Summer term	15 th April to 20 th July 2013	Half term holiday: 27 th to 31 st May 2013 May Day: Monday 6 th May 2013 Norfolk CPD day: Thursday 27 th June 2013