

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 6 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. We expect everyone to read at least four times every week and have this recorded.

### PE AND GAMES

Games is on a Thursday as usual and both classes have indoor PE on a Friday. Please make sure all kit is named clearly. For indoor PE pupils need plimsolls or they can take part in bare feet. It is vitally important that pupils have a PE top!

### FOOTBALL

Football for Y6 and the Girls teams will be on alternative Thursday lunchtimes to start with. Y6 games start with a friendly on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September against Drayton.

## Victorians

Our first topic this term is The Victorians. We will be

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

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/victorian\\_britain/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/victorian_britain/)

We have a trip to Gressenhall planned for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October which will involve dressing as a Victorian!

After the half term holiday we will be studying Rainforests.

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## A GREAT START!

We have been very pleased with the way the pupils have started the new year and their attitude towards improving their work. Let's keep that up!

## KEY STAGE 2 NATIONAL TESTS

The National Tests take place in the week starting May 13<sup>th</sup>. Please make a note of this date!

## HOMEWORK

This week your child will bring home their first pieces of Literacy and Numeracy homework. Please help your child to complete their work and return it to school by the Wednesday of the following week. If your child has any problems completing their homework then please call in and see their class teacher, or alternatively write a note explaining the difficulties your child has had. We expect Numeracy homework to be completed in pencil. We expect Literacy homework to be completed in blue pen, with a date and title underlined with a ruler.

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## Diary Dates

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

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**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

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