

Dear Parent / Carer,

We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter holiday. We were pleased to welcome everyone back on and are hoping to see some warmer weather!

In the last newsletter we were anticipating an inspection – which hasn't happened. We now hope that we will receive an inspection in the first half of this term. As you know the Local Authority and the HMI inspection in November highlighted the good progress that children have made since coming to the school. The Local Authority agrees with our view that we are a good school and we sincerely hope that a full inspection confirms this. We would like all parents to help tell OFSTED how well we are doing! When the inspectors visit they use "Parent View" to find out what you think about our school. We would like them to know about all the good things we are doing. Please visit Parent View and make your views known. By sharing your opinion on 12 aspects of school you'll be able to say how we have improved and help us improve further. You will also be able to see what other parents have said about the school. (<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>)

Staff update: At the end of term we said goodbye to Miss May who has moved to Dorset. We are pleased to welcome Mr Cooper who has taken over class 6M. Mrs Robinson is taking on the role of acting-SENCO role for the summer term while we recruit a new SENCO for September. Most of you will know that Mrs Robinson fractured her shoulder on the first day of the Year 4 trip and I am glad to tell you that she is recovering well and despite her injury will be back to work on Monday.

Year 3 News

Welcome back, can you believe that it's the final term in year 3? That means we have lots of interesting and challenging things to do this half term. In Literacy, we will be studying authors like Dick King-Smith and Jacqueline Wilson in some detail. We will then move on to reading and writing adventure and mystery stories. You might like to share some stories with your children - authors like Michael Morpurgo and Enid Blyton are really good examples (we know you will have others).

We will continue to develop our maths skills. We want the children to become confident in all the 4 main operations – add, subtract, multiply and divide. Measuring at home in litres, kilograms/grams and centimetres/ metres really helps by showing how maths works in a real context. Please continue to discuss time (reading clocks and time intervals) as this is always challenging.

In our topic lessons, we start the term thinking about Design and Technology and torches; a Spanish speaking country and a study of different artists. Later we will learn about the Ancient Egyptians as our major topic. In Science, we are going to find out about rocks and soils and will link this to our outdoor gardening activities. In ICT, we will be learning how to construct bar charts; program a sequence of commands and use Edmodo to share our work and ideas.

We have several trips currently being planned for later in the term. We will send you the information as soon as we can.

We look forward to another excellent term,

A
P
R
I
L

2
0
1
3



Middleton's Lane, Hellesdon
Norwich NR6 5NF
Tel: 01603 426550
Fax: 01603 403361

Headteacher: Mr. S. J. Fisher
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs R. Robinson
www.firsides.norfolk.sch.uk
office@firsides.norfolk.sch.uk

The year 3 team



Diary

April	Mon 15 th	Start of Summer Term at 8.45am Year 4 residential trip to Whitwell Hall
	Tues 30 th	Swimming Gala
May	Thur 2 nd	FOF/School Council visit to Fenland Leisure Year 5 visit Hellesdon High – French Marché
	Mon 6 th	Bank Holiday – school closed
	Wed 8 th	Year 4 visit Hellesdon High – Spanish Fiesta
	Mon 13 th	Year 6 SAT tests week Full Governors meeting
	Fri 24 th	Year 3 Museum visit
	Mon 27 th	Half-term week – school closed
June	Mon 3 rd	Year 5 residential to Holt Hall (split week) Arrival of four Chinese teachers from Hui Shi Primary school
	Mon 10 th	Year 6 residential to Kingswood
	Thur 27 th	School closed – CPD day (applies to all local schools)
July	Mon 8 th , Tues 9 th	Hellesdon High transition day – Year 6 pupils to Hellesdon High
	Tues 16 th , Wed 17 th	School sports mornings
	Fri 19 th	Prom on the pitch
	Wed 24 th	Last day of term

Year 3 multi-skills – 5 week summer term programme

We have organised a 5 week programme of PE multi-skills with CSF coaches for the beginning of the summer term, in Year 3. Community Sports Foundation professional coach, Danielle is working alongside the classteachers to run the programme with the Year 3 classes,. The first session was held on the very first day of term and was very successful.

Premises update

Playground: As you may have heard from the children, we are delighted that FOF have agreed to support our new play-equipment project. FOF had a meeting last term with Fenland Leisure and the plans that were agreed will be on display for you to see, very soon. We anticipate that work will start in early May so that all the children, including Year 6, will be able to enjoy using it this term. We are planning a number of fund-raising events this term to help raise the necessary funds. FOF are even trying to arrange a trip for some of the school council to see the equipment being made in the workshops near Wisbech!

Hall redecoration: Over the holiday, the decorators have completed the much needed Hall redecoration. They have done a fantastic job and we are grateful for their hard work in completing it in time for the beginning of term.