

Dear Parent / Carer,

Well, the OFSTED team eventually came! As we said in the letter that went out with the report we are pleased to be removed from a category of 'Notice to Improve' but disappointed not to have gone straight back to 'good'. We felt the evidence was good but the reality is that it is highly unusual for teams to take this decision. We also regret that so many areas where we were highly praised in the verbal feedback did not make it into the written report! Nevertheless, we are pleased that our significant improvements have been acknowledged and our plans given a stamp of approval. We now move on to the next phase of further improvement with increased enthusiasm and determination!

We hope everyone has a wonderful and restful summer break!

Staffing in September

All the children were informed of their classes last week and are now looking forward to the class-change day next Monday. Teaching-teams for September are shown below. We have already welcomed Mrs Elliott back after her maternity leave and have now appointed Mrs Latimer to work alongside her. Miss Hinde is also joining us and will be our new SENCO. Both bring considerable strengths and experience to our team and we look forward to them joining us in September.

We will be sorry to say 'goodbye' to Miss Fry and Mr Cooper who have both made such a positive contribution to the school while here. We wish them both well in the future.

Year 3 team: Miss Horlick and Mrs McCash

Year 4 team: Ms Haugh, Miss Putt and Miss Ramsey

Year 5 team: Mr Coe, Miss Hinde and Mrs Latimer/Mrs Elliott

Year 6 team: Mr Keer, Mr Moreton and Mrs Turner

Book Cafés

The Book Cafés have been a great success – we're pleased that everyone has enjoyed them so much (the Year 6 café is on the 19th July at 9:15 am). We definitely plan to run them next year and so we hope you will come along if you were not able to this term.

Norfolk Library Summer Reading Challenge

Every summer more than 10,000 children in Norfolk take part in the Summer Reading Challenge. The challenge encourages children to continue reading over the summer holidays in a fun way. This summer there are plenty of spine-tingling surprises waiting for you at your local library and mobile library. Discover Creepy House, the Summer Reading Challenge for 2013.

Children are invited to join our gang of explorers as they work their way through three thrilling floors of fun. Help discover the secrets of the house by reading library books, and keep track of the action on a special fold-out poster.

Pick yours up – it's free – when you join in at your local library during the summer holidays.

There are stickers (including stinky ones) and Mungler Top Trump cards to collect along the way, and all kinds of crazy characters to discover. It's a scream! Look out for details of Creepy House activities at your local library.

And the fun continues at: www.creepy-house.org.uk

See Frank Lampard give a very special Summer Reading Challenge message on YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/cH74bx1Omf4?rel=0>



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Norfolk School Games

Congratulations to all the pupils who represented the West Norwich & Dereham Sports Partnership at the Norfolk School Games this week. In the swimming, Millie Bateman won the fly, and she and Alannah Keer were part of the winning team in the relay. On Thursday, ten Year 4 pupils represented the partnership in the Golf competition. Well done to all of them!

Holidays in term time – IMPORTANT UPDATE!

Since the last newsletter the government has announced changes to the regulations covering school attendance. The new regulations come into force in September 2013. The key amendments relate to the granting of leave for the purpose of family holidays in term time:

'Amendments have been made to the 2006 regulations removing references to family holidays and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days. The amendments make clear that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. These amendments come into force on 1st September 2013'.

This means that from next September we will no longer be able to authorise any term time absence unless there are exceptional circumstances. Should you need to request leave of absence please complete the 'Absence request form' available from the school office.

Any holidays for the next school year that have already been authorised will stand as I feel it would be unfair to go back on an authorisation already given. I hope that this clarifies the new regulations which all schools must enforce from September.

Information Update

With this newsletter you child will give you a Data Collection Sheet with information held on the school system. We have had a few gremlins in the works recently so decided to ask you all to check details and contact numbers – thank you.

Diary

July	Fri 5 th	Reports home
	Mon 8 th	Transition day Year 6 pupils to Hellesdon High Year 2 pupils to visit (am)
	Tues 9 th	Year 6 at Hellesdon High
	Th/F/M 11 th , 12 th , 15 th	Mixed-Age days
	Tues 16 th , Wed 17 th	School sports mornings 9:30 – 12:15
	Tues 16 th	Parent consultations (after school)
	Thurs 18 th	'The Tempest' performances 1.30 & 6:30
	Fri 19 th	Year 6 Book Café 9:15 – 10:00 Prom on the pitch 5:30
	Tues 23 rd	Leavers assembly 2:00
	Wed 24 th	Last day of term – NON-UNIFORM (£1) in aid of NNAB
Sept	Thurs 5 th	First day of autumn term

School Sports Parents are welcome to the school sports on Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th July (starting at 9:30).

'The Tempest' There is an afternoon and evening performance of the school play on Thursday 18th July. Tickets are restricted to 2 per family, as usual. Order forms are available from the school office.

Prom on the Pitch The summer concert is in the evening of Friday 19th July 5:30pm. Come along and enjoy an evening of music on the school field (bring your own rug/chairs). No ticket necessary, but programmes £1.

Non-Uniform day: The last day of term is a non-uniform day (£1 in aid of Norfolk & Norwich Association for the Blind).

2013-14 term dates

Autumn term	5 th September to 20 th December	<i>Half term week: 28th October to 1st November</i>
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Spring term	7 th January to 4 th April	<i>Half term week: 17th to 21st February</i>
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Summer term	23 rd April to 23 rd July (Norfolk Schools also closed 26 th June)	<i>Half term week: 26th to 30th May</i>
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