

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back! Many thanks to Mr Oakey and the cleaners for all their hard work over Easter: the school looked sparkling for the start of term. Every classroom projector has now been replaced with short-throw projectors. The new ones are wonderfully bright– the children have really noticed the difference!

The summer term promises to be a time for everyone to really enjoy. The children's hard work is really paying off for them and we can see great progress being made across the school. The teachers spent the training day before term started planning the new curriculum that will come on stream next September. They also spent time firming up plans for some exciting learning opportunities this term!

The term started with no delay and we were delighted so many parents were able to come to the Year 5 children's Roman exhibition on the very first day. The Science Quiz club teams went to take part in the local competition and one team was placed second having led right up until the final round! The Year 6 football team are off to Manchester in mid-May to represent Norwich City in the Premier League Schools Tournament. Not many people get to watch football at the Etihad let alone play there! Good luck team!

There are many sports events for all children this term. We are especially pleased that our Sport Premium money is making it possible to open up many opportunities we would not have otherwise been able to provide. For example, some Year 6 children have the chance to go sailing at Whitlingham, we are running after school athletics and we are also organising some wheelchair basketball. We hope to interest children not normally keen on games by providing access to a wider range of activities than in the past. Something for everyone, we hope!

The term will end with a festival of learning week when we will celebrate the great things going on. There will, of course, be a play performance, the prom on the pitch and the sports mornings all of which we hope you will enjoy with us.

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 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 in a real context. Please continue to discuss time (reading clocks and time intervals) as this is always challenging.

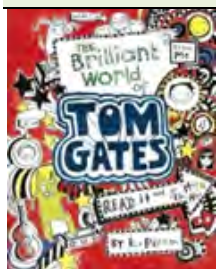
In our topic lessons we will continue our topic on plants in science and looking at Georgia O'Keeffe's work in art. Later we will learn about the Ancient Egyptians as our major topic. In ICT we will be developing our research and presentation skills; being able to program a sequence of commands and use 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.

The Year 3 team

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR VISIT – LIZ PICHON



Exciting news! Some of children will have the opportunity to join our friends at Kinsale Junior for a visit by **Liz Pichon** the very popular author, on **Wednesday 7 May**. Kinsale are hosting the event and we are delighted to be able to take some of children to join in. Liz will talk to the children about her books (including the hugely popular Tom Gates series) after which there will be an opportunity to buy books, which she is happy to sign.

Liz Pichon is an [illustrator](#) and a [children's writer](#) who has won many awards. Do visit her website (<http://www.lizpichon.co.uk/home.htm#>) to discover more about her and the many books she has written.

The visit has been organised by **Marilyn Brocklehurst**, owner of *the* best children's bookshop in Norfolk, the **Norfolk Children's Book Centre**. <http://www.ncbc.co.uk/NCBC/Home.html>

Diary

May

Mon 5th Bank Holiday – school closed

Mon 12th Year 6 SAT tests week

Mon 26th Half-term week – school closed

June 2nd – 4th Year 6 (Kingswood) residential

4th – 6th Year 5 (Holt Hall) residential

Wed 18th Year 2 visit to Firside

Thur 19th School Disco

Thur 26th School closed – CPD day (applies to all local schools)

July

Thurs 3rd Year 6 Leavers Disco

Tues 7th School Sports..... 9:30

Wed 9th School Performance "Treasure island" 1:30 & 6:00

Fri 11th School Sports..... 9:30

Prom on the Pitch evening

Mon 14th & Tues 15th Hellesdon High transition day – Year 6 pupils to Hellesdon High

Wed 23rd Last day of term

Netball Update

Congratulations to the Year 6 Netball team for such a great performance in the Hi5 Netball tournament last Monday. Good luck in the Summer Norfolk School Games tournament later in the term.

