

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 5 News

With the beginning of the summer term we have realised how fast the year is moving along. The spring term was a great success, with huge enthusiasm shown for all our learning themes, especially our Roman studies. Thank you to all who came along to our recent exhibition. Your positive feedback meant a great deal to the children. Now we hope to complete the year with similar success, especially as we aim to work outside more. We have already begun a local study and the goal is for the children to have a greater appreciation of Norwich, its historical buildings and its place in the world. We have received an invitation to a French market at Hellesdon High School on May 9th. It will be great to work with year 10 pupils and practise our new language skills.

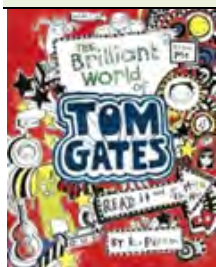
Our residential trip to Holt Hall will be in the first week after the half-term holiday; from Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th June. Having been on previous trips to the centre we know that the children will have a great time. Arrangements will be finalised soon and then an information letter will be sent home so that the children can start to organise their packing!

In the hope that we will get some hot weather, a reminder that children should bring in sunhats, have a water bottle and apply sun screen before coming to school on sunny days, especially on Thursdays when they have Games. In warmer weather, tailored shorts may be worn, but no sports shorts or three- quarter length shorts/trousers please. School shoes are still expected with shorts!

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Our sports teams have been amazingly successful this year and we hope that this will continue in competitions held in the summer term.

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

Premises 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.

