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Wednesday 21 February

Dear Parents

Welcome back and I hope that you all had a great half-term holiday. This is quite a short half-term: only 5 weeks until the Easter break starts. Nevertheless the children have already settled back into the school routine and are working hard towards their spring term assessments. Year 6 are also in the final stages of their preparation for the Key Stage 2 SATs, with only 9 school weeks until the exams begin. We wish them well as they approach this key time.

Parents Evening

Just a reminder that parents evening appointment slips need to be returned by tomorrow so that teachers can organise appointment times for next week.

Thursday 22 February – Tomorrow!

Two important events are taking place tomorrow: the deadline for the BBC 500 Words competition and the Girl Guiding Thinking Day.



Remember to bring in your 500 word stories and give them to Mrs Robinson as well as entering them online to the BBC. Judging in school will take place over the next week and winners will be announced in assembly.



Members of the Girl Guides (Rainbows and Brownies as well) are invited to wear their guiding uniform to school on Thinking Day. On the 22 February each year, guiding members across the world think of each other and of their commitment to international friendship and understanding.

If any members of the Scout Association are aware of a similar day for the scouting movement please get in touch with Mrs Robinson.

Wear Pink Day

A very big thank you to everyone who wore pink and contributed to Freddie's 10 fundraising events this year. We raised £365 for 'Keeping Abreast'.

Firside App

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The school app is no longer available. We have sourced a new provider who can give a better service with greater value for money. As soon as the new app is ready we will let you know how it can be accessed.

Parking at the front of school

Thank you to all parents who park sensibly and respectfully around the school. Unfortunately we still have a few parents who are not parking within the boundaries of the law. With this in mind I ask that parents do not pull up onto the pavement, behind the cones at the front of school, to drop children off. The cones are put out each day as a reminder that no-one should park on the yellow zig-zag lines at the front of the school. I respectfully ask that this practice is stopped immediately. I would also ask that parents are not rude and aggressive towards members of staff who tackle them about poor parking.

SEND Partnership News

The current SEND partnership news is available in the foyer for anyone who wishes a copy – please come in and help yourself. The newsletter can also be downloaded from www.norfolksendpartnershiass.org.uk. In addition there is a flier about 'Family Voice': a free conference for all parents and carers of children with special needs and/or disabilities.

Thank you



A very big thank you to Mr and Mrs Forster who have donated a fantastic supply of Lego and games that they no longer require. Both the staff and the children are very excited about using it. Lego is a wonderful educational resource that is widely recognised by educationalists for its effective impact on teaching and learning.

Toilets in school

Could I respectfully remind everyone that the toilets in school are for the use of our pupils and staff only. We appreciate that sometimes young children are caught short and we will always help you provided you ask at the school office. We will be embarking on some major changes to the rooms at the front of the school in the coming weeks and will no longer be able to provide access to our facilities.

Diary dates

<i>Monday 26 February</i>	Parents evening
<i>Tuesday 27 February</i>	Parents evening for 3A only
<i>Wednesday 28 February</i>	Parents evening
<i>Friday 2 March</i>	World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character
<i>Thursday 8 March</i>	Disco
<i>Friday 9 March</i>	FoF Mother's Day shop

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Year 5 trips payment deadline

Tuesday 13 March

Year 4 Time and Tide Museum trip

Wednesday 28 March

Last day of term

Hello and Goodbye

Finally I would like to extend our best wishes to Mrs Seagrave as she starts her maternity leave this week. We all look forward to meeting the new addition to her family in the coming weeks.

Miss Ramsey has already started working with 3S and will take over as Head of Year 3 on Monday. I would also like to extend our warmest welcome to Mrs Daintree who is working in Year 5. With this in mind, 3S will be known as 3R from Monday onwards and 5R will be known as 5D.