

KEY DIARY DATES

October

11th: Year 5 Learning Café

11th: Year Reception, Phonics Learning Cafe 1.30pm

w/c 14th: Parent consultation week

14th & 16th: Year 6 Evacuation Day

17th: Nursery, Nursery Rhymes Learning Café 11am and 2.30pm

Half term is 21st October to 25th October

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first 'new look' newsletter of the year. Apologies that it is coming to you late but we have been experiencing some technical difficulties with our server which have now, thankfully, been resolved. You may have noticed that our school logo has changed slightly and we have a new school letterhead so that everything matches! I would also urge you to have a look at our new school prospectus on the website. There are fantastic pictures in it of some of the great things that go on in school together with some important information which you may find useful.

The children have settled back in to school life brilliantly and are doing some really high quality work during their lessons which they should be very proud of. Clubs are proving to be very popular again and we are very proud of the number and range of activities on offer to the children.

As ever, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or comments for us, we are always pleased to hear from you.

LEARNING CAFES

It would be lovely to see you all again at your child's learning cafe this year. Last Autumn, 60% of our parents managed to attend! Thank you so much. This year we are asking that you provide your own travel mug when you visit please. This is a result of our SPA action group thinking it will help reduce our plastic pollution. We agree! For health and safety reasons we have to have cups with lids, and these are usually plastic based. If parents can provide their own lidded mugs, this would be wonderful, we'll obviously still supply the teas and coffees!

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Check Facebook and our website for dates!



CLUB NEWS

A great start to girls football club this term, thank you to all those who turned up!

It is on a Thursday morning at 8am and if we could start promptly please that will give us more practise time!

We have a great range of ages from YrR to Yr 6 and our aim is to have lots of fun and improve our skills!

Any questions please ask Miss Corden!

Year 5 and 6 Boys football club started last Monday and it was great to see some new faces. We had lots of fantastic skills on show and some excellent teamwork. We can't wait for our first league game which will be coming up soon!

Year 5/6 Pottery club started with an explanation of the history of pottery and trying out the different methods that the children will be using to create their various items. The children really enjoyed creating their first piece - a comical wall plaque.



ADULT EDUCATION

We understand that parents would like to have courses that they can attend for themselves, following feedback from our learning cafes. We are working closely in partnership with community learning and have so far, offered Maths, English and watercolour workshops.

Unfortunately, despite great interest, we have not been able to offer these courses long term due to lack of numbers.

I am working now to see if we can put on a computing course for adults in the near future. If you have an interest in this course, please complete a questionnaire that will be sent soon via Parentmail.

Again, many thanks for all of your support .
Miss Corden.



CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

From September 2020, your children will be following a brand new school curriculum which we are in the process of designing. We are keen for it to be based around the needs of our children and community and so your input is very important.

Thank you to all parents who filled in a parent survey at the end of last year. We had 179 responses.

You told us what you thought was important so that we could include those things in the curriculum:

- 98% of responses said that it was very important that children know how to show respect and be polite to others
- 97% of responses said that being kind and thoughtful was very important
- 95% of responses said that it was very important that children know how to keep themselves safe.
- 93% of responses told us that the children need to know about the effect of their behaviour on others

We have already started to build these elements into the 'Community', 'Emotional', 'Aspiration' and 'Attitudes' strands of our plans.

NEW STAFF

Many of you will now have met Mr Amies, our new Deputy Head, as he often frequents the front of the school with me before and after school. Mr Amies is our Designated Safeguarding Lead so if you have anything you would like to discuss in that area then please contact him or Mrs Carter in the first instance.

We are also delighted to welcome other new staff who have already fitted in so well to our school 'family.' Miss Read (Y5 teacher), Miss Toyn (Y1 teacher), Cerian (YR TA), Sarah (Y1 TA), Megan (Y4 TA) and Leanne and Harriet (Learning Champions).

ATTENDANCE

Last year our whole school attendance was 95.7% which was just short of our target of 96%. So far this year the total is 95.21% which is below target but mainly down to the unfortunate sickness bug we have had. The best attending class so far this term is 5S with 97.77% so well done to them. If your child complains of feeling poorly then please do still send them to school as we will let you know if they are not well enough to be in school but please remember the 48hr rule regarding any bouts of sickness or diarrhoea. Please telephone the school office or report absences by parentmail. We hope you all received your letter about holidays and leave of absence requests via ParentMail, please let us know if you didn't receive it.

PTA UPDATE

We are really excited to announce that work has begun on the cookery classroom! Through the tireless charitable support of PTA Chair Steph and her building surveyor husband Paul Purslow (Purslows Chartered Building Surveyors), work started during the summer break. We will keep you updated on progress.

Dates for diary:

- Coffee & Cake Morning - Friday 18th October, 8.45am
- Reception Open Morning, PTA will be there - Tuesday 5th November
- Disco (more details to follow nearer the time) - Saturday 7th December, 2-4pm

GOVERNOR NEWS

Governor Week at Sheringham Primary is this week. Governors will be in school every day to see the children at work and to see the school in action. We will be in each year group assembly to talk to the children about what governors do. There will be two opportunities for parents to come in and meet us: a Learning Cafe on Tuesday 8 October at 2pm and a Coffee Morning on Friday 11 October at 9am. We hope you can join us.



Jill Steward
Chair

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Thank you to everyone who has embraced our cashless payment system for school lunches. Unfortunately we do have quite a lot of arrears due for meals already taken so would be grateful if these could be cleared as soon as possible. Please do not be offended but if a debt goes over £50 in the future then we will require you to provide a packed lunch for your child and will contact you by phone to arrange this.



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