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Dear Parents,

Film Review competition:

Congratulations to Esme Pitman who was the winner of the Wymondham Words film review competition. She wrote about the film Hairspray and “really made the judges want to see it”!

Esme won a £20 book token that I know she will make excellent use of!



Congratulations also to Ollie Leary who has just found out that he has been selected for the Eastern Region Zone Squad sailing team. Hope you don't get sea sick Ollie!

And finally, congratulations to Alice Tall, who was part of the winning team at a Level 4 national gymnastics competition on Saturday. Alice demonstrated her skill on the bars, beam, floor and vault.



Very well done all of you!

Bonfire biscuits

Once again the Friends will be selling biscuits on bonfire night (Wednesday 5th November 2014) at break. The cost will be 20-30p each and all proceeds will go to the school funds. **Sickness:** a reminder that if a child is physically sick, be kept away from school hours after the last bout



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vomiting. Thank you.

Contact details held at School

Please can you ensure that you keep the office informed of any change to your contact telephone numbers. Correct numbers are vital so that we can get in touch with you when we need to.

The following is from The Road Safety team at Norfolk County Council

Road Safety: The Dark Side

My bet with Fred this month is that you already know what I'm going to write – it is after all just common sense. And yet ...

Before we start counting shopping days left to Christmas, we will hear the annual debate as to whether the clocks should go back or not. No matter what your view, the evenings will be darker, and that brings an increase in road casualties.



Darker afternoons cause more collisions than darker mornings, as motorists are more tired after a day's work and concentration levels are lower. Also children tend to go straight to school in the mornings, but spend longer travelling home in the afternoon, increasing their exposure to road dangers. After school activities and clubs all entail travelling in the dark. In the dark drivers are completely dependent on artificial light – and their visibility may also be affected by grimy windscreens or

poor weather. Pedestrians, other road users and road signs all become more difficult to see in the dark.

So knowing that casualties increase because visibility is poorer, we get to the common sense bit you already know. Making ourselves more visible would make us less likely to be a road casualty.

When traveling in the dark, please make sure you can see others & others can see you. As parents we especially need to educate our children about their increased vulnerability.



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There are many things we can do to improve our conspicuity: some basic tips include

Pedestrians:

- reflective material shows up in car headlights - remember fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark. You can put reflective tape on your coat or bag to help you be seen by drivers. You can use a torch too.
- when crossing the road - choose a crossing point or at least a well-lit place.
- If there is no pavement and you have to walk on the road, always face the oncoming traffic - this is particularly important in poor light or in the dark.

- **Cyclists:**



- You must use a white light on the front and red on the rear of your bike at night – bikes are the only vehicle allowed a flashing light so that helps people identify you as a cyclist
- Wear or carry something reflective - eg spoke reflectors
- Be really observant around you for approaching vehicles and other road users

Drivers:

- Pedestrians and cyclists are more vulnerable than you - speed is literally a matter of life and death for children in road accidents, and is much harder to judge in the dark
- Invest a little time in a safer journey – ensure you windscreen and mirrors are clean and give you good visibility, and that all your lights are working.



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However we use roads, we are all people underneath just trying to get about, but some road users are especially vulnerable and need protecting by those of us in charge of vehicles.

We are keen to train more community Road Safety Volunteers to help educate children and work in the community. If you would like to find out more about doing this, please contact me: **Jenny Sheldrake**

Norfolk County Council Road Safety Team

Email: roadsafety@norfolk.gov.uk **Mobile:** 07823 443302

Maternity Leave : Miss Jell will be leaving us at Christmas for her maternity leave and we have appointed Mrs Richelle Kettlety to cover Wren Class with Mrs Nixon from January 2015.

Norfolk Children's Book Centre

The Book Centre will be visiting on Tuesday 4th November. The morning will be given over to story-telling which will be linked to our Black History week. In the afternoon there will be a big display of books for sale. The children will have the opportunity to have a little browse and then the display will be available for parents after school to come in with your children. Any books purchased will result in a small amount of commission for the school.



Divorce or separation affecting you and your children?

'Parents Apart'

One-off workshop aimed at minimising the impact of parental separation on your family

'Relate' have trained trainers to present this course together with a handbook which contains information taken from a wide range of research



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into parenting after divorce and Separation. Leaflet available from reception, or contact Tina Frary at school.

Disco

Finally, the Friends' held a fabulous 80's disco on Saturday. Everyone had a really nice evening and over £200 was raised for school funds. Thank you to everyone who supported it.



Coming Up

3.11.14	Black History week
4.11.14	Children's Book Centre visit to school and bedtime story
5.11.14	Black History singing assembly Friends' Bonfire Biscuit sale
17.11.14	Anti-bullying week
28.11.14	Non-uniform day in return for a bottle for the Christmas Fair tombola
29.11.14	Friends' Christmas Fair
10.12.14	KS1 production afternoon performance
11.12.14	KS1 production evening performance
12.12.14	Christmas decoration morning – parents invited to work alongside your children
13.12.14	Friends' Christmas party
16.12.14	Wren Class nativity play 2.00pm
18.12.14	Carol service

Finally, have a lovely, and safe half term break and don't forget that the clocks go back on Saturday!

Yours sincerely,

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