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Dear Parents,

The children have definitely come back this term enthused about school life and are enjoying the challenges and rewards of learning. This newsletter certainly reflects just some of the achievements!

Nursery and Extended School OFSTED:

Many of you will be aware that the Nursery had a no notice inspection in November and we are delighted to inform you that the quality and standards of the early years provision was rated as good with outstanding for the contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children.

The Nursery was praised for: its exceptional partnership with the school ensuring that children are supported exceedingly well to prepare them for the next stage in their learning and development; motivated and enthusiastic staff who are led by a manager, who is inspirational in her leadership, demonstrating an extremely strong drive to improve the achievements of all children; its partnerships with parents that are highly effective; children's emotional well-being which is supported exceptionally well; children behaving exceptionally well; children confidently and readily seeking out others to share play and learning experiences; and staff fully understanding their responsibilities to safeguard the welfare of children.

Really well done to all the staff and children.

The full report will soon be available on our website.

Science Bag collection: we collected over 25,000 points with our Science Into School bag collection. These have now been cashed in for Science equipment. Picture shows equipment "bought" with the points with the current Eco Captains. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

The Eco-Council with the items bought from the points.



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TAG RUGBY 15.1.15

This year 11 year 6 pupils have formed a tag rugby team. Their first competition was at the UEA Sportspark against Robert Kett Hawks and Falcons. They won 2 of their matches, drew 1 and lost 1. They had a lot of fun and worked together as a great team. As a result they are now in the finals on Tuesday 27th January at Wymondham College. We wish them lots of luck. Many thanks to Mr Pattison for giving up his time to coach and encourage them.



(written by Evelyn Merryweather)



LIONS CHARITY SWIM

On Tuesday, John Wilde and a couple of his colleagues from the Lions Club came in to school to present our 'Deep Blue Dolphins' with their medals for completing the most amount of lengths in the charity swim that they entered in November. In so doing the children also raised £343 for Nelson's Journey! In addition to this the children were presented with a cheque for £50 to donate to the charity of their choice and after a bit of deliberation PACT is to be the benefactor. Well done to you all.

Cluster 'Every Child a Writer' project

As part of the Cluster writing project, Year 6 had a visit yesterday from writer, Gordon Smith. The children learnt how to write three-dimensional characters that readers really believe in, build realistic worlds, and



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create stories that will keep people entertained. It was a truly inspirational talk about what it takes to be a writer. Gordon was full of encouragement for the children – it was fast-paced, fun and unforgettable!

Fund-raising event for Ebola:

Mrs Chaplin is part of a Norfolk team who are trying to raise funds to support Médecins Sans Frontières, an international charity who are spearheading the fight against Ebola. Their next event, an evening of African dance and music, takes place on 7th February and Mrs Chaplin would welcome any donations for a raffle on the evening. Please give any donations to myself or Julia Brooks clearly labelled for Mrs Chaplin.

New Bully Busters

We have just appointed three new Bully Busters who were short-listed and interviewed by our existing team. They are: Anna Wayne, Georgie White and Emily Boullin. Well done to all of you girls for your excellent letters of application and the way you shared your thoughts and ideas at interview. We are looking forward to working with you.



Child minders

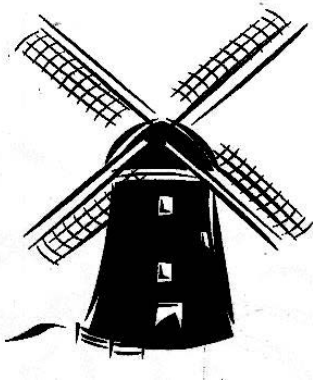
It has been brought to my attention that a child-minder in an area close to Norwich (not here) has been operating with fraudulent documentation and under several false names. If you have any concerns about a potential child-minder's authenticity, their registration can be checked through the OFSTED website.

PARKING



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We are continuing to receive complaints about inconsiderate parking around the village at 'drop-off' and 'collect' times. Grass verges are still very muddy and is particularly susceptible to wheel damage. Can we also ask that you respect the area in front of the gate by our new field. The owners have put in a lot of effort to make the area tidy and they have requested that therefore people do not park there. It is their private access to their field. The Cherry Tree continues to allow parents to use the car park so please take advantage of this as an alternative.

Coming Up:

Date	Event
26.1.15	Test week for the rest of the school
9.2.15	Parents evening
10.2.15	Safer Internet Day
11.2.15	Parents evening Practice evacuation of school (more info to follow)
February / March 2015 (date to be confirmed)	Parent forum re new assessment
26.3.15	Spring concert
2.3.15	Waste week

Yours sincerely,

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