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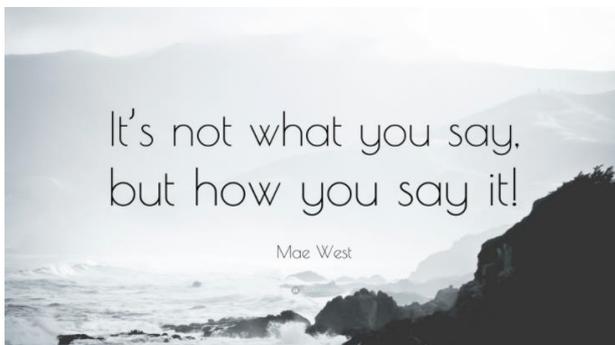
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Dear Parents and Carers,

RESPECT



I am delighted to be able to inform you that during the last week several visitors to the school have commented on the improvement in behaviour and attitudes of the children.

Elisabeth Louis, from Hope Church, was one of those people and on Monday she led an assembly about how we speak to one another. The assembly required audience participation and the two willing volunteers were Anna Wayne and George Martin. Anna was allowed to squeeze as much toothpaste as she wanted out of a tube, and George peeled and squashed a banana!

Once they had completed the task they were then asked to return the toothpaste to the tube and the banana to the skin! Obviously an impossible task but they both had fun trying!

The message – once you have said something it is very difficult to take it back! Therefore make sure that what you say is said in the right way.



Headteacher: Miss Julia Brooks
Chair of Governors: Mr Peter Meacock



More sporting achievements...

Isla Woodings (Swift) was delighted to receive a bronze medal in the recent inter club karate competition at the UEA. 150 competitors took place competing against those of the same age and belt level. She was awarded this for the kumite (sparring) and she won the 3rd place play off to be awarded her medal. Well done Isla!



South Norfolk SSP Y5&6 Large Schools Sportshall Athletics Competition last week at the Sportspark, UEA.



Well done to both our teams! The final standings were as follows:

Boys

1st - Wicklewood PS (Wymondham Cluster)

2nd - Poringland PS (Framingham Earl Cluster)

3rd - Loddon JS (Hobart Cluster)

4th - Harleston PS (Archbishop Sancroft Cluster)

5th - St. Mary's JA (Long Stratton Cluster)

Dickleburgh PS (Diss Cluster) - Not placed due to exceeding permitted squad numbers.

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Both teams will now go forward to represent the South Norfolk SSP at the Norfolk School Games Y5&6 Large Schools Sportshall Athletics Finals on Monday 26th February 2018 at the Sportspark, UEA. Time has yet to be confirmed.

Car park

Once again the car park is causing concern.

Please can I remind you of the following;

- Please park respectfully. The wooden railings are to divide the car park in to sections. They do not mean one car per wooden bar.
- Use of paths is imperative at the beginning and end of the day. We must educate the children to use these and that crossing where the cars drive is dangerous.

We are aware of some potholes reappearing. Unfortunately this is due to the ridiculous amount of rain that we have recently suffered. If anyone would like to pop a rake in their boot and spread the shingle around please feel free to do so!

Online safety meeting with Jill Duman



This was such an informative meeting with the parents who attended acknowledging how much they had learnt. Jill gave a very balanced overview of the internet – the pros and the cons. She talked about the importance of how to educate our children; how to protect them; how to monitor them; and how to support them. As parents we are the role models of how to act online. We must be appropriate and act respectfully! Talk, talk, and more talk was also a clear message!

Jill will be sending me the materials that she used and I will then put them on the school website.

School Council

The School Council met on Wednesday 31st January 2018. The focus for this meeting was on the social times of the day – playtimes and lunch times. The children had been tasked with asking their class about what they felt was going well and what could be improved. Mrs Allan also met with the Playground Friends to get some ideas from them.

The children's responses were varied but with some themes running throughout the classes. The midday supervisors also had a meeting where the children's thoughts were voiced.

We have therefore come up with a new plan for lunch times which will be shared with the children after the half term break.

Sportsforschool



I have registered the school to participate in this.

Every participating school who collects 1,000 tokens will receive a free sports pack worth £60 and the top three schools will receive prizes of £5000, £3000 or £2000 to spend on new sports equipment. The winning schools will be

determined by the most tokens as an average of total pupils which means that smaller schools like ourselves do stand a chance if we all collect as many tokens as we can (and pester friends and relatives to do the same!) The local newspapers will be publishing tokens, and bonus tokens, between Monday 5th February 2018 and Saturday 14th April 2018. A token will be published every day, usually on the back page for easy cut out!

School funding

Some of you will have seen the report about school funding in the EDP this week.

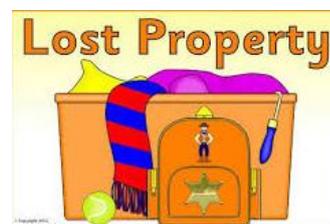
<http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/education/norfolk-suffolk-heads-bill-316m-worth-less-school-funding-campaign-1-5375350>

The Governors have asked me to share the following information with you.

Educate Norfolk are campaigning to challenge the low levels of funding that are received in Norfolk when compared to the funding in London Schools. They have joined 30 other Headteacher Associations in sending a bill to Mr Hammond at the Treasury. This is because Norfolk receives £156,534,704 less than Westminster and £248,375,076 less than Hackney. It is therefore no surprise that these London Boroughs are doing so well in terms of academic improvement and social mobility.

Lost property

As previously mentioned we have a new strategy for lost property. Next Monday, 5th February, at the end of the school day, I will set out tables in front of Swift Class with all the clothing that is unnamed. Some of it looks brand new! If it is raining I will do it on Wednesday. Any unclaimed property will either go in the second hand uniform sale which will take place towards the end of the Spring term.



Attendance

Spring is just around the corner and hopefully the Winter colds are now a thing of the past. I do appreciate the fact that some of your children, and yourselves, have been quite poorly but can I remind you of the importance of your child attending school as regularly as possible. Persistent absence is a serious problem. Much of the work children miss when they are off school is never made up, leaving them at a considerable disadvantage to their peers. There is clear evidence of a link between poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement. Please give your child the best chance possible to 'be the best they can be'.

Coming Up



Sports for Champions

On Friday 9th February Laura Samuel, British Triple Jump champion, will visit our school. The day will start with an assembly and then the children will participate in their fun challenge! I am sure that the children will be inspired by Laura and realise what is required to achieve all that she has.

Hopefully the collection of sponsorship is going well. Both Laura and the school will benefit from the money collected so thank you in advance. Please can I remind you that forms and money should have been returned by today. However, if this is the reminder that you need please ensure we receive it by Monday 5th February at the latest!

La Chandeleur

In France, on the 2nd February there is a very important celebration called "La Chandeleur". Mrs Downing is busy organising our very own Wicklewood-style "Chandeleur" which will take place on the 21st February. The children will be off timetable all day and will take part in French activities, games, crafts, singing and to make La Chandeleur complete, there will be pancake tasting!



World Book Day – Thursday 1st March 2018



A month's notice for this event... so lots of time to be creative. World Book Day is a celebration! It's a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. In fact, it's the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by **UNESCO** as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world.

We would love the children to dress up as their favourite book (not film) character to celebrate this event. Which book character will your child choose?

100 Club – January winners

£15 Karl Pocock
£10 Lesley Robbins
£5 Bruno Silva

Dates for your diary

9.2.18 Sports for Champions sponsored event
21.2.18 La Chandeleur

Spring half term holiday	12.2.18 – 16.2.18
Easter holiday	29.3.18 – 13.4.18
Summer half term holiday	28.5.18 – 1.6.18
Summer holiday begins	25.7.18

Year 6 transition dates - Thursday 19th, Friday 20th, Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July for Wymondham High Academy, and Thursday 19th, Friday 20th July for Wymondham College.

Kind regards,

Miss Brooks

