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Dear Parents and Carers,

The final newsletter of the year! Can I thank you all for the wonderful support that you have given the children and the school this year. As you will see from this letter there is a lot to celebrate from the last two weeks as well as lots of new initiatives and projects for the next academic year.

We also say a fond farewell to Miss Pugh and wish her every success in her new job. Mrs Emma Smith is also leaving us and we wish her every happiness in her future ventures.

Joseph

What a fantastic performance this was. The pictures do not do it justice!



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





Thank you to everyone for your donations. We raised £109.41 which will be put towards the funding of next year's play. Many thanks.

Swift Class enjoy a French Teddy Bears picnic

This was a very popular event with a superb attendance by family/friends and teddy bears/nounours (of course!)

Songs were sung in French about a picnic, then everyone sat together and had a picnic. The children said, in French, what they were eating, everyone played some traditional French playground games, completed some French picnic crafts and colouring and played games with French numbers and colours.

The children were amazing – very confident and their French was superb!

Fun was had by all – especially the nounours!



Summer Barbeque

This was a wonderful event, with a fantastic atmosphere, having a Primary School community 'feel' about it. The donkeys definitely got a thumbs up from the children!



Lots of thank yous!

Thank you to all the Friends that were involved in the organisation and running of the event.

Thank you to all the children that helped to run their class stalls.

Thank you to all of you for spending lots of money!

We have raised a minimum of £1600 and are awaiting confirmation of the match funding that we will receive from the AVIVA volunteers. As soon as I have this figure I will let you know.

Brass assembly



Last Monday, Holly, Elspeth and Isabelle treated us to some amazing cornet playing. They certainly showed courage and gave us a wonderful performance. Well done girls.

Shining Stars



Well done to all the children who took part in this promotion and a huge congratulation to those children pictured who had a school meal every day during the four weeks!

Twenty-one schools took part and we had a 17% increase in uptake for meals which meant that we came second and win £300!



The School Council have asked that our Play Shed is updated and I hope that you will agree that this seems like a worthy cause for the money.

Puffer Fish

With the wonderful weather the lure of inside lunchtime activities is not proving to be very popular however there are a few children who are determined to complete our puffer fish (the entry to the 'Oceans are not Rubbish' competition). Thank you to all the children who have helped with this. I think that they have captured George's idea very well!



Leaver's assembly

This always has a bitter sweet feel about it. The children showcased their talents, captured the Wicklewood spirit and demonstrated how ready and prepared they are for the next phase of their lives. Well done to them all. We will miss you and wish you good luck as you leave us.



Meet your new teacher

There was a buzz of excitement and interesting learning activities taking place yesterday morning. Without fail every child had a smile on their face and from discussions during lunchtime the children are clearly looking forward to moving to their new classes.



Sports Equipment for School

Despite our best efforts we were not one of the schools to win one of the major prizes. 240 Norfolk Schools took part so there was quite a lot of competition! We did however collect enough tokens to ensure that we receive a sports pack worth over £60. This will be delivered at the start of the Autumn Term.

Other news

'Gymnast of the Year'

We are all super proud of Maggie who won 'Gymnast of the Year' for 'The Norfolk Academy of Gymnastics'.

This was given for her determination, excellent attitude, effort and attendance throughout the whole year.

Maggie also won a silver medal for her age group. This was out of 18 girls.

Well done Maggie!



A chance to drum!

Inspired by percussion teacher Steve's lessons and the group drum performance at the County Music Festival in particular, Keola Silver (Kestrel) has been keen to learn more.

With sister Thalia (Swift) enthusiastic too, Mrs Silver booked them on to the World Music Workshop Festival (formerly known as Drum Camp), just over the Suffolk border, last weekend.

There was a phenomenal programme of 100-plus music, voice and dance workshops from djembe, dundun, Ghanian xylophone and Arabic voice to sabar, cora and Brazilian congos with world renown tutors.



The girls were immersed in different cultures for the weekend, meeting passionate musicians and dancers from around the world and discovering the differences in sounds from, for example, Brazil and Cuba.

Thanks Steve for the inspiration – and other percussionists, it's back next July! <http://www.drumcamp.co.uk> Drum Camp Festival of Music, Voice and Dance

5K Colour Run – 7.7.18

The Martins, Myhills, Corfes, Downings and Inghams all took part in this event. They managed to run the entire course without stopping (well, only to be splattered by paint!) and finished in an amazing time of 35 minutes! (The organisers of the race couldn't believe that the children, especially the young ones Bea and Edith who are only 6, completed it that fast!) Well done to you all.



100 Club

This year's £100 winner is Bruno Silva!

There was also a second draw for a Stamptastic voucher worth £22 (1 inkpad and 1 name stamp) and the winner of this is Louise Dewsbury.

Congratulations to them both.

Stamptastic

If you like this idea remember to quote the school postcode NR18 9QJ to ensure the school benefits from the commission!



Car park and driving with due care and attention

Once again the car park will be repaired during the holiday so we will no longer have a bumpy ride! Can I also ask that you take care on the road? Unfortunately, I have been informed of children not wearing seat belts and knowing how busy the roads are, especially around the bends, I would hate for an accident to occur and anyone being seriously injured.

Late arrival at school

Even though we are fast approaching the end of term and are all beginning to get tired please can I remind you to be on time in the morning. It is very disruptive for everyone when children are late, most of all for your child.

Coming up:

Our next value

This time we thought that we would approach the value differently with the children thinking about it before its official launch! The value is ... HONESTY. Can you discuss this with your child/ren during the holiday and ask them to think of book characters (or create one of their own) ready to share with us in the new academic year.

Landscaping

Thank you for your patience whilst the school has looked a bit like a building site. I am delighted to tell you that during the holiday the area outside the new classroom, and from the car park to the playground, is going to be landscaped using an artificial grass. A huge thank you to the Friends for donating £5000 towards the cost of this. We are all very excited. The year 6 children have also donated £50 from their end of year fundraising to purchase a tree to ensure that we can never forget them! The rest of the money raised has been donated to Cancer Research (£44.70). Thank you to Kingfisher Class for this lovely gesture.

Forest School / Wildlife / Pond area

We are hoping that during the Summer holiday the Forest School area will be fenced off so that it can be the designated area that it is supposed to be. We are also in discussion with local volunteer groups to redesign the area inside the metal fence to become another area that we can use for outdoor learning activities. Watch this space.

Decoration

The hall, Wren, Kestrel and Kingfisher classrooms are definitely in need of decoration and I am pleased to let you know that this will be happening during the holiday.

Facebook

Thank you to those of you who have already 'liked' our Facebook page. We will be asking you all to sign a new 'Use of Images' form so that from the Autumn Term we can post more information about the events in school. As discussed at the Friend's meeting, the New Parent Evening and at the recent Parent Forum, as from next year everyone at the school is a 'Friend' and we will then be choosing parent representatives from each class to work more closely with the school to ensure that everyone has a voice. If you think that this role suits you let me know!

Additional dates for your diary

Summer holiday begins	25.7.18
Term begins	6.9.18 (Thursday)

Next year's term dates and INSET days:

The following link will enable you to find these dates

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/term-dates/term-dates-and-school-holidays>

Our INSET days will be – 4.9.18, 5.9.18, 18.10.18, 19.12.18 and 2.1.19.

Also: Next academic year! A Race Night fund raiser – Friday 5th October 2018!!

Wishing all our children and their families a very happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you again in September.

Kind regards,

Miss Brooks