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Dear Parents and Carers,

Where have the last two terms gone? It doesn't seem possible that we are already planning the Summer term - Sports Day, the Summer Barbecue, and the KS2 residential trips!

As part of our school improvement and development this year I had asked the staff to try to incorporate outdoor learning in to their planning whenever possible and during the year I have seen much evidence of this. Last week was no exception when we had the re-enactment of Kett's Rebellion on the school field!

Year 6 scripted the different parts of the march and rebellion and then acted it outside. Year 5 and 6 were journalists and asking questions when watching the stages of the rebellion.



We have also had a lot of activity in the wildlife area. Year 6 have helped to build the pond, year 5 have built bird boxes, years 3 and 4 have planted shrubs and made log piles for the wildlife to hopefully entice them in to the area. There have been excellent examples of all our values whilst working on this project.



Headteacher: Miss Julia Brooks
 Chair of Governors: Mrs M. Talbot





Assemblies during the last two weeks have been varied.

We've had an Open the Book assembly with Rev. Sally Wallace-Jones,



a drumming assembly with Steve



and a Rock Steady assembly!



Mother's Day celebrations in Nursery

The Nursery children have been enjoying breakfast with their mummies to celebrate Mother's Day this week. A big thank you to all who were able to attend.



Art Competition



The artistic talent and creativity of the children in this school wowed the staff on Thursday when we displayed the children's entries to the Easter Art competition.

Congratulations to the following children and thank you to everyone who entered.

The winners! EYFS – Elisia Henry; KS1 – Charlotte Talbot; LKS2 – Sophia Pittordis; UKS2 – Seth Allott.
Second place. EYFS – Casey Gillingham; KS1 – Olivia Batty; LKS2 – Bryony Guymer; UKS2 – Lola Robertson.
Third place. EYFS – Elsie Nobbs; KS1 – Erin Kennedy; LKS2 – William Pattison; UKS2 – James Horne.
Highly Commended. EYFS – Georgina Barger; KS1 – Harry Wolstenholme; LKS2 – Holly Barger; UKS2 – George Evans.

EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) LKS2 (Lower Key Stage 2) UKS2 (Upper Key Stage 2)

Wednesday and Friday Open Classrooms

Please remember that you are always welcome to visit your child's class on these days after school to share their learning.

Lego tokens



Please keep collecting these! The final token will appear on Friday 3rd May 2019.

Parent Forum

On Tuesday 26th March we had a very productive meeting whilst enjoying a cup of coffee!

Discussions were mainly about PE; what happens when teachers are off sick or on a course; the presentation of certificates during a Friday assembly; open classes; music lessons; next year's teachers; the behaviour system; packed lunches, morning drop off; and the maths calculation policy.

There were a few actions that we took away from the meeting;

- 1) The Wicklewood Mile – Miss Marriott is going to create a rewards system for the children who participate in this. More details will follow in the Summer term.
- 2) Certificates – we are going to find a way to inform you when your child gets a certificate on a Friday. At the moment some of you do not find out until the week after your child has been awarded one and it was felt that it would be nice for you to know on the day and have the opportunity to go and see it on the celebrations wall in the hall. We will let you know as soon as we come up with a plan!
- 3) Music lessons – what is on offer? Recorders, guitar and ukulele, keyboard, brass and violin.
- 4) Behaviour Policy – this can be found on the website alongside many other policies.

<http://www.wicklewoodschool.co.uk/policies/>

Information about the curriculum, including the Calculations Policy can also be found on the website.

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Mrs Leaford and Leanne (mum to Alex in year 2 and Georgina in year 4) produced an overview of the meeting and if you would like to know more of the detail please look in the folder in the foyer. I would also like to share what Leanne wrote about these meetings:

The forum is an ideal opportunity to discuss positive processes in place and to bring fresh ideas to improve or extend learning and wellbeing. It is also a time to discuss solutions for concerns that have been raised and gain insight in to procedure already in place that parents may not be aware of.

I couldn't agree more with her sentiment so please do look out for the next date and come and join us.

GR8 AS U R

How wonderful it was to see Lexi and Erin, Year 3, showing true friendship during one breaktime last week. The two girls have recently joined the playground friends and had seen a child looking a little sad. Straight away they crouched down beside him and used their GR8 AS U R strategies to discover how they could help. Well done girls!

Recycling of crisp packets

To date we have sent three boxes of crisp packets and earned £12.12 for charity. Yesterday I met with the School Council and we are hoping that by the time we have sent off the next batch of crisp packets we will be at £20. After much discussion the children have decided that they would like the money sent to an animal charity and once we have decided where I will let you know. Thank you to everyone that has supported this campaign. Watch out for information next term on our new recycling campaign!

Staffing update

We say 'goodbye' to Mrs Archdale and Mrs Morgan who are both leaving us at the end of this term. They will be missed by us all and we wish them both every happiness in their new ventures.

Parking

Please can I remind you that the village do help us out with parking at the Cherry Tree, the Church and the Village Hall. Unfortunately, I have recently received a complaint so if you do park at any of these places please can I ask that you do so in a respectful manner and ensure that you park carefully and do not leave any rubbish behind. Many thanks.

The school day

Please can I also remind you that children are not allowed to be dropped off and unsupervised on the school premises before 8.40a.m.

100 Club – March Winners

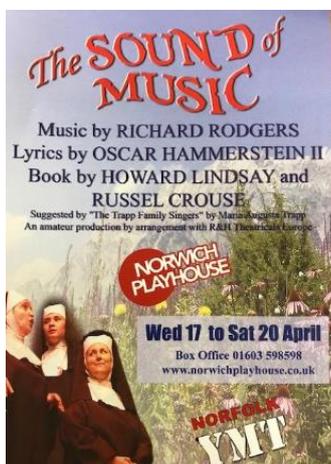
£15 Helen Gilligan; £10 Gemma Minors; £5 Katie Allott

Coming Up!

Summer BBQ Friday 5 July 5pm-8pm.

Save the date! Food, bar, bouncy castle, popcorn, candy floss, games, donkey rides and much more! All welcome! (If anyone would like to help on the day please let Sue Daynes or Caroline Pocock know. Thank you.

Ideas for the holiday.



Thomas Hare (Kestrel Class) will be performing in The Sound of Music!



Dates for your diary

SUMMER TERM	
23.4.19	New term starts
8-10.5.19	Lapwing residential - Holt Hall
13.5.19	KS2 SATs week Kestrel residential - Peak District
27.5.19	Half term
3-6.6.19	Kingfisher residential - Hilltop
13.6.19	Kingfisher bell ringing
19.6.19	Sports Day (same format as last year)
2.7.19	KS2 dress rehearsal
3.7.19	KS2 play evening
4.7.19	KS2 play evening
5.7.19	Summer fete and barbecue
5 / 6.7.19	Wyndham College transition
8/9/10.7.19	Wyndham High Academy transition
24.7.19	Last day

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter.

Kind regards,

Miss Brooks