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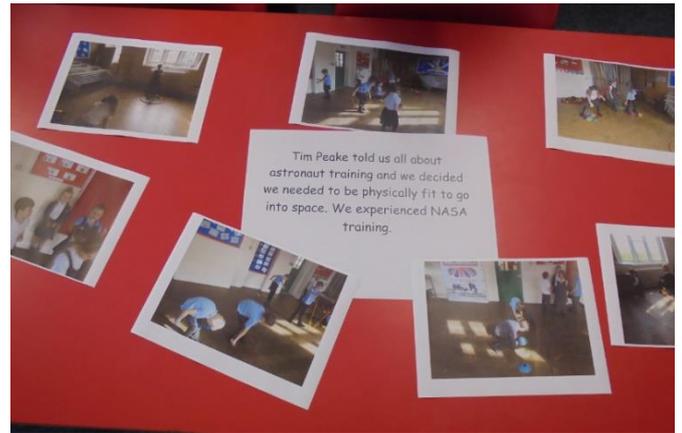
Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half term of the year has flown by! The staff and children have worked incredibly hard and we have achieved so much, with the highlight for many being last week's Space week. These photographs only show a small sample of all the amazing work that was completed, and I know from your comments that having the opportunity to share in your children's learning was enjoyed.



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





Thank you to all the children who entered the writing competition. Yesterday, Miss Minns very kindly came back to judge it for us and was very impressed with the standard of work. Many congratulations to Bea Walters (Reception, years 1 and 2), Noah Nobbs (years 3 and 4) and Seth Allott (years 5 and 6) who are our winners.

Our very own Wicklewood Primary School author!

Congratulations to Isabelle Rapley on the publication of her second book! What an inspiration she is. Her book is beautifully written and illustrated. For further information ask Isabelle and why not also look on Amazon! I really like the poem 'The star upon the sky'.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Snuggle-Stories-Miss-Isabelle-Rapley/dp/1697826873/ref=sr_1_3?keywords=snuggle+up+stories+isabelle+Rapley&qid=1571299838&sr=8-3





20mph signs

I am pleased to be able to inform you that we will soon be getting some 20mph signs on Hackford Road which should help to safeguard our children from speeding cars at the beginning and end of the day. This has been made possible by donations from South Norfolk Council, the Parish Council and our school Friends. A special 'thank you' must go to Joel Pailes (dad to Sebastian and Ellis) who has driven this initiative.

Harvest Festival

On Wednesday 16th October we held our Harvest Festival. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the assembly and to all of you who donated items for the shoe boxes. We had such a wonderful variety of toys, books, clothes and toiletries. I am hoping that we will be able to fill 25 of them and bring smiles to 25 children's faces.

For those of you who were unable to attend and would like to contribute financially towards the transportation of the boxes I have placed a collection box in the foyer. Many thanks in advance.



Parent Forum

Our next forum will be on Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 9.00a.m. in the school hall. The agenda will be set by you so all we ask is that you join us for a cup of tea or coffee (and a biscuit) with some questions or suggestions at the ready.

Parent View

From September OFSTED have introduced a new framework. This is very different from the previous one and means that when we are inspected there is a big emphasis on the curriculum as opposed to a data driven focus. They have also updated ParentView. It is always useful to know what parents think and therefore please do have a look at the new questions and find a few minutes to answer them. We like to know what you think we do well at and what we can improve on. When issues have been raised, I have added a 'You said, we did' section in the newsletter. Please look out for these. We really do listen.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club is always such a happy place. The relationships the children form here are very special and the children's understanding of our school values are always on show.



Auditor Required

The school holds an unofficial funds account where donations, collections etc are lodged separately from the main school budget. This is audited annually during November. Is anyone a qualified auditor, or do you know of someone who is? If so, please get in touch with Mrs Harrod who will be able to give more details.

ALDI promotion – a reminder

This September, to help support Get Set to Eat Fresh and its aims, Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving twenty primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. Every school that enters by completing an Aldi's Kit for Schools poster with 300 Team GB stickers will also receive an exclusive sports kit. Until November 3rd, you will be given a sticker when you spend £30 or more in store. Your child can then bring it into school to add to the poster. All stickers must be in school by Monday 11th November 2019.

We have 135 so far!



Coming up:

5.11.19 Bonfire Biscuits

It's that time of year again where we think about getting cosy and getting baking! After half term we will be having our annual bonfire biscuit sale. This year November 5th falls on a Tuesday! So, we will be selling biscuits at break and after school in the outside classroom. I would like to ask for your help and support in making this the success it always is. It's always so overwhelming to see the creations year after year.

If you are new to the school, then here is what happens....

Can you please make a batch of firework related biscuits or cupcakes to the school staff room the morning of the sale. Then please give your child 30p or 50p to buy a biscuit at break or after school if any left (which there usually are!)

We are aware that many children have some allergies so perhaps if you make a batch that is specifically 'free of some sort of product' that you make it clear. It would be lovely if parents with allergies could make some biscuits that they know their child can eat and will like.

Older children can buy a couple of biscuits for £1.

If you would like to be a helper on the day (just a half an hour or so of your time) then please let me know. jvivers@hotmail.com

15.11.19 Children in Need

Once again, we will be supporting this worthwhile cause. Bring a £1 and dress up in spots or stripes!

4.2.20 E-safety information afternoon (2.00p.m)

How much do you really know about what sites and apps your children are using? How safe is what they are accessing? How can you find out more?

Two years ago, Jill Duman from County, led a parent's information session for us and it was so successful that I thought we would offer it again. I will send out more information nearer the time but please put the date in your diary.

This 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-and-school-holidays>

INSET days – 19.12.19, 2.4.20 and 22.7.20.

Wishing you all a relaxing half term break.

Kind regards,

Miss Brooks

Dates for your diary (any new dates added in red)

AUTUMN TERM	
21.10.19	HALF TERM
5.11.19	Bonfire Biscuit Sale
6.11.19	AGM (FRIENDS)
11.11.19	GR8 AS U R week
15.1.19	Children in Need
29.11.19	Advent Decoration Day (Parent's welcome - more information to follow)
2.12.19	KS1 dress rehearsal
3.12.19	KS1 play 6.00 p.m.
4.12.19	KS1 play 2.00 p.m.
6.12.19	Christmas Party (FRIENDS)
9.12.19	Nativity dress rehearsal 9.30 a.m.
10.12.19	Nativity play (Wren) 9.30 a.m.
11.12.19	KS2 Carol Service 1.30 p.m. Christmas Celebration 3.30 p.m. (FRIENDS)
18.12.19	Last day

SPRING TERM	
6.1.20	Term starts
29.1.20	Learning Reviews 3.30 – 7.00 (Y6)
4.2.20	E-safety – information for parents 2.00 p.m. (school hall)
7.2.20	Quiz and Chips (FRIENDS)
10.2.20	Learning reviews 3.30 – 7.00p.m (YR – Y5)
11.2.20	Learning reviews 3.30 – 5.30p.m (YR – Y5)
17.2.20	HALF TERM
26.2.20	GR8 AS U R 'Chilled' Fun Day
5.3.20	World Book Day
1.4.20	Last day
2.4.20	INSET DAY

SUMMER TERM	
20.4.20	Term starts
4.5.20	KS1 SATs assessments start
4.5.20	Lapwing residential Holt Hall
8.5.20	Bank Holiday (not 4.5.20)
11.5.20	KS2 SATs Kestrel residential Peak District
25.5.20	HALF TERM
1.6.20	Kingfisher residential Hilltop
18.6.20	Kingfisher bell ringing
17.6.20	KS2 Sports Day a.m.
19.6.20	KS1 Sports Day a.m.
To be confirmed	KS2 play evening
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To be confirmed	High School transition
20.7.20	Leavers' assembly
21.7.20	Last day