



Diocese of Norwich  
St Benet's  
Multi Academy Trust

## Little Plumstead Primary Academy Newsletter



### Message from the Head of School

Over the last two weeks, we have enjoyed welcoming all children and families back into school and launching our new vision 'from a tiny seed... all things are possible.' You will have seen the signage change as we have become part of St. Benet's Multi Academy Trust from 1<sup>st</sup> September and already staff and children have had the opportunity to meet Richard Cramner their CEO. The children in every class have been involved in researching the people behind their new class names, people who are true examples of one tiny seed making amazing changes and being impactful in the world. In our next newsletter, each class will write a small piece on who is the inspiration behind their new class name and how they have lived our new school vision. In these first two weeks we have been focusing on establishing our relentless routines and the children have embraced legendary line-ups and tremendous transitions, with Year 6 leading the way and already showing what amazing role models and leaders they are. Over the next two weeks, we will be welcoming parents into school for a coffee and cake morning where the focus will be the school's positive behavior policy and the children will be hosting a KS1 and KS2 Harvest Festival. We are all very excited about our year ahead.

With best wishes, Rachael Holmes (Interim Head of School)

We are looking to appoint a Site Technician to cover both Little Plumstead and Acle St Edmunds Primary Academies.

If anyone is interested or if you know of anyone who may be interested please take a look at the advert  
(link below) which includes a detailed job description.

[» Site Technician – Diocese of Norwich Education Services Company \(stbenets.org\)](https://www.stbenets.org)

### Request from Miss Haczewski

I am after two stair gates! If anyone is able to help, please email [office@littleplumstead.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@littleplumstead.norfolk.sch.uk)  
Many thanks

### Is my child too ill for school?

The Department for Education (DfE) has recently written to all Headteachers asking them to share an NHS website to support parents identifying when children are well enough to be in school. Please find the link here:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

## Curriculum Vision and Aims

*“from a tiny seed... all things are possible”*

Our school vision sits at the heart of our curriculum. We have high aspirations and hope for our children and aim to remove any barriers that may stop them achieving their potential.

Through our curriculum, we aim to:

- provide a highly nurturing, safe and supportive environment which empowers every child to learn, grow and flourish whilst showing consideration, respect and compassion for others;

Ensuring all learners can grow and achieve in order to live life to its fullest by:

- Equipping every child with an engaging, broad and balanced curriculum which provides the knowledge, skills and experiences to succeed in the 21st century;
- Delivering a highly aspirational curriculum which provides opportunities for children to explore possibilities for their futures with the belief that they can achieve their goals through hard work and determination;
- Provide opportunities for children to engage with high-quality texts across all aspects of the curriculum and develop a rich vocabulary to support their learning of the world;

Be welcoming to all and be outward looking by:

- Providing an appreciation of the local area and community together with an awareness of, and openness towards, the diversity and differences within our country and the world;
- Having high expectations of every child and value them as individuals whilst having strong, meaningful links with parents, careers and the local community.

Our academic curriculum is carefully designed and sequenced so that knowledge and skills are built upon year-on-year as well as lesson-to-lesson. This allows children to make clear connections to their prior learning and therefore make progress. However, our curriculum in its entirety is not just comprised of the National Curriculum; it encompasses everything the children do, learn and experience while they are with us.

Our ‘flourishing foundations’ curriculum address four key elements of life which we feel are integral to children being able to flourish in the future. Global Citizenship, Financial Understanding, Careers and Aspirations and Spirituality are woven into different subjects as well as having special events which focus on them.

Our Christian Values of Compassion, Trust, Hope and Respect are at the heart of our curriculum. They are not only prominent values explored as part of our Collective Worship, they are also a golden thread woven into each subject. This ensures that children at our school learn to be compassionate, hopeful, respectful and trusting people in many different ways as they learn and grow.

## Mandela Class

Reception have been settling into school life well. The children have been learning the rules and routines of the classroom and making new friends. They have been busy learning about the life of Nelson Mandela and his bravery and courage to make the world a fairer place.

This week the children have been using the curiosity table to look at old sunflower heads and have been talking about what they are and how/why they have changed. We have also started our phonics learning and are able to name the pictures that will support their recognition of the sounds they will learn.

Mandela class have also been busy creating lots of artwork for display. They have considered colour mixing and which colours they can combine to create other colours. The children have spoken about what they are good at and the personality traits that they possess, for example being brave or kind.



### **Meet the Teacher**

We hope you will be able to join your child(ren)'s class teacher for a brief discussion on the class expectations and plans for the year ahead.

Reception - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 3:15pm

Year 1 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 2.30pm

Year 2 – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 2:45pm

Year 3 – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 3pm

Year 4 – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm

Year 5 – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm

Year 6 – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 2:30pm

### **New Policies**

Since joining St Benet's, we have adopted a number of new Statutory Policies. These can be found on our website. Over the next term we will share a summary of these policies in our newsletter and send them to you to view.

#### **Administration of Medicines Policy**

The aim of this policy is to

- enable regular attendance at Little Plumstead C of E Primary Academy
- support parents in enabling continuation of essential medication
- enable equality of access to education for all

It details that no child under the age of 16 will be given medicines without their parent's written consent – this will be obtained by the school office. All medicine administered will be by first-aid trained staff and details of the date, time, dose given and name of the member of staff administering the medicine will be recorded. Only the prescribed dose, as stated on the original packaging, will be given. The prescribed dosage will be checked every time, prior to administration, by the member of staff. Little Plumstead C of E Primary Academy will not accept medicines which have been taken out of the container as originally dispensed nor make changes to dosages on parental instructions.

**EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME (where applicable)</b>	<b>EVENT/ACTIVITY</b>
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> September		Swimming lessons start for year 6 Group 1
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> September		Piano lessons start
w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> September		Musical Theatre club starts
27 <sup>th</sup> September	2:30pm	Harvest Festival KS1
29 <sup>th</sup> September	2:30pm	Harvest Festival KS2
4 <sup>th</sup> October	10am	New Intake Open Day
13 <sup>th</sup> October	10am	New Intake Open Day
<b>23<sup>rd</sup>–27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>HALF TERM WEEK</b>	
30 <sup>th</sup> October		School starts
31 <sup>st</sup> October	4:30pm – 7:00pm	Parent Consultations
1 <sup>st</sup> November	3:30pm – 6:00pm	Parent Consultations
6 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> November		Bikeability course Y5
7 <sup>th</sup> November	2pm	New Intake Open Day
17 <sup>th</sup> November		Children In Need
30 <sup>th</sup> November		Flu Vaccinations
December		Christmas events TBC shortly
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec – 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> January		School starts
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>HALF TERM WEEK</b>	
26 <sup>th</sup> February		School starts
27 <sup>th</sup> February	TBC	Parent Consultations
28 <sup>th</sup> February	TBC	Parent Consultations
6 <sup>th</sup> March	TBC	Mother's Day Assembly KS1
7 <sup>th</sup> March		World Book Day
8 <sup>th</sup> March	TBC	Mother's Day Assembly KS2
28 <sup>th</sup> March – 12 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	
15 <sup>th</sup> April		School starts
6 <sup>th</sup> May		Bank Holiday
w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> May		KS2 SATS
27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAYS</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> June		School starts
3 <sup>rd</sup> July		Sports Day