



Newsletter

Friday 17th November 2023

Message from Mrs Clarke, Executive Headteacher

We are very excited to share with you our new, updated logo which was chosen by the children and staff back in September. This includes our school vision 'From a tiny seed ... all things are possible'.

As a reminder from previous communication, we appreciate and understand how costly uniform can be and do not expect parents to purchase logo'd uniform. However, if you do have logo'd uniform we are more than happy for you to continue to use any you have with the current logo on for the foreseeable future. We will begin the process of changing the logo with our uniform suppliers but this will take some time and we have no expectation for new uniform to be purchased until you would normally buy it. We will keep you updated when any changes do occur.

I also wanted to inform you of some staffing changes at the end of this term. At Christmas, we will be saying goodbye to Mr McCluskey (year 3 teacher) and Mrs Blakesley (year 2 teacher). We wish them well on their new adventures in January and thank them for all they have achieved and done for the children whilst at Little Plumstead. Mr McCluskey is off to be a SEND specialist and Mrs Blakesley is off to another local Primary School in Norfolk.

We are delighted to let you know that we have appointed two wonderful teachers who will be joining our team in January. Miss Womack, who taught for a year at Acle Primary School, will be joining Little Plumstead to teach Year 2. She has a very good understanding of how to teach reading, through Read, Write Inc., how to deliver our new CUSP curriculum and how to implement our day to day school policies. Miss Lloyd, who has been a teacher at Great Yarmouth Primary Academy, has several years of high quality teaching experience to offer the school and will be teaching Year 3. We are pleased to welcome them both and they will be meeting their new classes this half term.

ATTENDANCE

Our target school attendance figure is 97%. Our current figure is 95%.

Reminder: Registration is at 8.55am. Gates open at 8:45am

Punctuality

We want all our children to succeed, so it is important that your child is in school by 8.55am. Learning takes place immediately following registration, so if your child is late, even by 10 minutes, they are missing important lessons, which may mean they are at a disadvantage. Persistent lateness can even mean that the Local Authority will fine the child's parents

Arriving at and leaving school

Please be mindful of where you park and of people's property. We've had reports of damage so would just like to remind everyone to be extra careful and considerate.

Equalities and Diversity Policy Summary:

- St Benet's Trust and the school are deeply committed to principles of equality, diversity and inclusion. It is central to our ethos.
- There are 9 protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion & belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage & civil partnership
 - The policy further outlines the Trust's Equality Objectives for 23-24

Our Diverse Curriculum

One of our school aims is to be welcoming to all and be outward looking. We accomplish this 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.

To make this aim become a reality, we weave diversity and differences through our reading spine, curriculum and enrichment events.

Reading Spine

Our wonderful reading spine ensures that every person can see themselves in a book, as well as opening doors to other people and places around us. Our diverse texts include: Mrs Noah's Pockets, Coming to England, Tango Makes Three, Young Gifted and Black, The Girl who Stole an Elephant, I am not a Label and Dare to be You.

Curriculum

Our core curriculum includes opportunities to be outward looking. This ranges from Year 1 studying the work of Canadian Inuit artist Kenojuak Ashevak, to Year 6 learning about the Windrush Generation in History... as well as many others in between!

Enrichment Events

The last week of the academic year is dedicated to diversity. Our 'Global Citizenship Week' develops in our children an awareness of the wonderful world they live in. We celebrate culture, music, stories, food and life from around the world.

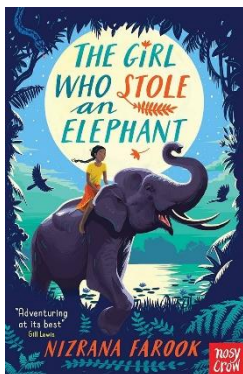
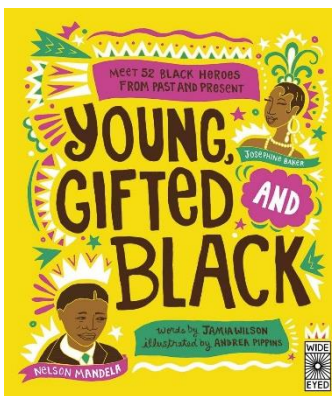
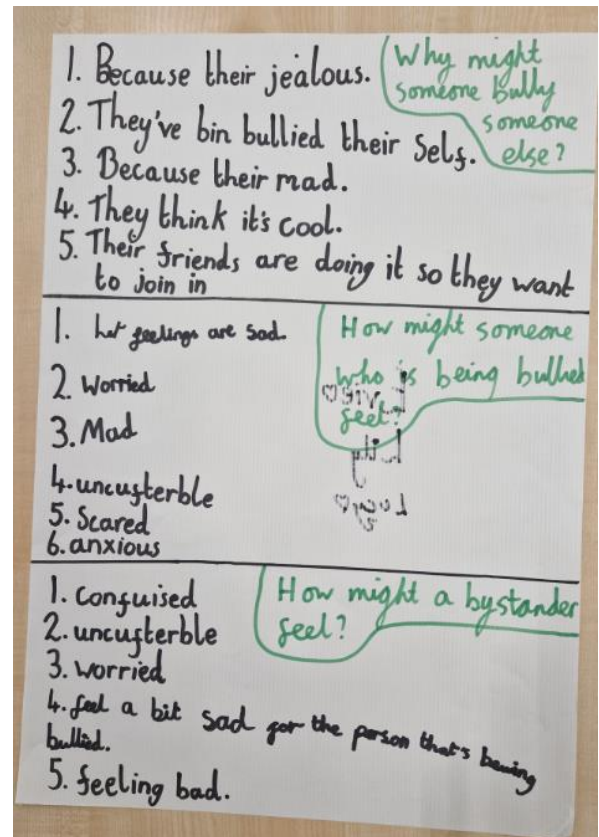


Year 4 - Pocock Class

Hello from Year 4!

Our Jigsaw lesson this week aligned with the week's theme of Anti-Bullying. We discussed what bullying is, how to identify it, and, just as importantly, what is NOT bullying.

The children worked in small groups to note down possible reasons why someone might bully someone else, how the person who is being targeted might feel and how it might feel to be a bystander who is witnessing it. The children made great observations and demonstrated superb empathy.



We have been thoroughly enjoying our current class text, a non-fiction book called *Young, Gifted and Black* by Jamia Wilson. It is about black people throughout history who have achieved great things despite facing hardship and discrimination. We discussed how important it is to have aspirations, and the children considered what they might want to achieve in the future.

Soon we will begin reading *The Girl who Stole an Elephant* by Nizrana Farook, a wonderfully exciting adventure story!

Administration of Medicines Policy

As a polite reminder, medicines should only be brought into school when it is essential and when it would be detrimental to a child's health if the medicine was not administered during the School day.

At the school, following the regulations from the DfE, we will only accept medicines which have been prescribed by the doctor, dentist, nurse prescriber or pharmacist prescriber. Medicines will need to be provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include the child's name and prescriber's instructions for administration. It is appropriate for non-prescription (e.g. calpol) to be administered by a member of staff in the school or self-administered by the pupil/student during school hours, following written permission by the parents – obtained on the electronic form sent via email on 18/09/23. If you have not completed this, please do so as soon as possible. Staff will only administer one dose of non-prescription medication during the school day if we have the permission while the child is on school premises. If the pupil continues to be in pain or discomfort, then the parent must be informed and taken home/to the family GP.

All medicines, including non-prescription, should always be provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include the prescriber's instructions including:

- Child's name
- Name of the medicine
- Dose
- Method of administration
- Time/frequency of administration
- Any possible side effects
- Expiry date

Medicines and administering medicine permission forms must be handed into the School Office only.

If your child holds prescribed medication in school such as an asthma inhaler or AAI please ensure that you have completed one of the new record of medication forms introduced since September. If you have not, please collect one from the school office.

Midday Supervisor Assistant

Little Plumstead Primary Academy are looking to appoint a Midday Supervisor to work at lunchtime with our children. You will need to be an enthusiastic and committed person, with a calm and caring manner who enjoys working with children. We value every child at our school and our aim is to ensure a happy lunchtime for all.

To view the full advert please click on the link

[» Midday Supervisory Assistant – Little Plumstead Primary Academy \(stbenets.org\)](https://stbenets.org)

Site Technician

We are looking to appoint a Site Technician to cover both Acle St Edmund and Little Plumstead Church of England Primary Academies

To view the full advert please click on the link

<https://stbenets.org/vacancy/site-technician-diocese-of-norwich-education-services-company-3/>

Please join us for
Coffee and Cake

**Little Plumstead C of E
Primary Academy**



Diocese of Norwich
St Benet's
Multi Academy Trust

**Tuesday 28th November
9:00am**

**Our focus for this Coffee and Cake
session will be our curriculum.**



LITTLE PLUMSTEAD PRIMARY
ACADEMY'S

**KS2 CHRISTMAS
CAROL CONCERT**

Friday 8th December 2023
2:30pm in the school hall
Ticket information to follow
(max 2 per family)



Little Plumstead Primary Academy presents

KSI NATIVITY

WHOOPS-a-DAISY ANGEL



TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 9:30AM (IN THE SCHOOL HALL)
WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 1:30PM (IN THE SCHOOL HALL)
TICKET INFORMATION TO FOLLOW (MAX 2 PER FAMILY)



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

LET'S EAT AND BE MERRY!

WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2023

More information and order form to follow soon

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES		
DATE	TIME (where applicable)	EVENT/ACTIVITY
21 st November	1.30pm	Piano Assembly
28 th November	9:00am	Coffee and Cake – Curriculum
30 th November		Flu Vaccinations all years. PLEASE COMPLETE CONSENT FORM
4 th December	9:15am	Y6 National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)
5 th December	9:30am	KS1 Nativity in school hall
6 th December	1:30pm	KS1 Nativity in school hall
8 th December	2:30pm	KS2 Carol Concert (outside)
13 th December		Christmas Lunch
19 th December		Christmas Service in Church (Pupils only)
21 st Dec – 3 rd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
4 th January		School starts
11 th January		YR National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)
w/c 5 th February		Children’s Mental Health Week (details tbc)
14 th February		Church Service - Ash Wednesday, Lent begins (Pupils only)
19 th – 23 rd February	SPRING HALF TERM	
26 th February		School starts
27 th February	TBC	Parent Consultations
28 th February	TBC	Parent Consultations
4 th March	TBC	School Discos
6 th March	TBC	Mother’s Day Assembly KS1
7 th March		World Book Day
8 th March	TBC	Mother’s Day Assembly KS2
26 th March		Easter Church Service (Pupils only)
28 th March – 12 th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS	
15 th April		School starts
6 th May		Bank Holiday
13 th – 16 th May		KS2 SATS
22 nd May		Church Service (Pupils only)
27 th - 31 st May	SUMMER HALF TERM	
3 rd June		School starts
3 rd July	TBC	Sports Day
11 th July	TBC	School Discos
17 th July	9:30am	Leavers Service in Church
19 th July	TBC	Leavers Assembly