



# Newsletter

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Message from Mrs Holmes, Interim Head of School

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all had the chance to take time to relax with family and friends over the festive period.

Christmas and New Year might feel like a long time ago as we approach the end of our second week in school but we are really excited for the term ahead. A big focus this term is careers and aspirations, as part of our flourishing foundations curriculum.

Please do let the school office know if you, or you know someone, who has a really inspiring and aspirational career and would like to spend some time inspiring our children. This initiative really does epitomise our school vision and ethos, 'From a tiny seed...all things are possible.'

Have a great weekend everyone.

## Plumtree Club

Please send all correspondence regarding Plumtree Club to [plumtreeclub@littleplumstead.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:plumtreeclub@littleplumstead.norfolk.sch.uk). Please ensure that if you use the Government's tax free childcare scheme to pay for Plumtree you let us know when a payment has been made. This will be the only form of notification we get as we can no longer see the school's bank account and the scheme does not notify us.

Details about Plumtree Club can be found on our website.

## Absence Reporting

If your child is too unwell for school, or there is an exceptional circumstance requiring them to be absent, please telephone the school office **before 8.45am**, leaving a message with name and contact number along with the reason for the absence. A call must be made to the school for each day of absence.

Please do not email the school office with regards to absence.

## Mandela Class

Mandela class have had a very exciting return to the school. Last Thursday, we had a bat in the classroom. The children were very happy that we were able to rescue it and return it to the woods. They were amazed by how fast it could fly and we had some great discussions about nocturnal animals. Some of the children even decided to write stories about the bat.



We had introduced the CUSP curriculum 'structured storytime' into reception. The children are really enjoying the stories and being able to use them as a stimulus for other activities in the classroom. When we read 'The Gingerbread Man' the children loved creating their own gingerbread people, using collage techniques.

In our Jigsaw sessions we have been thinking about working as part of a team and developing our thinking and problem solving skills. This week Mrs Mortishire challenged use to make towers and houses using spaghetti and cheerios. We absolutely loved it!





# QUIZ AND CHIPS NIGHT

Would you like to be crowned the next winner of the Quiz Night?

- a Thursday 15th February 7pm
- b £5 per person plus food
- c Teams of up to 6 people
- d Entries in by 31st January



Every Day


Counts



Missing a day of

school a week

is the same as  
missing over  
2 years of school.



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Great Plumstead  
Village Hall,  
Wednesday:  
Beginner Class 5:30pm

Roxley Hall, Thursday:  
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Thorpe End Village Hall,  
Saturday:  
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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES		
DATE	TIME (where applicable)	EVENT/ACTIVITY
29 <sup>th</sup> January	9am	SEN Coffee and Cake
w/c 5 <sup>th</sup> February		Children's Mental Health Week (details tbc)
14 <sup>th</sup> February		Church Service - Ash Wednesday, Lent begins (Pupils only)
15 <sup>h</sup> February		Quiz & Chips Night
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> February		<b>SPRING HALF TERM</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> February		School starts
27 <sup>th</sup> February	TBC	Parent Consultations
28 <sup>th</sup> February	TBC	Parent Consultations
4 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 – 4:30pm – 5:30pm KS2 5:45pm – 7:00pm	School Discos
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
13 <sup>th</sup> March	3:30pm	Musical Theatre Assembly (Parents)
14 <sup>th</sup> March	9am	Y5 Science bus from Thorpe St Andrew High School
26 <sup>th</sup> March		Easter Church Service (Pupils only)
28 <sup>th</sup> March – 12 <sup>th</sup> April		<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> April		School starts
18 <sup>th</sup> April		YR&Y1 Sports Hall Multi-Skills
1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> May		Y4 Residential
6 <sup>th</sup> May		Bank Holiday (School Closed)
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May		KS2 SATS
20 <sup>th</sup> May	9am	Class Photographs
22 <sup>nd</sup> May		Church Service (Pupils only)
27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> May		<b>SUMMER HALF TERM</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> June		School starts
1 <sup>st</sup> July	KS1 4:30pm – 5:30pm KS2 5:45pm – 7:00pm	School Discos
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	TBC	Sports Day
17 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30am	Leavers Service in Church
19 <sup>th</sup> July	TBC	Leavers Assembly