



Date : Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We've had an exciting return to school after half term, with the reintroduction of Riding for the Disabled Sessions at Pakefield Riding School and sessions have restarted at Waveney Gym.

There has been a new signing in system installed by InVentry which enables staff and visitors to sign in electronically when arriving at the school.

Work has been undertaken both with internal and external training around phonics and we are excited to invite all Parents & carers along to a 'Phonics Introduction workshop' on Wednesday 22nd March 6pm-7pm, we look forward to seeing you there.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind Regards,
Kate Binding,
Lead Teacher.

Rhinos Class

This week in Rhinos we have been exploring different colours, experimenting with different materials and textures.

We have been adding our art work to our sea of colours display board and we have made a start on our Spring/ Easter board.



Butterflies Class

Butterfly class have had a lot of fun reading Alice in Wonderland this week. We used times tables to calculate how much food the Mad Hatter would need for his tea party; wrote descriptions of the characters; designed our dream libraries and made our own book marks. We were also lucky enough to be able to choose a new book each with our World Book Day tokens, as well as having a visit from some of our Post-16 students to read us a story.



Giraffes Class



Giraffe class have been enjoying reading a different traditional tale every day this week. On World Book Day we all designed our own bookmarks and enjoyed dressing up and recreating the stories using lots of different props!

In the afternoon 2 pupils from Whale Sharks came into class and shared 'The Gingerbread Man' story with us. All pupils were engaged and loved hearing the story which is one of our class favourites.



School attendance matters

Why is regular school attendance so important for my child?

As you may be aware letters stating the importance of good attendance have been sent out to parents, please be advised these are not to intentionally cause alarm or upset but to inform parents attendance has dropped.

Regular attendance at school means that your child can make the most of their education and improve their chances in adult life.

School can also help your child's social skills such as making and developing friendships. A regular and punctual attendance pattern will help your child when they enter the world of work.

The link between attendance and attainment in school is clear. The more a pupil is in school the more they increase their opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Punctuality

Schools are legally required to take a register of pupils first thing in the morning and at some point in the afternoon. The government advises that schools can keep the register open for up to 30 minutes though the school can set a shorter period of time.

If a pupil is late but the register is still open, they are marked as late. If the register has already closed when a pupil arrives late and without a satisfactory explanation, it may be classed as an unauthorised absence. This may lead to legal action for not ensuring regular and punctual school attendance.

Punctuality is important because if, for example, a child arrives 15 minutes late at school each day, they lose almost 2 weeks of education a year.

Holidays during term time

The law states that parents do not have a right to take their child out of school for a holiday during term time. Only in exceptional circumstances may a head teacher grant permission for leave.

The school governing body sets out the requirements for permission to be granted for term time leave. Please contact your child's school if you wish to know more about this.

Parents who choose to take their child out of school without written permission from the school may be issued with a fixed penalty fine.

Meerkats - World Book Day



Electronic Signing In System

You may have noticed this week that we have had a new electronic signing in system installed as you enter the building. This is for all visitors to use to sign in when arriving at the school. Instead of a lanyard from the office you will now have a printed visitor badge. Please ask the school office if you would like assistance in using the new system.



Elephants Class



Elephants Class have been looking at Julia Donaldson's What the Ladybird Heard book during the week. They have spent time learning about characters, retelling the story with support of pictures and doing a little bit of acting. Pupils had fun making masks and dressing up for World Book Day.



WARREN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION TRUST

The opening of the new playground has been a huge success and pupils are now able to access an engaging outdoor learning environment. **Thank you** to all who have supported this huge project as without the support of staff, families and our local community this would have not been possible.



Thank you to Timotay Playscapes

Dates for your diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Who</u>
Friday 17 th March	Comic Relief - Red Nose Day	All Pupils
Tuesday 21 st March	World Down Syndrome Day (Odd sock day)	All Pupils
Wednesday 22 nd March	Phonics Parent Workshop (6pm-7pm)	All Parents/ Carers
Friday 31 st March	Last day of term	Everyone
Tuesday 18 th April	Pupils return to school	All pupils & staff
Tuesday 25 th April	Parental Engagement Session (6pm - 7pm)	All Parents/ Carers
Tuesday 13 th June	Parent & Teacher Meeting	All Parents/ Carers

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