



## 18th October 2017

### **We have completed the FOFS Fun Run!**

WOW! What an amazing event this was! I am so proud of all the children. They did a fantastic job and all seemed to really enjoy it. So many happy smiling faces high-fiving me as they passed by! I've lost count of how many wanted to run even more!



Thank you to everyone who helped, especially Sue Hill and to all who have sponsored their child. Please collect the pennies up and send them into school in a sealed envelope by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Thank you.

### **Inter-School Cross Country Event**

Congratulations to **all** our KS2 cross country runners who ran 1000 and 1600 metres at Long Stratton on Tuesday morning. Several children came in the top ten for their year group and have qualified for the South Norfolk Cross Country team. They are... Y3's - Shayla Oakley 10<sup>th</sup> & Emilian Bennet 1<sup>st</sup>, Year 4's - Emy Taylor 5<sup>th</sup>, Rosie Ames 10<sup>th</sup> & Violet Aldrich 8<sup>th</sup>, Year 5's - Philippa Humphrey 8<sup>th</sup>, Rory McCluskey 6<sup>th</sup> & Rupert Hill 1<sup>st</sup> and Y6's - Tom Taylor 2<sup>nd</sup>, Noam Dewhurst 7<sup>th</sup> & Fin Hill 9<sup>th</sup>. What an achievement for a small school! Well done everyone who went along to run.

### **Friends of Forncett (FOFS) AGM Update**

We held our AGM last night and welcomed three new parents on to the FOFS committee. Justin Christoforou-Hazelwood dad of Sofia, Julia Cussans, mum to Mathilda and Sarah Clarke, mum to Lyla. We said a fond farewell to Sally Hibbler who has served on the committee on and off for twenty years and to Cerys Burcher, who has been our Chair as well as a committee member. Thank you to Sally and Cerys for all their hard work.

Emma Meadows (Noah and Evie's mum) will be the new FOFS Chair, Sue Hill (Iris, Rupert and Fin's mum) the new Treasurer and Claire Chavda (Jacob's mum), will remain on a Secretary.

Anyone can join our committee as a Friend. We always need more people to help organise and run events so please do come along.

### **DNA Science Day**

Children from Year 2 to Year 6 were treated to an amazing day of biology yesterday with Dr Mandy Hartley a forensic scientist.



Through the clever use of storytelling, Dr Mandy took us through a mystery we had to solve using DNA. We learned about what DNA is, how to collect it, separate it from the cell's nucleus and how to analyse it (at a much simplified level!) to determine whether the mystery items the children in the story found in their Grandma's attic box, did indeed belong to her husband, the children's Grandfather.

The children were captivated by this top quality science visitor. They also made a DNA helix each from sweets and made sequences of DNA using beads to represent different animals and humans. Mandy will be appearing at the Forum in Norwich for Science Week twice next week in half-term if you are interested. Look her up at...

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/TheLittleStoryTellingCompany/>

Mandy has written some wonderful things about our children on her Facebook blog. We were so impressed at how many children wanted a career in science because of her visit. Some children like the idea of using DNA in archaeology and palaeontology, some the idea of using DNA for animal conservation or for medical cures and others like the idea of working with DNA for solving crimes and puzzles. Mandy also kindly left a copy of her new book with us to read.

A truly inspiring day!



### **Online Safety Presentation – Another Reminder!**

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm, Helen Cartner, our CEOPS trained teacher and computing subject leader we will be giving a parent/carer presentation about the potential dangers of the internet and how you can keep your child as safe as possible whilst they are online. We will be giving out some useful resources too. Please do come along.

### **Harvest – Food Collection**

Thank you to everyone who has sent in items for our Food Bank collection. It is much appreciated.



### **School Lunches**

Thursday's pork dish wasn't a great success for the cook so she is replacing it with beef casserole.

On the Thursday after half-term the menu is different from that published. It will be hot-dogs and iced-ginger cake as a special lunch for Bonfire Night.

### **Finally... last but not least**

It has been an incredibly busy half-term packed full of events and happenings. We are delighted with how well your children have settled and how well they are learning. We can see real progress being made. It is exciting and heartening! Keep up the reading and the phonics over the holiday.

We hope you all have a safe and restful half-term break from school.

### **DIARY DATES**

#### **October**

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – CPD **School Closure Day for staff training** – break up for half-term on Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – half-term week

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> – school re-opens

#### **November**

**Weds 9<sup>th</sup>** – Online Safety Presentation in school hall – 6.30pm

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Anti-Bullying Week

#### **December**

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Service at 2pm in church & break up for Christmas Holidays

**January** - Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> Staff Training & Tues 4<sup>th</sup> – school re-opens for spring term

#### **February**

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> – break up

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> is half-term break**

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – School re-opens