



6th October 2017

FOFS Forncett Fun Run

The children were all given an information sheet and sponsorship form on Tuesday this week in preparation for our Fun Run event on Tuesday 17th October. It would be wonderful if we could raise as much as we can as it will take at least £1000 to replace some of our old, worn out books. The emphasis is on keeping fit and healthy and having fun whilst raising money for the books. There will be stickers for those who complete the run on the day and certificates afterwards in a presentation assembly. Children may bring a fancy dress costume or some crazy accessories to change into (safety first please!) when it's time to get ready for the run. If you are able to help us on the day please let us know in the office as we need extra hands please.



Friends of Forncett (FOFS)

On Wednesday 18th October at 7pm, the FOFS are holding their A.G.M. Our friendly and welcoming committee is desperate for new families to join up and get involved as several long-standing members need to move on. FOFS have a lot of fun meeting and planning things to do and they raise much needed money to enrich our children's school experience. Please do come along to the meeting to find out more. There will be refreshments and a warm welcome!



Online Safety Presentation

On Thursday 9th 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

On Thursday 19th October at 2pm we will be holding our annual Harvest Thanksgiving service in St Peter's church. We will be supporting the Norwich Food Bank again so are asking for donations of a variety of non-perishable food. Please see the posters around school for further information.



Growth Mindset Project

Last year we introduced using the Growth Mindset approach to all we do in school and it was very successful. As we have many new families and it's been a while since we wrote about this, here's an outline of what we have been doing with more information attached...

Your children have been learning about their amazing brains again this year and about the significant difference adopting a 'growth mindset' can make to their learning and achievements be they academic, sporting or otherwise.

Children from Year 2 upwards have been learning what a mindset is, what is meant by a growth and a fixed mindset and discovering from an initial baseline self-assessment what their own current mindset tends to be towards different things.

They have studied their brain, how it learns and how it can grow in skill, speed, agility and ability through the use of a positive 'can-do' attitude, hard work, effort and regular practise. Children have been introduced to metacognition (learning how to learn) and some strategies such as the Learning Target Board and Sunflowers, which will help them identify their leaning zones and activate them. Teachers have used video clips, life-stories, scientific evidence and a wide range of games and activities with children to show them that intelligence and ability is *not* fixed but is something which can be grown and developed.

All staff received training themselves and have all undertaken a mindset challenge to assess their own mindsets (just like the children have). We found, as did the children, that we all have a mix of growth and fixed mindsets inside us, so as individuals we have challenged ourselves to develop a growth mindset in the areas in which we were fixed. We will challenge the children as we challenge ourselves. One way we will do this is by adopting the power of '**...yet!**'. Every time any of us think or say out loud 'I can't', we will think to ourselves or say to each other '**...yet!** You can't do it...**yet!**'

Ruby class are also participating in our growth mindset challenge too but are following an adapted programme which, over the next few weeks will contain most of the elements the older children cover but at a more accessible level.

Our aim is to embed the growth mindset approach in school so it becomes second nature to us all. The children are excited by the thought that anyone can improve themselves and seem to be taking a lot of the key messages on board and using them well.

If you want to know more about this exciting and powerful whole-school self-improvement project, please see the attached information and every time you hear '**...but I can't do it!**' please help by adding a decisive '**...yet!**'!

Thank you!

DIARY DATES

October

Thurs 12th – school photographer in for all children/family groups & Parent/Carer Consultations after school

Fri 13th – Cathedral Day at Norwich for KS2 children

Tues 17th – Sponsored Fun Run event – Parent Carer Consultations after school

Weds 18th – Science 'Biology' DNA Day with visiting scientist – FOFS AGM at 7pm in school hall

Thurs 19th – Harvest Thanksgiving Service in St Peter's Church 2pm

Fri 20th – **School Closure Day for staff training** – break up for half-term on Thurs 19th

Mon 23rd – Fri 27th – half-term week

Mon 30th – school re-opens

November

Weds 9th – Online Safety Presentation in school hall – 6.30pm

Mon 13th – Anti-Bullying Week

December

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

January - Weds 3rd Staff Training & Tues 4th – school re-opens for spring term