



8th February 2019

Value – Perseverance

This half-term's Christian value has been 'perseverance'. We have been looking at what this means and why it is important through collective worship (assembly) and class times. I have been quite overwhelmed by the number of children who have been showing this quality in heaps. Wherever I go in school, someone is trying harder, keeping going, starting again, learning from a mistake or being 'determined' to do it. There have been some amazing leaps in progress in all areas of the curriculum including relationships and emotions. The staff and I feel so proud of them. Your children are an absolute credit to you, they really do work hard and try their best in school. Their attitude to learning and willingness to take on a challenge is simply fantastic. I am a very happy Headteacher!

Safeguarding our Children - Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 5th was Safer Internet Day and although we have a continual focus on teaching the children to be safe, including online, throughout the year, we always like to participate in this special day along with hundreds of other schools in the country. This year the focus is on consent: how it works in an online context and on exploring how young people ask, give, and receive consent online. It includes how they take and share images and videos or how they manage their privacy and data. Learning is all at an age appropriate level. We know that many children do not have access or permission to share things online but we also know that many here do. We want all the children, whether they go online at home or not, to understand the benefits and risks of being online and know how to keep themselves safe from harm.

Accompanying this newsletter (for those who receive online news), is a zip wallet for parents and carers with all kinds of information and activities in it. For those of you who need paper copies, an envelope with the zip contents will come home with your child.

Parking Meeting – Parking Update

I met with the Parish Council, Highways, Governors and our staff representative on Friday 25th to look at the parking outside school at the end of the day and discuss ways in which it might be possible to improve safety.

The biggest issue by far, is that of parents and carers parking illegally on or too near the junction where the main road bends sharply. As we had feared, there is very little that Highways could do for us, but some ideas did surface and we hope a few actions will be taken as a result. These will include reducing the yellow zig-zag lines on the school/Aslacton Road allowing a safer 'drop off' (and parking for a couple more cars), painting lines outside the bus shelter to remind drivers it is a 'no parking' zone and erecting signage to remind everyone of the dangers. The Parish Council are completely understanding of the situation and working hard to support us to change whatever we can.

FOFS Valentine Bake Sale

Calling all bakers! Please would you bake some goodies for our after-school fundraiser bake sale on Thursday 14th February?

All contributions most welcome.

World Book Day and ‘Extreme Reading’ Challenge

On Thursday March 7th it will be World Book Day 2019 – we would love the children to come to school dressed as a book/story character and bring their favourite books into school for the day.

We would like to challenge all the children to **bring in a photo** of themselves enjoying a good read in an unusual place. Perhaps over half-term, they can think of something good. We will make a display of all the photos under the title ‘Extreme Reading’. There will be some prizes for the most unusual pictures. Make sure to keep it safe though children – no climbing on the roof or in the washing machine!

Red Nose Day (RND)

On Friday March 15th is Red Nose Day and the School Council have decided that they would like to raise money by holding a ‘Crazy Hair’ event for those who would like to take part. Alongside this will be a competition to see which year group and which person, including staff (as according to Emerald children Mrs Creasey would absolutely love it), can wear the most amount of red clothes and accessories! Don’t worry – we won’t need evidence below the visible outer layers! To take part in the crazy hair or red clothing events, please bring a £1.00 minimum donation for RND.

Creative Arts East Theatre Show

On Tuesday 5th March, the whole school will be treated to a theatre performance of Hansel and Gretel in the school hall. We have hosted this top quality theatre company before (The Boy Who Bit Picasso) and we are so excited that we have been able to secure a visit from them again. The school is meeting the cost of this so there is no charge for this event. The teachers will be planning some learning around the show which is suitable for all ages and works on many levels.

Parent and Carer Consultation – Date Change

I would like to bring to your attention a date change for your diaries. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the dates for the Parent & Carer Consultation Evenings have had to be changed and have been updated in the diary dates below.

Appointment time sheets will go up early next week.

DIARY DATES

February Half-term – school is closed from Monday Feb 18th-Friday 22nd February

Mon 25th – School re-opens

March

Thurs 7th – World Book Day & Parent/Carer consultation Evening

Tues 12th - Parent/Carer consultations

Fri 15th – Red Nose Day

April

Fri 5th – Break up for Easter

Tues 23rd – School re-opens for summer term

May

The month of May is KS1 teacher assessment and SATS for Y2

Week of 13th – 17th is KS2 Y6 SATs week

Mon 6th – School Closed for May Bank Holiday

Mon 27th – Fri 31st – School Closed for Half-Term Break – Re-opens on Mon 3rd June