



8th September 2017



Welcome Back!

It is wonderful to see the children again and particularly exciting to have our new Reception children with us each morning. We have had an excellent start to the new school year and are very impressed with every year group and how sensible, motivated and hard-working they have all been. What a fabulous new beginning!

The whole staff spent Monday updating their Safeguarding and Child Protection training. All staff and governors take their safeguarding and child protection duties very seriously and work hard to ensure we meet the highest standards. If you would like to view our safeguarding policy, a copy is available in school and on our website at www.forncettschool.org

For your information, our school's Designated Safeguarding Lead person is Judith Jones, our alternate Lead is Sharon Creasey and our Safeguarding Governor is Louise Stephens. We also held a general staff meeting and on Tuesday we had training on assessment, guided reading and using Office 360 more fully. It was a very useful two days.

School Council Officer Elections

This morning we held a special assembly where all Y6 candidates for the officer positions on the School Council (Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary) took turns to speak to the whole school outlining why they felt they would be the best candidate to vote for. We talked about democracy and voting too and after playtime every child had the opportunity to vote in a secret ballot (no adults are allowed to vote for in this election). We will know the outcome next week.



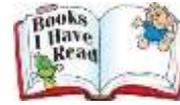
Responsible Parking Request

I have already heard some concerns from parents about the parking outside the school. It appears that some parents and carers are not just parking too near the junction but actually on it! Not only is this illegal parking which contravenes the Highway Code, it is also terribly dangerous. Please, please think about all our families safety and park elsewhere to prevent a serious accident occurring. Last year we had a couple of serious very near-misses which were very upsetting for the drivers and pedestrians involved. I will be referring the matter to the police later today to request their advice and support.

The church car park was quite empty today, so please make good use of this space. Double-park in there if you need to, nobody minds if you are not going to be in school a long time when you drop off or pick up. The double parking system has worked well for in there for years and takes a lot of cars off the road.

May I also take this opportunity to remind everyone that the staff car park is for staff use and registered disabled blue-badge holders only. This applies to after-school club pickups too. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Summer Reading Challenge Celebration



Next Friday (15th), we will be celebrating all the children who took part in the summer reading challenge. Please would all children who participated bring their medals and certificates in for the celebration?

New Play Equipment

You may have noticed that we are having some fantastic play equipment installed on the field beyond the pirate ship. This has been heavily funded by the FOFS (Friends of Fornsett School) and we have also received some funding from the Co-Op in Long Stratton too. One of the funding conditions from the Co-Op was that the equipment should have some wider school community access time. It will therefore be open for family use (children under 12 only) at the end of school days from 3.15 – 3.45pm as long as parents and carers closely supervise their child/ren themselves. There will be no staff supervision at this time. Families will have to wait on the side playground as usual until all the classes are outside before going down to play. This means that classes can work quietly right up to the end of the day without distraction. If an outdoor sports club is going on whilst your children are using the equipment, please ensure they keep to the play area and do not interrupt the club. Hopefully it should be ready for use sometime next week.

Clubs

If you would like to book a place at one of Tim Courridge's Sports Clubs, please go to www.timcourridge.co.uk. Hi clubs begin next week. There will be a tennis taster session on Monday 18th in school time and after this, Ben's tennis club will re-start too. We are looking into other possible clubs we can offer.

E-mail

If you would like your newsletters emailed to you. Please let the office know.

DIARY DATES

September

Fri 22nd – European Day of Languages celebration with family Continental Breakfast Café

October

Thurs 12th – school photographer in for all children/family groups

Fri 13th – Cathedral Day at Norwich for KS2 children

Weds 18th – Science at the Forum in Norwich for some

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

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