



Reepham Primary School – 01603 870321

October 2023 Newsletter

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19th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe that we have already completed our first half term of the year! The children are very ready for a rest and when I reflect on the last few weeks, I am not surprised. We have had so many exciting things happening in school. I hope people have managed to follow us on Facebook and keep up with all that has been happening.

I am pleased to welcome Emma Lane on to our team. She is working as a 'Family support worker' across RPS, BPS and RHSC. She is already working with families across schools, and I am sure she may get to know many more of you as we guide our children through Primary and Secondary school.

Thank you to everyone who has been able to attend our celebration assemblies and open afternoons. Next half term celebrations assemblies will be on the dates below:

Friday 24th November
Friday 15th December

We hope that you are finding the open classrooms valuable. In November, we plan to have a reading focus and by December the children will have some fantastic writing to share with you which will be a nice end to the Autumn term.

Well done to our stars of the month of October

| Class | Inspire | Challenge | Succeed together |
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| Puffins | June | Abel | Hettie |
| Goldfinches | Milo | Adeline | Flo |
| Wrens | Thomas | Aubree | Lucian |
| Woodpeckers | Jessica | Musa | Alice |
| Doves | Vinnie | Andersson | Chloe |
| Toucans | Jackson | Jasmine | Eddie |

The next 'Coffee with Caroline' session will be on Thursday 16th November at 2pm.

Please remember to send 1 representative from each class with any feedback or questions. I will be able to share an update on things that were discussed last time.

Attendance

Reviewing attendance is a very important part of my job. We are being provided with more and more research that outlines the link of success at GCSE level directly with attendance at Primary School level. We aim for attendance to be over 95% but research is now telling us that even with this figure, attainment can be greatly affected. We want to give the children the best opportunity. With this in mind, I have asked teachers to give you your child's current attendance at parents evening. Either Catherine Mallett or I may also ring you or arrange an appointment if we feel that you may need support with attendance. I want to



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work with you all to support you so please feel free to contact either of us if you want to discuss this further or feel that this is an area that we could help you with.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu Vaccinations will be taking place at the school on Monday 30th October. Please contact the school office if you need further information.

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 30th October ready to tackle the run up to Christmas! We have an action packed half term planned so I have attached dates below for your reference.

Have a restful holiday!

Caroline Henry

Upcoming dates for your diaries (please be aware these may be subject to change)

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| 30 th October | Flu Immunisations |
| 1 st November | Year 4 Trip to West Stow |
| 2 nd November | Cross Country |
| 3 rd November | Doves class trip to UEA Sainsbury Centre |
| 6 th November | Year R and Year 6 NHS Hearing and Vision Checks |
| 7 th November | Parents Evening |
| 9 th November | Parents Evening |
| 14 th November | Year 3 & 4 Football Competition |
| 23 rd November | School Disco |
| 24 th November | Celebration Assembly and Open Classroom |
| 28 th November | Norfolk Children's Book Centre |
| 1 st December | Santas Grotto |
| 4 th December | Santas Grotto |
| 6 th December | KS1 Christmas Performance, 9:30am |
| 7 th December | KS1 Christmas Performance, 9:30am |
| 8 th December | Year 1&2 Gymnastic Festival |
| 11 th December | Performing Arts concert |
| 13 th December | KS2 Christmas Performance, 6pm |
| 14 th December | KS2 Christmas Performance, 1:30pm |
| 15 th December | Celebration Assembly and Open Classroom |
| 18 th December | Year 5&6 Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Reepham, 1:30pm |
| 19 th December | Christmas Lunch |
| 08 th January | Year 6 Mock SATS Week |
| 19 th January | Yr 1&2 PE Festival |
| 24 th January | Yr R NHS Vision and Hearing Checks |
| 1 st February | Year 3-6 Dodgeball Competition |
| 14 th February | Volunteer Safeguarding Training |
| 26 th February | Japan Week |
| 29 th February | Year 4,5&6 Non-Club Football Festival |
| 7 th March | World Book Day |
| 12 th March | Parents Evening |
| 14 th March | Parents Evening |
| 27 th March | Year 1&2 Adapted Sports |



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| 16 th April | Class Photographs |
| 2 nd May | Year 2,3 & 4 Tri Golf Competition |
| 13 th May | KS2 SATS Week |
| 20 th May | KS1 SATS Week |
| 3 rd June | Malawi Week |
| 4 th June | Yr 4 Multiplication Tests |
| 10 th June | Phonics Screening Week |
| 10 th June | Yr 5&6 Hautbois Hall Residential |
| 21 st June | Yr 3&4 Tennis Competition |
| 21 st June | Yr 6 Leavers Photographs |
| 24 th June | Sports week |
| 25 th June | Sports Day |
| 1 st July | Performing Arts concert |
| 16 th July | Yr 6 Play |
| 17 th July | Yr 6 Play |
| 19 th July | Leavers Assembly |

School Dates for 2023/24 Academic Year (may be subject to change)

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| Fri 20 th Oct | Staff Inset Day |
| Mon 30 th Oct | Children return to school (Autumn term, second half) |
| Wed 20 th Dec | Break for Half-Term |
| Wed 3 rd Jan | Staff Inset Day |
| Thurs 4 th Jan | Children return to school (Spring Term, first half) |
| Fri 16 th Feb | Break for Half-Term |
| Mon 26 th Feb | Children return to school (Spring Term, second half) |
| Wed 27 th Mar | Break for Half-Term |
| Mon 15 th Apr | Children return to school (Summer Term, first half) |
| Mon 6 th May | Bank Holiday |
| Fri 24 th May | Break for Half-Term |
| Mon 3 rd June | Children return to school (Summer Term, second half) |
| Thurs 27 th Jun | Staff Inset Day |
| Fri 19 th Jul | Break for Summer Holidays |

Please remember we do not operate by Norfolk County Council school dates.
Term dates can be found on the Reepham Primary School website