

## LEARNING

### INCREASING ENGAGEMENT

Our new curriculum is proving to be very popular with the children. Many have expressed how much they are enjoying the new topics and this was also highlighted by a number of parents at our recent coffee morning.

One feature of the new curriculum is an increased number of out of school experiences. Already, Key Stage 1 have been for a learning walk around the village, mapping the key features; Years 3&4 have been to Sutton Hoo and Years 5&6 visited the Debach Airfield Museum. More visits are planned for the coming months.

Year 6 have been taking full advantage of some extra learning experiences on offer. This week they visited Farlingaye High School for a curriculum morning, next Thursday they are going to BT Adastral Park for a Crumble Bot taster day, on 31<sup>st</sup> October they will travel to Stratford St Andrew for the Crucial Crew safety morning and on 1<sup>st</sup> November they have been invited by Cambridge Science Centre to an Electricity and Engineering Roadshow at Farlingaye High School along with Year Five.

### IMPROVING PLAY

We have been busy this half term improving play opportunities for the children at



break times. We have added to the play equipment, purchased new netball posts and football goals. At half-term two permanent mini goals and basketball nets will be installed on the playground. We recently had £1500 of playground markings laid thanks to a successful funding application by Suffolk County



Council. We also have a very enthusiastic and well-organised team of Sports Leaders this year who have been engaging the younger children in a range of play activities.

### SPORTING SUCCESS

Our girl's football team enjoyed a successful evening at Whitton Primary School this week winning the Ipswich and South Suffolk Under 11 competition. They reached the final of the competition with victories in all their group games followed by a semi-final win against Clifford Road. The final, against neighbours Kyson, was decided by a single goal. All the girls performed brilliantly throughout the evening and now progress to the county finals in November.



Following success at the Primary School Cross Country event in the summer, Phoebe from year six was selected to represent Ipswich and South Suffolk in a county event at The Royal Hospital School yesterday. Despite racing against year seven students, Phoebe finished 31<sup>st</sup> out of a field of over 300 and has qualified for the next stage of the county trials. We are all very proud of her achievements.

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

### HARVEST

You are invited to join us for our whole school celebration at St Andrew's Church on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm**. The children are not required to make a food donation at Harvest.



### PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you to all parents who attended the meetings with the class teachers. I hope the feedback will help you to support your child's learning. If you were unable to attend on the set dates, please contact school to arrange a suitable time to meet.

- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church (2pm)
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** School closes for half-term holiday
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October** School re-opens
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November** Open Week (9.30 to 11am & 1.30 to 2.30pm)
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** Individual and family photos
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** Flu Immunisations (all year groups)
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** PD Day – school closed for all children.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

## CHARITY COFFEE

Thank you to all parents who joined us for the Coffee Morning on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. I enjoyed having the opportunity to share our curriculum development work and to answer your questions. Donations received totalled £84, which has been forwarded to MacMillan. Thank you for your generosity and support.



## FRIENDS OF MELTON SCHOOL (FOMS)

The FOMS organised a successful Garage Sale event at the end of September which raised over £100 for school. Their next meeting is on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in The Coach and Horses**. This will be to plan Christmas events and all new members will be warmly welcomed.

## STAY AND SHARE

Each class teacher will be inviting parents to attend a 'Stay and Share' session in the first week after half term. This will be an opportunity to spend some time reading with your child and to look at the work they have been doing this term.

## EVENTS & SCHOOL NEWS

### HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

This is an urgent reminder for families with a child in Year 6 to apply for a high school place **by the closing date of Thursday 31 October 2019**. If an application is not made by the closing date, the child will not be considered for a place until after all other applications have been dealt with (having a brother or sister at high school does not guarantee a place – an application still needs to be made). Parents or carers should apply at - [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions)

### TIME TO SMILE

Individual and family group photos of all the children will be taken on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

### OPEN WEEK

We are hosting an Open Week for all current and prospective families between **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**. This will be an opportunity for you to see the school in action; our Learning Ambassadors will lead the tours of the school and you will be able to talk to members of staff. The school will be open from **9.30am to 11.30am and 1.30pm to 2.30pm**. Please enter via the school office.

### VOLUNTEERING

Nicole Barr has been appointed as our new Volunteer Coordinator. If you would like to become more involved in school, please contact Nicole via the school office.

## HELP KIT US OUT

If you are heading to do your weekly shop this weekend, and use ALDI, please make sure you ask for the 'Kit for Schools' stickers. With 20 days left we are just over half way to collecting 300 stickers and getting the school a new sports kit. Feel free to be cheeky and ask for extra stickers (or get your child to ask as it's always cuter and more likely to be successful!), or ask others in the queue if they would like to defer their stickers to you. After the success of our girls football team winning their tournament on Tuesday, beating 19 other schools - most of which were much bigger schools - we would love to raise the profile of sport, starting with a new school kit!

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR LEARNING

Recently, some children have not attended the after-school activity they have signed-up for without letting school know. If your child attends an after-school activity, please remind them about the importance of commitment. However, if they decide they no longer wish to attend the activity, it is essential the school office is notified. Thank you for your support

## WRAP AROUND CARE

Our before and after-school club has made some changes this term. The provision is now located in the Rainbow Room so that they can offer a wider range of activities for the children. Each week also has a theme, with a range of craft activities planned for the children. The themes next half term include Fireworks, Recycling and Christmas

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB CLOSURE

We would like to give advance notice that there will be no after school provision on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**. The provision will close at **5pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**.

## THOUGHTFUL PARKING

Please remember not to park in the bus layby next to school. Although we appreciate there is a shortage of parking around school, we are grateful to The Coach and Horses who allow parents to use their carpark as a drop-off. Thank you for your understanding and support.

## LUNCH ORDERS

A new lunch menu will be introduced after half-term. This has been developed with the input from the children. The menu will be available to view on the website next week and will be emailed to parents. Remember, you can now book for specific days of the week rather than having to select one meal option for the whole week. However, **changing days or cancelling days require a minimum of two weeks notice**. Without this, the kitchen cannot order the correct amount of food. **Children will not be allowed to change meal options without the two week notice period.**