



Thursday 13th March 2014

Welcome to this week's Newsletter.....

Enjoying the sunshine!

Website

Some parents have noticed that our school website has changed, it is still found at www.thurton.norfolk.sch.uk but it looks different. We have a new more user friendly model which is easier to view on your mobile phones via an App (oh yes, the school has one of those!). Keeping up to date with what is happening will be even easier as well by subscribing to our calendar page on your mobile phone calendar. Then every time the school updates the calendar yours will automatically update with our events! A paper copy will be sent home of how to register and how to add our icon onto your smartphone.

SNITT students

Over the last six weeks we have been fortunate to have two Suffolk and Norfolk Initial Trainee Teachers (SNITT) in our year 3 and year 5/6 classes. They have both been an asset to the school and we wish them well in the remainder of their training. As a school, we believe that we need to share expertise wherever we can, be that within school, across schools or helping to develop the new teachers of the future. We wish to thank Mr Barber and Miss Banham for the extra work that they have done to ensure that this has been success for our trainee teachers and for their classes.

Changes for Lunches after Easter 2014

From September 2014, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be entitled to a free hot meal daily from school. Since this announcement, Mrs Williams has been talking to our current lunch providers and a number of other providers to ensure that there isn't a break in the provision of lunches. Currently, Framingham Earl provide five other primary schools as well as ours with lovely lunches, however after discussions with them, they are not able to continue supplying our school lunches from September due to the potential significant increase in numbers of lunches. This has posed the school a few headaches, especially with Mrs Waring also leaving us as a Midday supervisor before half term and no applications for that position. So after Easter, Thurton Primary will be changing the lunch provider to Poringland Primary, a Norse kitchen. They are able to provide lunches whatever our numbers are, they will deliver to our school instead of us picking them up and they will provide staff for us so we don't have to worry if someone is off sick or leaves our employment. The food is Silver Food for Life quality, so the large majority is sourced locally and fresh at preparation. We would have preferred to have stayed with Framingham Earl, but after extensive research the governors and Mrs Williams feel that this is our best current option.

However, a benefit for families will be that after the Easter holidays, lunches will decrease in price to £2.10 per meal per day. We will have new menus available by the end of next week which will show that there are hot meat or a vegetarian, and a jacket potato option. There will be NO SANDWICH option.

Eligibility for entitled Free school Meals

Even though children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 will get free school meals from September 2014, if in the future your family meets the criteria for gaining entitlement to "Free School Meals" please still apply. The school receives significant extra money, currently £900 for each child entitled to Free School Meals through the application system. This extra money has helped the school in offering additional learning support time for groups



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in the afternoon, support towards residential and purchasing equipment for classes such as the new Numicom equipment and Project X books. If you are interested in how this money is spent and the impact that it is having, there is a detailed analysis linked to the Pupil Premium page on our school website.

If parents or carers are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income based jobseekers allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- During the initial roll out of the benefit, Universal Credit

If at any time your family meets this criteria, please see Mrs Reynolds and she will give advice on paperwork needed and how to fill in the application.

The School will of course be thanking Framingham Earl for the fantastic lunches that they have provided the school over the last three years. If you have any questions regarding this change please see Mrs Reynolds or Mrs Williams.

We are Recruiting!

In connection with the roll-out of the free school meals programme detailed above, we are currently recruiting for 2 Kitchen Servery Assistants. The details of these two positions are as follows:

- 11.30 am to 1.30 pm
- Term time only
- £6.31 per hour
- Duties to include setting out furniture in dining hall, serving lunch, washing up, putting furniture away.
- If interested, please call Doris Lambert 07850518474 or go on the Norse web site. www.ncsgrp.co.uk

Forest School Training

Miss Debenham completed her Forest School training last week, so Year 2 watch out for working outdoors more often, especially Forest School activities.

Tag Rugby

We are very excited to have our new after school club up and running! We had a really good turnout for the first session on Monday, taken by DT12 Sports Coach, Dave Tueti. There are still places available, so please let the office know if you are interested. The cost for this club is £3 per session, so £9 is due for this half term, and there will be another 3 sessions after the Easter Holiday, so another £9 will be payable then. Please could we ask for payment half-termly by either cash or Cheque (made payable to DT12 Sports).

Thank You!

We would like to thank all parents in their co-operation regarding our policy of keeping children with vomiting and/or diarrhoea away from school for 48 hours. This has really helped keep the levels of sickness down this winter - Thanks!



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Potato Growing at Norfolk Showground & Gardening Club

Unfortunately we will not be taking part in the Potato Growing Event organised by the Potato Council, as it is already fully-booked. There were places available for only 10 schools, and it was obviously very popular! However, our green-fingered pupils can still get involved in our gardening club, which starts again on Friday 28th March after school. Places are still available at a cost of £3 per session. Please put your name on the list in the school office if you are interested.



And the Winner isTeam Thurton!!

There was a Cluster Schools High 5 Netball Tournament at Hobart High School last week, and we are pleased to say Team Thurton came top! Well done to Eden, Eleanor, Ryan F, Milli, Charlotte, Ben, Abbie R and Niamh!

CASMA Tickets

Just a reminder that tickets are still available to buy for the CASMA Evening Performance at St Andrews Hall next week (Thursday 20th March). They cost £5 for Adults and £3 for OAP's, children and students in full-time education. Payment can be made by cash or cheque (made payable to CASMA).

Super Sixes

To assist our Year 6 children in their preparation for SATs, in the weeks running up to SATs, Miss Banham and Mr Barber will be holding after school sessions to focus on maths and grammar.

Mr Barber will be doing maths on the following dates -

- Thursday 20th March
- Thursday 24th April
- Thursday 1st May
- Thursday 8th May

Miss Banham will be doing literacy on the following dates -

- Tuesday 18th March
- Friday 25th April
- Tuesday 29th April
- Tuesday 6th May

This Week's Topics

Reception/Yr 1:

The children have been learning about their senses this week, and have been on a 'listening walk' around the school grounds. In maths they learned about money.

Yr 2:

This week, the children have been learning about 'The Bear' and doing music, art and drama based on the story. They also learned about money and sold food in their outdoor shop!



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Yr 3/4:

The children have been writing their own adventure stories this week, and learning about the Antarctic Treaty.

Yr 5/6:

This week the children investigated growing seeds and are making a small world rainforest in class. They also began to learn how animals adapt to the environment they live in.

Last Week's Big Stars!

Reception / Yr1:

Joseph for super independent writing about how to make pancakes.

Alfie for great enthusiasm in all his work!

Yr 2:

All of Year 2 for doing brilliant maths work!

Yr 3/4:

Niamh for presenting her work confidently to the whole school sharing assembly during World Book Day.

Yr 5/6:

Eden for her brilliant performance during a class debate.

Ashley for his supportive and caring attitude on in the House Team on World Book Day

Birthdays

Birthday wishes go to Emily W and Kyle - we hope you both had a very happy birthday!

Monday 17th March 2014 - Friday 21st March 2014

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
In school event	Music and French PE Multi-Sports	Infant CASMA Workshop		CASMA Rehearsal, St Andrews Hall (Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 Choir)	PE Multi -Sports - Dance KS2 Baha'i Day
Lunchtime				Choir	
After school	Cooking Club (Yrs 1 & 2) TAG Rugby (Yrs 4, 5 & 6)	Super Sixes - Literacy (Yr 6)	Art Club (Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6)	Craft Club - All Years Super Sixes - Maths (Yr 6) CASMA Performance at St Andrews Hall (Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 Choir)	

Dates for your Diary...

- Wednesday 19th March - Instalment 4 of London Residential due (Yr 5 & 6)
- 27th March - Craft Club will not be taking place
- PTA Easter Bingo - 28th March 5.30-7pm
- Learning conferences 1-4th April
- Easter Church Service 3rd April 1.30pm
- Wednesday 23rd April - Children return to school after Easter Holiday



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