

## September Newsletter

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Hello. May I start by saying a big than you from the staff for all the cards, gifts and flowers given to them at the end of last term. A warm welcome back to all our 'old' families - it has been so good to see the children again. The classrooms were so empty over the holidays, now the school is buzzing with energy again!

A very warm welcome to our 'new' families and, indeed, old families with new children starting. What an exciting time this is! We hope you will all be very happy here at Suffield Park Infant School; we're glad to have you in our family.

As always at the start of a new school year there are lots of questions you have, so please do ask staff for help.

# IMPORTANT REMINDER - HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

The revised education act now states that the discretional 10 days holidays in term time has been **removed**. Therefore any holidays in term time will be coded as unauthorised.

#### PARENT'S EVENINGS

These will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October. This will be an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their new class.

#### PUPIL PREMIUM

The amount of money the school receives is based on parents filling in the 'free school meal' form. This money goes towards enhancing school activities; so please help us to help your children. This year we intend to take all children out to see a pantomime as well as supporting children with additional needs, having author visits, One Day theatre Company (where children write, act and perform a play using professional actors), a visit to the castle museum...to name but a few!

### CONTACT DETAILS



Our 'Teacher2Parent' messaging service is working well and helps to get messages to you quickly and efficiently. If you have changed your mobile 'phone numbers over the summer then please contact the school office.

#### Volunteer Induction Meeting

Would you be interested in helping in school? We currently have a few parents who come in to listen to children read or help with art and craft activities but would welcome many more - any help you could give would be appreciated. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer then please come along to our Induction Meeting arranged for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 9.10 a.m. The meeting should not last more than 40 minutes. All volunteer helpers within our school have to be DSB (old CRB) cleared before coming in to help. If you are interested please let us know if you are able to attend the meeting by writing a short note or telephoning the school office.

#### LATENESS

We understand in our busy lives, that some things don't always go to plan, which may mean your child might be late into school. However, every time your child is late, they will receive a late mark in the register which will appear on their end of year report and will also be included in the school records. Please ensure that you leave home in plenty of time so that your child can be in at school with their classmates and be included in class registration. If you are going to be



late it would be useful to ring the school office so that teachers can plan for this. Please do not use our school hall as a shortcut to exit the school. Our registers are taken promptly at:-

9:05- Morning registration

1:00 - Afternoon registration for YR 1:30 - Afternoon registration for Y1 and Y2

#### SCHOOL OFFICE

You can email the school office directly at:office@suffieldpark.norfolk.sch.uk

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

3<sup>rd</sup> September - School opens 14<sup>th</sup> September - Volunteer Induction Meeting Harvest Festival - TBC Harvest Lunch - TBC 18<sup>th</sup> September - Jeans for Genes day 30<sup>th</sup> September - Author Visit (Bob Biddulph) 6<sup>th</sup> October - Author Visit (David Bedford) 7<sup>th</sup> October - Grandparents Lunch Indigo 14<sup>th</sup> October - Grandparents Lunch Silver 21<sup>st</sup> October – Grandparents Lunch Gold 4<sup>th</sup> November - Grandparents Lunch Orange 11<sup>th</sup> November - Grandparents Lunch Red 4<sup>th</sup> November - Grandparents Lunch Green 25<sup>th</sup> November - Grandparents Lunch Yellow 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Grandparents Lunch Blue 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Grandparents Lunch Violet 14<sup>th</sup> October - Individual Photos 16<sup>th</sup> October - Great Fire of London Day 19<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening (YR, Y1 & Y2) 3:30pm - 6:00pm 20<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening (YR, Y1 & Y2) 3:30pm - 7:30pm 22<sup>nd</sup> October - 29<sup>th</sup> October SCHOOL **CLOSED** 2<sup>nd</sup> November - School Re-opens 5<sup>th</sup> November - Fireworks Lunch November - Families Week TBC 13<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need Day

30<sup>th</sup> November - Book Fair Week 3<sup>rd</sup> December - 6<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Tree/Wreath Festival 6<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fair Christmas Lunch - TBC 17<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Parties 18<sup>th</sup> December - **School Closed** 

#### TERM DATES

September 3<sup>rd</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 Half Term Week 22<sup>nd</sup> October – 2<sup>nd</sup> November

January 5<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 Half Term Week 15<sup>th</sup> February – 19<sup>th</sup> February

April 11<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 Half Term Week 30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June School Closed on 2<sup>nd</sup> May

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