

# April Newsletter

# MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

The summer term is a very busy term for our children. In May, the year 2 children will take their national curriculum tests and the year 1 and 2's will be taking their phonics tests.

This year the government made a mistake with the spelling tests for year 2, making them invalid as a national benchmark. However, because our children have been working really hard, we will give them the experience of the spelling test later on this term. These results <u>will not</u> be published.



# PHONICS SCREENING CHECK FOR YEAR 1 and 2

This term, all children in England will be screened in Year One for their reading of phonics.

Our school has been using phonic assessments just like this for many years so this process will be very familiar to the children. We use our assessments so we can accurately group children for their Read Write sessions, so this process will simply replace one of our usual phonics assessments.

#### What happens?

- The assessments will comprise of a short session with their teacher, where they will be asked to read 40 words aloud.
- The check will contain real and "nonwords" (or nonsense words). This allows us to assess their ability to

de-code words, rather than just relying on their sight vocabulary.

- The check will take a few minutes to complete and there is no time limit.
- They will take place in the week beginning 13th June.

# NURSERY

Please note the Nursery will be closed on the  $2^{nd}$  May and open the half term week from  $30^{th}$  May -  $3^{rd}$  June.

# THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our school council meet regularly. They have been decorating our Beach Hut and have been looking for PE equipment for play times.

# SUNSHINE

In the event that we have some sunshine, please remember to include a sun hat and to apply sun cream. Sun cream can be applied before school and sun hats can be left at school. Please make sure they are labelled though!



# SPORTS DAY

This year our sports day will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July @ 9:15am, starting with competitive races with fun sports day in the afternoon. Our reserve sports day is on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> at the same time.

# ART EXHIBITION - PARISH HALL

The Art exhibition at the Parish Hall will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May until the 28<sup>th</sup> May. You will be able to see many of our children's work where we will be recognising such diverse creativity.

# SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS & SECOND HAND UNIFORM

We are still collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. Please place vouchers in the



Sainsbury's box outside the school office. If you have any old uniform you wish to donate to FOSPINS please drop it into the office. Thank you!

## ATTENDANCE

Thank you to all those families who make sure their children are on time every day and attend regularly. There is much research that proves the positive effect on learning that good attendance and punctuality makes. Please can we remind you to try, if possible, to attend medical appointments after school time. Thank you.



To celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday we will be having a garden party on June 9<sup>th</sup> <sup>(</sup>weather permitting).

Please look out for more information nearer to this event.

#### BANK HOLIDAY

Please be reminded that School will be closed to all pupils on Monday 2nd May as this is a Bank Holiday.

## SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION

Our children have been busy producing art for our own art exhibition which will be held in the school hall. All children will have an opportunity to look at other classes work. Parents are warmly invited to attend after school, with the opportunity of purchasing their child's framed picture. Further details to follow.

## DIARY DATES

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> May – Reception Vision and Hearing checks 12<sup>th</sup> May - Year 2 Lighthouse walk 16<sup>th</sup> May - Year 2 SAT's week 17<sup>th</sup> May - Year 1 Dinosaur Park 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Y1 and Year 2 Cross Country at Holt Hall 25<sup>th</sup> May - Maypole demonstrating to parents 27<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June – Art exhibition at the Parish hall 30<sup>th</sup> May - 3<sup>rd</sup> June HALF TERM 8<sup>th</sup> June – Mini Monster visit for Year 2 15<sup>th</sup> June - School Art Exhibition 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> June - Reception trip to Sheringham Park 27<sup>th</sup> June – New Reception Parents Information Evening (3:30) 28<sup>th</sup> June - SEND Parent's evening at Cromer academy (6pm) 4<sup>th</sup> July – Healthy Living Week 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> July – Moving up days 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> July - Year 2 visit to Bewilderwood 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 2 Leaver's assembly time to be confirmed 15<sup>th</sup> July – Sports day 18<sup>th</sup> July – Reserve sports day 19<sup>th</sup> July - Year 2 Leaver's assemblies times to be confirmed 20<sup>th</sup> July – Graduation Ceremony for our Nursery children (2pm) 21st July - INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED 5<sup>th</sup> September - SCHOOL RE-OPENS

#### PE café

We hoped you have enjoyed the PE cafés and we would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Miles and Mrs Upton for arranging such fun events.

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