

# February Newsletter

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

We are half way through our school year - how time flies!

The teachers are working hard to ensure that your children have the very best education we can give. You can help in this by helping your child whether it is a little more reading, playing counting games or even talking about what they like and what they find difficult.

The most important gift we can give our children is the ability to read, and as you might remember, it takes practice!

#### **NURSERY**

The Nursery will remain open during the half term break for day care children only.

## HEALTH and SAFETY

A recent Fire Evacuation Practice Drill went well. All the children responded extremely sensibly and the school and nursery was evacuated very quickly and calmly. Well done everybody!

# CONTACT NUMBERS

If you have a new contact or number then please let Sam know in the office. Our texting service is only as good as the telephone numbers we hold for you.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

This will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March. This year children will be asked to dress up as their favourite book character. We will also have a parade so that children can show off their costumes.

#### SEAL THEME

SEAL ~ Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning The theme for this half-term's work on developing children's social, emotional and behavioural skills will be 'Good to be me'. We will be exploring how children can motivate themselves in their learning and across the school. As part of the theme they will be looking at different feelings, thinking about what they are good at and how they learn best.

Some children may also consider how they might make wise choices and how they can be assertive.

## **FRIENDS**

Don't forget on the 15<sup>th</sup> February there will be a half term disco at the Cromer Parish Hall form 1pm - 3:30pm.

There will be a pre-loved uniform sale and a cake sale on the 24<sup>th</sup> March in the school hall starting at 8:40.

## ATTENDANCE

Class attendance figures for the week of 12<sup>th</sup> February

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Violet	92.2%
Yellow	95.2%
Blue	90.8%
Green	95.7%
Red	96.5%
Indigo	88.8%
Orange	95.5%
Silver	98.6%
Gold	88.9

Well done Silver class!

## TERM DATES

This is quite a short term this year starting on  $22^{nd}$  February and ending on Thursday  $24^{th}$  March.



## SCIENCE DOME

There was a buzz of excitement when the science dome visited. This was a cluster activity and clearly lots of children enjoyed the experience.

#### PARENT INFORMATION DAYS

Thank you to all the parents who attended the maths activity afternoon and the spelling, grammar and punctuation morning sessions.

I hope you have found them informative and enjoyed them as much as the children.

#### INSET DAY

On 21th July there will be an INSET day.

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We know that there are parents who are eligible for Free School Meals but do not claim them for all sorts of reasons - sometimes because their child prefers a packed lunch from home. Please claim if you are entitled to do so because it may help your child access outside activities that you cannot currently afford as the government will give extra funds to the school - called pupil premium.

Please ask at reception for advice and what you need to complete the application form. This information is kept completely confidential.

# AFRICA WEEK

This will be the first week back after the half term. The children will be learning some African songs, dance and we have invited a story teller in to tell traditional African tales.

# **DUCKLINGS**

We are expecting the duck eggs to arrive on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February and hope to have ducklings by Wednesday.

# SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

We are again collecting Sainsbury's vouchers in school. Active Kids 2016 campaign will run from now until the 5<sup>th</sup> May inclusive. Please send your vouchers to the school office. Thank you.

### PARENT'S EVENING

There will be two parent's evenings in March - 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please book you appointments after the half term.

## HOW DO WE KEEP YOU INFORMED?

Here are some of the ways in which we keep you informed:

Website

Letters home (available in different languages)

Newsletter

Text

Talks/Courses held at school Children's Centre activities

Telephone

Questionnaires

School policies

School / Nursery Prospectus

Ofsted Reports

Email

Radio

... and actually good old fashioned talking!!

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