



September Newsletter

WELCOME BACK!

It was great to see the children back in school on today! I hope you all had a good time over the summer - it's going to be a busy autumn. It was good to see familiar faces returning and I look forward to getting to know new children and parents as the year progresses. I always take this opportunity to remind parents that at Suffield Park Infant School we endeavour to work in partnership with parents and carers to achieve the best outcomes for children. Parents and carers frequently tell us that they appreciate the open and approachable nature of the staff. There may be times when you need to discuss a concern about your child with us. Generally, this is best addressed to their teacher in the first instance but if I am in school I will be at the brown gate in the morning and you can usually catch me for a quick word there. Should you need a longer meeting with me or any other member of staff then it is best to make an appointment through the school office. I am looking forward to another happy and successful year for the children!

IMPORTANT REMINDER - HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

The revised education act now states that the discretionary 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 19th and 20th October. This will be an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their new class.

PUPIL PREMIUM - WIN A SCOOTER!

Attached to this newsletter is an application form for the pupil premium grant. **Please fill it in (whether you receive benefits or not) and when we receive it back, we will enter your child in our prize draw.**

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,

LUNCH TIME STAFF VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a lunch time supervisor. We would also like to recruit lunchtime staff to join a 'bank' of people who would be willing to support lunch times on an ad-hoc short notice basis. If this sounds like you please come and speak to myself or the school office.

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 Wednesday 28th 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&Y2

SCHOOL OFFICE

You can email the school office directly at:-

office@suffieldpark.norfolk.sch.uk

NUT ALLERGY

We have pupils in our school who have a severe allergy to nuts including: Peanuts, Peanut butter, Pecans, Walnuts, Almonds, Nut oils, Nut flavourings etc. Touching, eating or even being in the vicinity of nuts may provoke a severe allergic reaction. For the safety of all our pupils we are asking parents and carers not to send any food containing nuts for packed lunches or after school club snacks with immediate effect. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

5th September - School opens

28th September - Volunteer Induction Meeting

Harvest Festival - TBC

Harvest Lunch - TBC

23rd September - Jeans for Genes day

19th October - Grandparents Lunch Indigo

2nd November - Grandparents Lunch Silver

9th November - Grandparents Lunch Gold

16th November - Grandparents Lunch Red

23rd November - Grandparents Lunch Green

30th November - Grandparents Lunch Blue

7th December - Grandparents Lunch Yellow/Violet

12th October - Individual Photos

19th October - Parents Evening (YR, Y1 & Y2) 3:30pm - 7:30pm

20th October - Parents Evening (YR, Y1 & Y2) 3:30pm - 6:00pm

24th October - 28th October **SCHOOL CLOSED**

31st October - **School Re-opens**

4th November - Fireworks Night

13th November - Children in Need Day

15th December - Christmas Lunch

17th December Christmas Parties

16th December - **School Closes at 3:30**

TERM DATES

September 5th - 16th December, 2016

Half Term Week 24th October - 28th October

January 5th - 31st March, 2017

Half Term Week 13th February - 17th February

April 18th - 21st July, 2017

Half Term Week 29th May - 2nd June

School Closed on 1st May

Jacqueline Bradford, Head teacher