



# January Newsletter

## Happy New Year

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year. We hope you all had a lovely break and good Christmas.

## Africa Week

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January our school is hosting Africa Week. Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January children are invited to come dressed in African costumes. We will be enjoying lots of activities based around Africa including dancing, drumming and storytelling by Paul Jackson. If you have any books or items relating to Africa we love to see them.

## Attendance Success



Hand knitted by our MSA Zena Cole George our attendance bear has retired! We now welcome Holly and Jake to our school. If your child is discussing 'Holly and Jake' that means their class has achieved the best attendance in school for that week. The children really enjoy having him participate in classroom activities both indoor and out when they receive him. A big thank you to the parents and carers who are working hard to get their child/children to school every day on time. This has a positive impact on their day and means no learning is lost.

## Safeguarding

### Safer Internet/ E-safety

### Online Safety

You should be 13+ to use YouTube. Lots of inappropriate content can be found on YouTube as it relies heavily on users flagging content which violates the terms and conditions of their service.

What can you do to make it safer for your children?

Turn on Restricted mode - this mode restricts the availability of mature content. Sit with your child and see what they are watching. Make sure your child understands that they can talk to you if they see anything upsetting online.

YouTube Kids is also available with the option to select the shows you prefer your child to watch, however inappropriate content has also been found on here too. Services such as Netflix, Amazon Prime and BBC iPlayer Kids are an alternative containing lots of children's programmes.

## Year 1 Phonics morning

Thank you to the parents/carers of Year 1 who attended the phonics morning, we hope you found it useful. As always if you have any questions please speak to your child's teacher.

## Adventure Playground

You may recall in a previous Newsletter that work was being done to create a new Adventure Playground. This is now complete and looks fantastic. We look forward to the official open when the weather improves.

## Revised Autumn/Winter menus

Revised Autumn/Winter Norse lunch menus were given out Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Please note a couple of meals have changed. You



can also view these by logging onto our school website or asking for a copy at the school office.

### **Plant to Plate Tokens**

We are collecting tokens for Plant to Plate, growing little gardeners starting this Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January. Tokens are available in the Eastern Daily Press. Please tell all your friends and family members and hand these to the office staff. Thank you

### **World Book Day**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March children are invited to come to school dressed up as a character from their favourite book. We also have author David Bedford in to share his stories with the school.

### **Leave of absence**

If you know that your child will be absent from school please see the school office at your earliest convenience and obtain a leave of absence form to complete and return.

### **Sickness policy**

All children must have 48 hours off after the last time they are sick or have diarrhoea.

### **Coolmilk**

Every child in Reception under the age of five is entitled to a free serving of milk. Please remember that when your child turns 5yrs you must register and pay to receive further milk. You can pay termly or annually for this service. Please visit [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

### **Parent Helpers**

We would welcome some additional parent helpers into the classroom. If you are interested in supporting reading, craft, PE or supporting with classroom organisation and in particular the woodland area we would love to hear from you. Please see Lynne or

Crystal in the office to book and complete a DBS check.

### **SCHOOL CLOSURE (DUE TO BAD WEATHER OR OTHER EMERGENCIES)**

If the school needs to close for any reason, procedures are in place for information to reach you via local radio, school answer phone and text if possible. Any decision to close the school is not taken lightly and is done in consultation with our campus schools, taking into account advice available at the time.

### **CONTACTS**

It is essential we have your correct mobile phone numbers in order to contact you. If you have not been receiving regular texts from school, please check your number with the office.

### **Dates for the diary**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan - Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Jan - Africa Week

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan - Turtle Maths Café

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan - Shark Maths Café

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb - Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - Parents E-Safety

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb - Valentines Disco 3.30pm - 5pm FOSPINS

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb - Starfish Maths Café

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb - Crab Maths Café

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March Science Week

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Book Fair

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Bake Sale

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March - YR Easter egg hunt

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Apr - YR Easter egg hunt

### **SCHOOL OFFICE**

You can email the school office directly at:- [office@suffieldpark.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@suffieldpark.norfolk.sch.uk)

**If your child is absent please call the office on the first day of the absence on 01263 513296.**