



Spring Term Newsletter 3

Dear Parents,

Trips and Visits

Last week Year 1 took part in a Multiskills festival at Easton College. Children did a range of activities including jumping, beanbag challenges, football skills and cycling. As always, our children did us proud!

Year 5 also visited the Royal Arcade to look at examples of art nouveau. We were also very pleased to take our Eagle readers out to Waterstones to choose their books to take home.

Ann's Retirement

It is with sadness that we will soon be saying goodbye to Ann in the office as she heads off for her retirement. Ann joined the school in 2013 where she quickly made the office her own, covering it in paper elephants, ably helped by any child who was waiting for their parents to pick them up. When she wasn't taking part in a whole school conga, chasing me round the school dressed as Peter Pan (I was dressed as a crocodile!) or misbehaving in the Principal's office she has been a fantastic secretary with a wealth of knowledge about many aspects of the

school. She and her wealth of knowledge will be sorely missed.

Ann's final day will be on Tuesday 30th April.

Star Messaging app

We have been made aware that there are some children who are using the Star messaging app. This app allows children to communicate with each other safely by producing a unique friend code so only people who know the code can contact your child. As with all social media and messaging apps, they are only as safe as the people using them and unfortunately, we have had some children using the app inappropriately with their friends- messaging late at night and sending inappropriate messages. If your child uses this app please ensure that they are monitored and that you have an idea about what is being sent on it and we can all make sure that everyone is kept safe and happy and not being woken up late at night!

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended our parents' evenings this week. It really does make a difference to children knowing that all the adults around them care about their learning and their futures.

Break the Rules Day

Today has been a little different with lots of children breaking the rules to raise money for the playground. Thank you to everyone who took part. We raised £223.02!

Norwich Food Bank

We are a partner of Norwich Food Bank and can provide you with a voucher to use at your local centre. 3 vouchers per year can be requested and your Food parcel will be available to collect from your chosen Food Bank. Please contact Faye Bunn, our SENDCO and Family Support Worker if you feel you'd benefit from accessing this support.

Family hubs

Norfolk County Council's [Start for Life](#) and family hubs approach supports a shared ambition that Norfolk is a place where all children and young people can [flourish](#). By joining up and enhancing existing services, we want to ensure all children, young people and their parents and carers can access the early support they need when they need it. The Family hubs approach supports parents and carers of children and young people from conception up to the age of 19-years-old (25 for young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities).

Families can access support:

- Within their community in places they already visit that are part of our Start for Life and family hub network
- Virtually through online and digital platforms
- By visiting [a family hub site](#), and talking to a relevant professional or practitioner in person
- From another parent or carer, as we develop more volunteer peer support opportunities

The Norwich Family Hub is located at: Hunter Road, Norwich NR3 3PY. You can contact them via phone: 01603 303359 or request support online at: [Family Hub Online Form](#)

If you have immediate concerns about the safety of a child, please contact The Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADs) **0344 800 8020**

Friends of the Free School Norwich

Thank you to everyone that joined our last Friends meeting, an evening format seems to work well. The next Friends meeting will be taking place at 7 pm on Wednesday 1st May at [Cafe Bar Marzano](#) in The Forum. All welcome! We will be discussing our next fundraising activities and exciting fete plans! There is parking below The Forum.

As always we really appreciate your support. Whether it's buying from the bake sale, attending a meeting or running event, we can't do it without you.

Thank you to everyone who donated and bought a cake at our latest Bake Sale, we raised a whopping £103.70 for the playground fund!

Useful Dates:

Friday 5th April- Last day of Spring Term

Monday 22nd April- First day of Whitsun Term

Friday 26th April- Year 4 Swimming

Thursday 2nd May- Reception Multiskills (details to follow)

Wednesday 8th May- Class group photos

Thursday 9th May- Year 2 Multiskills (details to follow)

Kind regards,
Darren

Stars of the Week

EYFS

Last week's Star of the Week went to Lucas for improving his focus and being an amazing artist. This week it goes to Tommy for super progress with learning to read and write.

Year 1

The Star of the Week for last week was Tami for her hard working and focused attitude to her learning. This week it goes to Linus for excellent imaginative ideas during poetry writing and for his fantastic focus and well thought out contributions during carpet sessions.

Year 2

Last week's Star of the Week went to Rose for having super week being kind and helpful to all members of her class and working very hard with her reading! This week it is Phoebe for super energy and ideas when working on her report about a mystical creature.

Year 3

Star of the week last week went to Eli for increasing his independence and always contributing to class discussions. This week it is Valentina for always displaying a positive attitude, working hard and being inquisitive.

Year 4

Star of the Week for last week was Willow for not only giving everything a go at Eaton Vale but also being a wonderful cheerleader to others and a supportive and positive person. This week it goes to Beatrix for sharing her thoughtful ideas in RE and inspiring the whole class in a performance piece.

Year 5

Last week, Star of the Week went to Aarav for creating an impressive PowerPoint all about Holi and delivering his presentation to his peers. This week it goes to Summer for going the extra mile in developing her ukulele skills.

Year 6

Last week's Star of the Week went to Madison for always being inquisitive about her learning. This week it goes to Aditi for her fantastic assessment results.

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