

HEADTEACHER'S COLUMN

Welcome back to Rabbit Class and welcome properly to Squirrel Class.

As we begin this autumn term and our 2nd year of opening we can reflect on the previous year and know that every year we will continue to grow and improve. There are still challenges being faced with our school not quite as we had hoped, but as a community we know we are strong and ready to rise to these different circumstances we find ourselves in.

As always, we will be keeping in regular weekly contact via these newsletters and via texts for urgent communications. We have our standard Home-School agreement that sets out expectations of us all and that everyone has signed already, however we also have our Covid-19 home-school agreement. This is based on our expectations that all of our community uphold the government guidance to keep us all safe. It is important that we all work together this term to ensure we are doing all we can to reduce the risk of infection and support each other through, what could be, a very tricky few months. There will be expectations on families to isolate when asked, get tests done asap and have excellent hand hygiene.

No-one knows what will happen as we move into flu season and the winter months, but we have various plans in place and will keep you up to date.

To allow us to be able to communicate as effectively as possible and to ensure everyone's safety, you will receive a print out of the details we hold for you on our system. Please can we ask that you check these details thoroughly. It is easy to make mistakes, either from when it was originally written as we do this on home visits (and we know we are distracting) or when being typed into the computer. One digit or one letter can make such a difference as it would stop all emails or texts coming through. We also by law need at least 2 emergency contacts that are not parent details, so again please check these carefully. Once you have looked through, please sign and date the sheet and hand it back to us. If there are corrections needed, please write these onto the sheet so we can change our records on our computer.

Please find attached our copy of our school presentation that all parents have the opportunity of seeing when starting our school.

Don't forget that there is a budget from the government that supports children which gives £1300 per child per year to schools if you qualify. This pot of money is called Pupil Premium and needs to be registered before October half term to ensure the school get the money in the budget. This is also referred to as Free School Meal money. This is slightly confusing as all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals. This is called Universal Free School Meals (UFSM). Once a child has been registered for Pupil Premium then they are entitled to free school meals beyond Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It also means that during lockdown we were able to provide school meal vouchers for £15 per week to our families to support them. Please check to see if you qualify as the money is there to support your child. The form is also attached below and we can support you with completing it if you want to come to our school office.

Reading books last term were not allowed to be sent home for safety reasons, we are really pleased to say that this term we are able to make reading a priority again and have books at home. To make this as safe as possible our plan is to have children keep their reading record at home and for this to be filled in daily by families. Pictures of this can then be uploaded to Tapestry to share with us in school and see what is being read at home. Our reading records are set up to show reading Monday – Friday and have lots of key information in them to support such as phonics and spellings along with ideas of how to read with your child. Please note the different types of reading being done as it could be recipes, comics, newspapers, cards, game instructions etc. We will keep a record of reading at school and this will be based on our decodable scribed books from Bug Club and Collins. The only way we can safely make this work is to have books go home for a week. This will mean that on a Friday we ask that you bring your child's book back to school and place it in our book box at drop off and pick up points. These books will then be left for 72 hours before we place them back in our library for reuse. Children will be given a book to take home on a Friday that matches their reading age and also a chance to take a book that interests them from our library. We will send reminders about books coming back, but if you remember that every Friday will be book swap days then it will really help us manage this process.

Hopefully, everyone has received the texts about the start times and pick up times for their child. We have done this to make it as safe as possible for adults entering and exiting the site. Can we remember that it is just one adult per child on our site at the moment. Again this is for safety reasons. Unfortunately, we are now asking parents to not use the carpark unless they are dropping off for Breakfast Club or picking up for After-School Club. We also ask that you are respectful of our local residents and park safely around the school not blocking drives or on corners or roads. We want to have a good relationship with our neighbours and we want to keep our children as safe as possible so please also do not park directly opposite the school or on the yellow lines. We really appreciate your support with this and hope that as we are a school for our local community that most people walk to and from our school.

There are so many things to look forward to this academic year and our yearly planner shows our overview of what we hope will be possible. Please make a note of the dates and let us hope that all the lovely things planned can happen for our children.

If you have any suggestions or ideas moving forward to help us allow our school to flourish, then please get in touch by email or phone.

Kind regards,

Mrs Kelly Stokes, Headteacher



A warm welcome to the WHFP team...



Ms Brumpton joins us as a Midday and After School Supervisor.

Her favourite colour is lilac, she has a pet parrot called Elliot (among other pets) and she enjoys going to the gym and long dog walks.

Welcome to the WHFP team

Ms Brumpton!

Mrs Johnson joins us as a Reception Teaching Assistant.

Her favourite colour is blue, she has two cats, guinea pigs and fish and she loves all outdoor activities, particularly walking.

Welcome to the WHFP team

Mrs Johnson



Miss Rawlings joins us as a Year 1 Class Teacher.

Her favourite colour is green, she has two hamsters, her favourite film is The Little Mermaid and she has a black belt in Karate.

Welcome to the WHFP team Miss Rawlings



There is a new webpage www.norfolk.gov.uk/backtoschool with lots of useful information and advice for parents. It includes information on school transport; test and trace; attendance; starting school and emotional wellbeing and transition support.

The Norfolk Safeguarding Children Partnership have also created a return to school video

‘Return to School’ Video—#RTSnorfolk

The locally created film has been designed with young people to answer their specific questions, worries and concerns about returning to school. With the help of local teachers and Norfolk Safeguarding Children Partnership, the video gives practical, honest advice in a colourful and easy to understand format. The video is available online:

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/return-to-school>



Birthdays

Happy birthday to Finnlee, Jodie & Mia who celebrated birthdays last week. There are no birthdays this week

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Rainbow awards

Each week you'll see here the names of the children who achieve our Rainbow award for excellent behaviours.



SAFEGUARDING

Please wash hands regularly

Attendance

Our weekly attendance will be displayed here. Our target is 97%