



Newsletter No: 10

9th February 2024

Weekly Merit Certificates

Butterflies: Atene Fireflies: Archie H & Rocco
Dragonflies: Gracie & Edward Ladybirds: Brody & Sophia

Dear Families,

This week children have talked about Safer Internet Day. In all our schools we are seeing an increasing number of behaviour concerns at school which are linked to their online interactions. These are not limited to one form of communication but include: whats app, VR headsets and fortnite.

Next week all three schools are being visited by our community police officer to talk to our older children about online safety in more detail. We are keen to work with you so if you have concerns please let us know.

Each of our schools now have their house teams up and running. They are all very much enjoying earning house tokens for their team. At the end of each half term, the house with the largest number of tokens wins a team reward. The house captains decided it was difficult to settle on one reward so we would like to introduce a 'Winners Wheel' Something like this:

We are hoping there are some parents out there that may be able to make these for us, or know someone who can.

Just let the office know if you can help us.

Thanks

Mrs Arrowsmith



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Next week....

Monday ~ WNSSP Tag Rugby Festival for Selected Year 5 & 6 Children.

Tuesday ~ Dragonflies Swimming.

Wednesday ~ Safer Internet Talks by Police for Ladybirds.

Wednesday ~ Friends of the School Valentine Disco's.

Thursday ~ 3.30pm Residential Meeting for Parents or 5.30pm at Wimbotsham

Rudolph Run

Ladies from The Norfolk Hospice Tapping House Charity came and joined us for our assembly today to receive the sponsor money we collected from the Rudolph Run. They were amazed at the fabulous amount we had raised for their charity, which was a grand total of **£829.50**.

Thank you to all who helped us support this local charity.



Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip

Ladybirds ~ Please continue making payments via ParentPay for this trip if you have not yet paid in full. If you have any questions or issues about payments, please contact the school office.

Don't forget to join us at the information meeting on Thursday 15th February at 3.30pm or 5.30pm at Wimbotsham.

Menu Dessert Change

Please remember that we have a dessert change on Tuesday 13th February. We will be having pancakes and chocolate sauce. Please note these are not suitable for dairy free children. Thank you.



Friends of the School Valentine Disco

The next Friends of the School Event will be the Valentine Disco on Wednesday 14th February. Please book and pay via ParentPay if your child wishes to attend.

The cost is £2.00 per child and does include free unlimited squash. There will also be various tuck shop snacks (including fruit) available priced between 30p and £1.00. Preschool, EYFS and KS1 ~ 3.15pm to 4.15pm, please bring disco clothes in a named bag. KS2 ~ 4.30pm to 5.30pm.



Lost Property

Please can you check the box we put on the front playground each morning and afternoon for any lost property your child is missing. Thank you



Afterschool Clubs



We are looking to increase the number of After School Clubs we will be putting on each week which run alongside our childcare offer.

We used to have a full range of clubs and we know how much many of the children enjoyed engaging with them.

We are always looking for passionate people to share their enthusiasm with our children and show them a new skill. If you know of anyone / local companies who may be able to run a club at our school (after necessary safeguarding checks) then please let the school office know. Thank you.

Year 6 SAT Breakfast Booster Sessions at St Germans



Year 6 SATs Breakfast Booster sessions will be starting next week.

They will run every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning from 8.10am until 8.45pm and will be held every week until SATs. A letter has been given to your child today with all the information on it. Mrs Brown is looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday for the first SATs Booster session!

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed and you feel you may be entitled to Free School Meals please apply online on www.norfolk.gov.uk/neo If you are unable to apply online, please call the school office for assistance.

All applications are confidential, but please let the school office know that you have applied so they can check on the progress of your application.



School Appearance

As a school we really value setting high expectations in everything we do. We are very proud of how all of the children conduct themselves and the pride they take. We would like to remind everyone of the correct uniform to be worn at school by children:

- Royal Blue School Sweatshirt / Cardigan/Fleece
- White Shirt/Blouse/Polo Shirt
- Grey Trousers/Skirt
- Sensible Shoes (NO trainers or platform heels)
- Hairbands & Earrings small and simple. NO BIG BOWS OR HAIRBANDS PLEASE
- Long hair to be tied back to reduce the risk of headlice spreading.



Thank you for your help in this matter.



Outstanding Monies

Please could all outstanding monies be paid. Please can we also remind you to make payment when booking your child's lunch, childcare or breakfast club. It is taking the school office an increasing amount of time to reconcile the weekly banking because of this issue. If you are having trouble paying, please speak to the office or Toni Clarkstone as they will be happy to set up a payment plan for you. Thank you.

Reminder

A quick reminder that children should not be wearing jewellery to school apart from stud earrings. It is important that children are able to remove these themselves during P.E. We also ask that children do not come to school wearing any form of make-up including eye liner and lip gloss. Thank you.

Parking

Please can we remind parents that you should **not** be parking on or opposite the yellow zigzag lines outside the school.
Thank you.



Class Dojo

Class Dojo is a great way for us to communicate with parents and carers and share all the amazing learning that is going on in school. Teachers can share up and coming events, homework activities and class reminders.



If, as a parent/carer, you have a concern about your child(ren) and would like a meeting with the class teacher, headteacher or SENDCo, please email or call the school office. Class DoJo is not the platform to message any concerns or to organise meetings.

The expectation is that teachers or school staff will reply to messages between 8.30am and 4.30pm; this is to ensure consistency of communication and staff wellbeing. Many thanks for your continued support.

Friends of the School Easter Table Top Event

We are having an Easter Table Top Sale on Friday 22nd March after school. If you would like to have a table at this event to sell your secondhand items please book via the school office, the cost will be £5.00 for a table. There will also be an Easter Raffle, secondhand uniform for sale along with refreshments at the event. There will be a limited amount of tables available to book so they will be on a first come first served basis. Thank you for supporting the Friends of the School.

Office Holiday Telephone Messages, Class Dojo Messages and Emails

Please be aware over the school holidays our answer machine does not let us listen to any messages you leave. Any messages, or emails sent to the office will be actioned when the office staff return to work after the break. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Dragonflies Swimming Spring Term on Tuesday mornings.

February

Mon 12th ~ WNSSP Tag Rugby (Event postponed from Autumn Term)

Wed 14th ~ Friends of the School Valentine Disco's

Thurs 15th ~ Residential Information Meeting 3.30pm at St Germans
or 5.30pm at Wimbotsham

Fri 16th ~ Break up for Half Term

Mon 26th ~ Back to School

March

Thurs 7th ~ World Book Day Lunch

Thurs 14th ~ WNSSP Netball Bee Festival for Selected Year 3 and 4 children

Fri 22nd ~ FOS Easter Event – more information to follow.

Mon 25th to Wed 27th ~ Residential Trip for Ladybirds Class

Tues 26th ~ Last week of Swimming for Dragonflies

Thurs 28th ~ Break up for Easter Holidays

April

Mon 15th ~ Back to School

Thurs 25th ~ Pret A Portrait ~ Class Photographs

Mon 29th ~ WNSSP Tri-golf Festival for selected Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4 children

May

Wed 1st ~ Nursing Team to see Reception Children and Year 6

Fri 3rd ~ Crucial Crew Event for Year 6

Tues 7th ~ WNSSP Girls Tag Rugby Event – Information to follow.

Tues 14th ~ Dragonflies Trip – Information to follow.

June

Mon 17th ~ Bikeability Session for Year 6 children who have pre-booked

Tues 18th ~ Dance Festival for Fireflies Class – Information to follow.

Wed 19th ~ Year 6 Leavers trip to London

Tues 25th WNSSP Area Sports Event for Selected KS2 – Information to follow