



We share, care and learn together - Jan 2023

Dear Parents/carers,

I hope you have received recent communications including the class Curriculum Maps detailing the learning coverage for this term. This week across the school, we are focussing on the NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe programme. A letter with details of resources for parents was shared last week. The older children have a workshop later this week.

You will of course have received a letter from the Chair of Governors describing my departure at the end of this summer. It is a privilege to work with children, seeing them grow academically and emotionally. I will miss the excitement of new learning and special days, as well as the great conversations I have with your children, especially in RE and Forest Schools. However, it will be time for a new challenge and I'm sure Governors will keep you informed with regards to recruitment. In case you don't know, Dr Norman Kelly, our Chair, suffered a heart attack before Christmas but he is doing very well. You may see him walking around the village rather than cycling! Norman is an amazing Chair of Governors and does so much for the school. We wish him a swift return to full health.

I'm pleased to report that Mrs Bray will be back with us in the summer term, further details to follow in due course.

I will over the next week or two update you on the subject of increases to the cost of school meals. We have held off in the last two years, bearing the increases ourselves, but Vertas, who supply our school lunches are applying a significant increase this spring. We will have no alternative but to pass on some of these additional costs. Local schools are agreeing what that might be.

Teacher Strike Action - an update on what is happening will be shared as soon as it becomes clear.

Workshop for parents - I have organised for the West Suffolk Mental Health Support team to come to school on the 24<sup>th</sup> Jan', for 1 hour, at 6pm to deliver a workshop 'Supporting children's worries and anxieties'. If you could please confirm if you are able to come along by email. Thank you.

Trip to see Matilda the stage show, in London. We are short on numbers for this trip and so I would like to open this up to Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. Spaces will be limited and the cost will be around £65 including travel and ticket. Again get in touch if this is of interest.

Please see key dates on the following page.

Best wishes, Mrs Harkin

## Key dates

9<sup>th</sup> Jan NSPCC assembly Speak Out Stay Safe

13<sup>th</sup> NSPCC visits - Birch Class workshop

20<sup>th</sup> Jan Health Screening of Reception children - Nursing Team

24<sup>th</sup> Jan' 6- 7PM Parent workshop Delivered by the Mental Health Support Team, on 'Supporting children's worries and anxieties '

3<sup>rd</sup> Feb FOCSA Break the Rules Day

7<sup>th</sup> Feb Safer Internet day

13<sup>th</sup> Feb' Half term

20<sup>th</sup> /21<sup>st</sup> Feb' Parent Evening Times tbc

2<sup>nd</sup> March World Book Day

8<sup>th</sup> March Wellbeing Day

10<sup>th</sup> March 9am Lime Class assembly (parents invited)

10<sup>th</sup> March FOCSA Dress Down for Chocolate

17<sup>th</sup> March 9am Birch Class Assembly (parents invited)

24<sup>TH</sup> 9am Willow Class Assembly (parents invited)

24<sup>th</sup> March 6PM FOCSA Chocolate Bingo

31<sup>st</sup> March last day of term

17<sup>th</sup> April - Summer term