



We share, care and learn together - Feb' 2023

Dear Parents/carers,

Thank you for your support with our **Break the Rules Day** last week. The children enjoyed changing their names, styling their hair and wearing make-up etc! The day raised £138 for FOCSA. Thank you to those who donated.

**Some extra WOWs** to mention this half term- I have been really impressed with Year 4 spelling- impressive results these past few weeks running!

Lilly in Year 6 has gained a place in the Eastern Region tumble squad, an amazing achievement plus Lilly has been picked for the Suffolk Squad! What a talented young lady, focussed and determined.

I have enjoyed hearing about some impressive comments from the children in assemblies, Letia Fred and Jemma really wowed me on the subject of environmental change and how we have a responsibility to look after nature! School Council have challenged the Parish Council about littering in the car park and rubbish that blows into our school. They will be helping the village with a litter pick next month.

**Learning Powers** - We have been challenging the children to think about how they can motivate themselves, engage in, and improve their learning. We call this metacognition. We will want Parents to help with this at home, when supporting reading and homework. Rather than giving your child an answer, can they solve the problem they have? What strategies can they call on at home? We talk about our Learning Power animals. Kelly the Koala - she asks questions, thinks of possible reasons, is curious, creative. Emily the Elephant - she manages distractions, concentrates, focuses on one thing at a time, breaking things into smaller steps. Albert the Armadillo is resilient, excited to try new things, does not worry if it goes wrong. Sadie the Squirrel listens to others co-operates, is tolerant, explains things to help others. The monkeys Martin and Malvin focus on self-improving, tries to be better than last time, does not compare themselves to anybody else. We will be sharing a summary sheet with you at Parent Evening too. Don't forget to sign up for Parents evenings which are immediately after half term.

We have a **vacancy** for a Mid-Day Supervisor on a Friday a lunchtime still. Please get in touch if you would like further information.

**Special Days and new Key dates-** please see the reverse. **World Book day** (dressing up encouraged) is coming up soon and we would like to invite **Lime Class Parents** to join us for a reading cafe. This will be a chance to share books with your child in a relaxed setting as well as join your child in some special World Book Day activities. There will also be a chance to borrow books from Lavenham Library as Theresa, the library manager will be at the reading cafe. If your child already has a library card, do bring it/send it in with them on the day. Alternatively you can register online <https://suffolk.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/BRWREG> and your library card will arrive in the post!

Please note that it is anticipated that **school lunches** will be going up to £2.50 a meal as from the 1<sup>st</sup> April. The increase in costs has been passed on to us by our catering supplier but it is being challenged at present.

Best wishes,

Mrs Harkin

## Key dates

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

20<sup>th</sup> /21<sup>st</sup> Feb' Parent Evenings

24<sup>th</sup> Feb – Police visitor!

28<sup>th</sup> Spirituality Day

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

3<sup>rd</sup> March School Council litter pick

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)

18/19<sup>th</sup> March Cockfield Village litter pick

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

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

29<sup>th</sup> March 10.15an Easter Church Service- all welcome

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

17<sup>th</sup> April – Summer term starts

17<sup>th</sup> April Sports Champion Visitor

20<sup>th</sup> April Willow Class Farm Fair trip

*1<sup>st</sup> May Bank holiday, 8<sup>th</sup> May Bank holiday, Half term w/c 29<sup>th</sup> May, PD Day 5<sup>th</sup> June, last day 21<sup>st</sup> July*