



## Aslacton Primary School - Newsletter Friday 17th July 2020

### This term our Core Value is: Caring

Welcome to our final newsletter of the year. Please note the school year ends on Tuesday 21st July at 3.15pm

#### A message from Mrs Haines

As the summer holidays approach, school is a hive of activity with arrangements to say goodbye to our children as well as, preparing to welcome all the children back in September. Over the past 5 months we have all experienced a new and restrictive way of life but our role in school has been central to our community crisis planning and provision. I have never been prouder of our role in society and of the way staff have gone above and beyond to keep in contact with our families and keep learning going. We want to thank all the adults out there who have delivered home learning at kitchen tables and living room floors and to the children for persevering with home learning even when motivation has been low and friends and peers not there to collaborate with.

To our Year 6 children who are moving on to pastures new, we wish you all the best on your new adventure and thank you for your support during their time here.

It is important over the summer for families to have a break from school to allow time for other activities, holidays or just relaxation. If your family are anxious about returning to school in September, please note we are anticipating mixed feelings on everybody's part and the first few days and weeks back at school have been planned to sensitively get the routines going again and support worries and concerns.

It will be as important as ever, that all children attend school from September, not only for their educational development but for their social and mental health. School is a safe place for our children and the place they socialise and develop their unique sense of self.

I will look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed, and raring to go. Have a great summer.

Kind Regards

Mrs Heather Haines

#### A message from Mrs Turk, Mrs Mundford, Miss Srokowski and Miss Knight

Thank you for all your hard work over the last 5 months. We have loved seeing what you have been up to at home and we can't wait to have you all back in school in September. Thank you for the kind cards and gifts we have received.

#### Parking outside the school

**Please park responsibly outside the school gates**, especially whilst we are using the emergency gate as access, **ensuring that you are not parking across any private properties and their driveways**. We have had several complaints from neighbours recently, particularly regarding pick up at the end of the day.

#### Returning in September

Please ensure you have read the letter sent by email last week outlining the measures we will have in place for September. If you have not received this please contact the office by lunchtime on Tuesday 21st at the latest.

#### Term dates for the year 2020-2021

**Autumn Term:** Monday 7th September - Friday 18th December

**October Half Term:** Thursday 22nd October - Friday 30th October

**Spring Term:** Monday 4th January - Friday 26th March

**February Half Term:** Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

**Summer Term:** Monday 12th April - Wednesday 21st July

**May Half Term:** Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

All dates include Inset days.  
School is closed on Bank Holidays that fall outside of the main school holidays.

#### Parent Readers, Family Friday, Cake Friday and Birthday Collective Worship

Unfortunately these will not be returning in September. We are hoping that we will be able to restart them later in the year when more restrictions are lifted.

We will celebrate birthdays in class with the children.

**SMILE:** We aspire to unlock the full potential of every pupil in a safe environment by Stimulating, Motivating, Inspiring Learning and Enjoyment

## Email Contact and DB Primary

Please keep an eye out for emails from the school over the summer in case we need to pass on further information. We will be keeping the class email addresses in September as a way of staff contacting you whilst we are unable to hold face to face meetings, but please note that these will not be checked over the summer holidays as the staff take a well deserved break. We will also be de-activating all DB Primary accounts over the summer holidays as we are unable to monitor their use.

## Attendance

From Monday 7th September, school attendance will be mandatory for all year groups unless your child has received an NHS shielding letter, which we would need to see evidence of.

Failure to attend school in September, unless your child is poorly, will be logged as unauthorised. If your child is absent for 10 consecutive days it will be reported to Norfolk County Council and a fixed penalty notice could be issued. It is also important that you bring your child to school on time as the office is unable to take late arrivals through to the classrooms to prevent bubbles being crossed. A reminder that the gates will be open from 8.45-9am to allow for a rolling start.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will start on Monday 14th September. Please contact the office for booking forms. Drop off for breakfast club will be at the hall doors and children will sit and socialise in their class bubbles.

## School Meals from September

The new menu from Norse is on the website for September. Please note that **these are the only options available each day for the time being** (there is not the usual wide range of sandwich fillings or a jacket option each day that we are used to). Children will need to know which option they are (preferably the name of the meal eg "pizza" or "lentil roast") and which sandwich filling from this list. These can be pre-ordered for Owls each week using the usual slips, or on the day for all classes as normal. **For the week beginning 7th September only the packed lunch options will be available.** Hot meals will recommence on 14th September. Children can continue to bring a home pack as normal if they wish.

## Owl Class Wendy House

Thank you to Shane for re-roofing and replacing the windows, to Sid for re-painting it, to the Friends for covering the cost of the paint and to Crown Paint Norwich for giving us a very generous discount on the paint. It looks fantastic and we can't wait to see children using it in September.

## Friends of Aslacton School

Thank you for all the hard work that the Friends have put into this year from supporting the cost of visitors and visits earlier in the year to the paint for the Wendy house. The date for the AGM will be agreed in September when we are more clear about restrictions in place.

Have a lovely Summer break, stay safe, keep to the restrictions and we will see you all on 7th September.

