



Aslacton Primary School - Newsletter Friday 16th July 2021

This term our Core Value is: Community

This year at Aslacton

Owl class highlights of the year have been making changes to our outside area, our forest school sessions with Mrs Gowing and visiting Africa Alive for our school trip. We have enjoyed finding out about different African animals, the lives of Henry Blogg and Grace Darling and how to grow and care for plants. We have also grown to love our Thursday morning mile runs followed by a piece of toast and have all managed to beat our first attempt at the number of laps. An unusual but exciting year of learning – well done everyone!

What a busy year we have had in Kestrel class! Our highlights include: our circus themed topic where we designed and made moving toy circus acts; learning about the life and works of Jane Goodall for International Women's Day, and most recently our study of the Amazon Rainforest. We all loved reading *The Wild Robot* and *The Wild Robot Escapes*; these stories have become firm favourites and have really captured our imaginations. Our Forest School days with Mrs Gowing have taught us important lessons about teamwork and have given us a great appreciation of nature. We have had a year of hard work, fun and making memories on our wonderful school trips!

Eagle's highlights of the year have been an amazing trip to Horstead, paddleboarding and canoeing in the sunshine and rebuilding friendships and time with Kestrel class. We have thoroughly enjoyed studying the botanical and structural artwork of Georgia O'Keeffe for International Women's Day. Eagles have expanded their historical knowledge of the Industrial Revolution. Thank you to all children for helping to clear the pond area and explore the mud kitchen on International Mud Day! A fantastic year of learning - well done to all!

Message from Mrs Lightbown

Dear Parents /Carers

As we approach the final week of this term and I approach my retirement I would just like to say a very fond farewell and thank you for all your kind wishes.

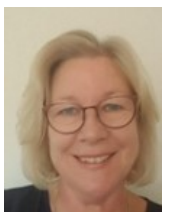
I have been extremely lucky to have enjoyed my career as a Headteacher of three of the Corvus Schools and in the latter years as the CEO/Trust Lead. The amazing people who have worked exceptionally hard behind the scenes in our schools have the very best interests of your children at heart and it has been a privilege to work alongside them. Together we have achieved so much.

I am going to miss the children and catching up with family news as they move on to the next stage of their education. It is unfortunate that I am ending my career during this very difficult time and I am unable to say goodbye to you all personally but I would like to wish you all the very best for the future.

Best wishes,

A. Lightbown

CEO/Trust Lead



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The end of the year

This will be our final newsletter of this academic year.

It has not been the year we had hoped for when we began in September but we have made the most of it nonetheless. Thank you to all the teaching and support staff who have worked so hard this year and thank you for your ongoing support as we have navigated restrictions, a second lockdown and the gradual easing.

Good luck to those who are leaving for the final time on Wednesday to begin their next adventure at High School, we know you will have a fantastic time and look forward to hearing of your successes in the future. We also wish Mrs Mundford well as she moves to our federated school to join the EYFS team there.

As term draws to a close we are saying goodbye to Mrs Cott as she leaves the staff team and to Mrs Lightbown as she begins her retirement after many years as headteacher, CEO and Trust Lead of Manor Field, Aslacton and Corvus. We wish her all the best and thank her for all she has done for the many children and families who have passed through the school under her leadership. The children will say their farewell to Mrs Lightbown on Wednesday.

We look forward to welcoming our new reception and all our returning children back to school on Monday 6th September, have a safe and wonderful break.

Cake Friday

The cake was won by Lexie.

Thank you to Katherine's Kitchen for this week's cake donation. £50 was raised this week—thank you to everyone who took part.

Look out for the return of our normal cake Friday later in September.

Attendance:

We take pride in attendance at our school. We will publish the attendance figures here for each class each week.

If your child is unwell and unable to be in school, please ensure that you phone and leave a message to inform us before 9.30am.

Absences not accounted for after this time will be recorded as unauthorised.

Whole school: 97%

Owl: 97%

Kestrel: 95%

Eagle: 98%

House Points

There were only 3 points between 1st and 2nd place. Well done Holkham!

	Holkham	Winterton	Brancaster	Mundesley
This week:	224	266	245	225
This term so far:	2098	2031	1920	2095

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Final Day Menu

A reminder that on Wednesday there is a different menu:

Beef Burger in a home-made roll or

Vegetable goujons in a home-made roll (V)

Served with chips, carrot and cucumber sticks and tomato sauce

Followed by shortbread biscuit and ice-cream.

Lunches

From September we will no longer be using Norse as our meal provider. We are partnering with Edwards and Blake who the Trust already have a successful working relationship with. Our meals will be cooked at Manor Field from September and brought over to us. We will also have a new menu which will be published before the start of the new year. Further information will be shared as soon as it is available.

Outstanding Monies

Please can all outstanding payments for lunches, and where possible the payments for next week's lunches be made on Monday morning to enable the end of year banking to be completed. If you have an outstanding breakfast club bill please can this be settled on Monday morning also.

Upcoming Dates:

End of the academic year:
Wednesday 21st July 2021 at 3.05
(Owl's gate opens) and 3.15
(Kestrel and Eagle).

Kestrel Forest Schools
19th July

Leaver's Service 21st July—by
invitation only

Start of 2021– 2022 academic
year:
6th September 2021

Headteacher's Award

Owl: Darcy for your super attitude to everything.

Kestrel: Amy for your fabulous throwing, catching and fielding during our rounder's lesson.

Eagle: Maya for maturity and helpfulness in the classroom. For fantastic confidence at 'tubing' for the first time! Well done Maya.

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Returning to school in September

With the lifting of legal restrictions on social distancing and contact, and the lifting of bubble requirements from the end of term we are looking to how we can return to a more 'normal' feel to the school day. Below is how we are planning on returning in September. This is of course subject to there being no new restrictions or rules, and we ask that as a school community that everyone works together as we get used to some sense of how life was before the pandemic as we still continue to live with the virus. We ask that you are careful about crowding together and respect the rights of those who wish to continue to wear masks on site.

Start and end of the day

The school day will start at 8.50am and end at 3.15pm for all children. Everyone will use the green gate to the right hand side of the school office to access the grounds. Kestrel and Eagle will return to waiting on the main playground. A bell will sound at the start of the day and the children will line up on the playground to be collected by their classroom staff. Owls will wait around the back of the school near to the outdoor area gate which will be opened when the bell rings.

At the end of the day parents will wait by the classrooms for children to be dismissed.

Uniform and PE kit

We will return to wearing full uniform and school shoes instead of trainers from September. PE kits will be sent home regularly for washing. Please ensure that PE kits contain trainers, jogging bottoms/leggings and a jumper as well as t-shirt and shorts all year round as PE will be inside and outside (trousers/leggings cannot be worn on indoor equipment for safety reasons). Please also remember spare socks!

Pencil cases

We will be providing all children with the necessary pens/pencils and equipment and ask that they do not bring pencil cases etc from home.

Family Friday and Learning Cafes

These will return... but not just yet. We need to get used to being a whole school of staff and pupils again before these activities can return, but we are looking forward to welcoming you all back into the building to share more fully in the life of our school once the time is right.

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