




Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome to the second half of the Spring term and to March! Last half term saw us make improvements to our drop off routines and also a new platform for our parent/teacher meetings. The majority of feedback so far has been very positive for both! Alongside this newsletter, I am thrilled to be sharing with you today our new Vision and Values. These shape and inform all our decisions and guide us toward our ultimate goal. Also in this newsletter, please read on to find what might be a last Covid-19 update and a Save the Date for our Jubilee celebration!

Ms Jordan

Covid-19 Update



I am hopeful that after a very long and very challenging two years, this may be the last time I write in this particular box! With all restrictions lifting, I would just to thank everyone for all of their support and patience as we have travelled this journey together. Coronavirus has not gone. Where necessary, we will follow the advice of the local government to help to keep everyone safe. Please continue to be alert to symptoms and keep your child at home if they are unwell. More information is available here: [COVID-19 Response: Living with COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19) Schools are expecting further advice soon, but it is likely that Covid-19 will be seen in a similar way to other infectious illness such as sickness or chicken pox. We will keep you up to date with advice as we receive it. Thank you

Our Vision and Values



I am thrilled to be presenting to you our renewed Federation vision and values. The staff and governors have fully supported this direction and I am so proud to be leading our schools on such a strong, aspirational and exciting path.

Please read the separate document sent today that shares our vision in full and what this means.

I hope you are as inspired as we all are by our commitment to CARE.

NEW! Parents' Section!

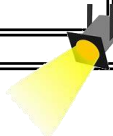


I would love to share your good news stories here!

If you have something positive you'd love to share about our schools or something you would like to celebrate or have recognised here, please email either school office.

Being grateful, acknowledging success and sharing happiness helps everybody's wellbeing and brings us closer together as a community!

A Spotlight on educate.against.hate: Talking about the news



The news can cause young people to become anxious and sometimes form stereotypes about others. However, fact-based, inquisitive discussions can provide opportunities to challenge scary misconceptions and reduce anxiety-provoking uncertainty. The educate.against.hate website has a very interesting blog and an excellent section for parents to find advice and guidance on supporting discussions with your children: [How to Help Students Talk About the News - Educate Against Hate](#)

Top tips include: establishing facts, exploring a range of diverse perspectives, being comfortable with not knowing an answer for everything and encouraging ideas to clash.

Active Canaries Health Month



We are thrilled to be taking part in Norwich City Football Club's latest initiative. Throughout March our children will attend four virtual assemblies focussing on four key areas of wellbeing. We hope to have a special lunch to link with eating well too!

- Wednesday 9th March: Eat Smart - with Tom Geeson-Brown (Norwich City FC first team nutritionist)
- Wednesday 16th March: Move Smart - with Glyn Lewis (Norwich City FC first team sports scientist)
- Wednesday 23rd March: Sleep Smart – with The Norfolk Feather Company (Norwich City FC partners)
- Wednesday 30th March: Give Smart - with Emma Fletcher-Dungay (Senior Fundraising & Events Manager) Norwich City Community Sports Foundation

Safeguarding



Safeguarding our children is the most important part of our roles – whatever that role is. Every member of our staff receives training in safeguarding every year and knows what to do to support our children and families.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leaders are: Ms Jordan, Mrs Payne, Miss Mattock,

Plus: Mrs Jackson and Mrs Betts – infants

And: Mrs Clarke and Ms Baker – juniors

Our governor responsible for safeguarding is: Mrs Thompson

Staffing Update



It is disappointing to share that our last round of clerical assistant interviews was not successful. We are now re-advertising and hope to be able to fill this post very soon. Continued thanks to those staff covering the role at present. Unfortunately, the infant office will be unmanned between 2pm and 4pm for slightly longer than we had hoped. Please accept our apologies for this inconvenience.

General Reminders

Please park considerately to our neighbours. Please also be reminded not to park on the yellow zigzag lines outside of either school. Please ensure your child has suitable warm clothing and all items are named. Please let us know if your details or circumstances have changed. Our schools are nut-free zones. Please do not include any items containing nuts in packed lunches. Special diets can be catered for by either kitchen. Please follow all COVID safety advice.

Thank you



Attendance



We have been reviewing how we support every child to have the best attendance possible. To ensure you have the most relevant information about your child's attendance and are able to support fully, we have decided to change our communication with you. A personal letter for every child whose attendance is below the national target of 90% will be sent in the coming weeks. We would appreciate your feedback on the new content and presentation of information in these letters.

Key Dates

3rd March – World Book Day

8th March – Year 3 and 4 Roman Day

11th March – Whole Federation Science and Computing day

18th March – Red Nose Day

4th – 19th April – Easter holiday. School reopens for children on Wednesday 20th April

SAVE THE DATE! The Queen's Jubilee family picnic: Friday 27th May

