

Friday 18th October 2019

Dear Parents and Families,

Weeting Primary School has been named the winner of the The Salvation Army's county-wide competition to encourage recycling in schools, as part of its Recycle with Michael initiative to divert thousands of tonnes of textiles away from landfill.

1,629 pupils from nine schools in Suffolk took part in the initiative, collectively donating a phenomenal 1.75 tonnes of unwanted clothes and shoes - close to the equivalent weight of four grand pianos! However, it was Weeting Primary School who won the county competition, with 0.51 tonnes being collected by its pupils - the largest donation of goods (calculated as the highest ratio of weight to pupils) of all the schools that took part across the region.

On Tuesday 8th October, the school received a very special visitor to present the trophy and certificate. The scheme's very own mascot Michael turned up to meet with pupils and hand the award to Assistant Headteacher, Jacqui Hardie and the School Council.



Designed specifically for primary school-aged children, the programme is an important way for schools to generate much-needed funds as well as supporting The Salvation Army's work to helping vulnerable people from all walks of life in communities across the UK.

Kirk Bradley, Head of Corporate Partnerships at Salvation Army Trading Company Ltd, commented: "We're delighted to name the pupils from the Weeting Primary School our 'Recycle with Michael' champions. We were overwhelmed by the school's response to the campaign and the dedication of

pupils and staff in promoting and acting on the recycling message. Our van was full to the brim on collection day thanks to all the donations. In fact, participation in the competition across the whole of Suffolk has been amazing. We hope this is the start of a determined drive to give unwanted items a new lease of life – turning clothes, shoes and textiles into funds for local schools as well as for our charitable work".

The Norman School - Owls Class

Early snow was seen in Owls Class at Norman school this week. Although on this occasion it wasn't falling from the sky. Instant Snow was used to explore absorbency in our latest Science experiment! Pupils measured how much water it took to turn the Instant Snow powder into fluffy white flakes. They compared volume before and after, and discovered that materials similar to Instant Snow are used in the linings of nappies to keep babies' bottoms dry!



Big Soup Share

Weeting's Chestnut Class have taken part in the Royal Horticultural Society's "The Big Soup Share". After reading the story "Pumpkin Soup" the children used potatoes, carrots, pumpkins and butternut squash to create their own soup.

The event provided the children with the opportunity to share their delicious soup with their families, and Mr Rhodes!

Everyone who attended were impressed with how delicious the soup was and several families asked for a copy of the recipe. Families very kindly made donations and the children will be using these to buy more plants for their garden area.



Cross Country Event

Well done to those children who took part in this week's cross country event at Hockwold Hall. All children showed great resilience running through wet and muddy conditions.

Congratulations go to the following children who progress to the next round: from The Norman Alfie & Bleu, from Duchy Sophie & Scarlett and from Weeting Ruby, Tilly & Lincoln. Many thanks to the parents who go to these events to support without your help we wouldn't be able to give the children the opportunity to compete in these events.

Attendance

There are 190 days in the school year which leaves 175 non-school days for family time including visits and holidays. We are noticing a small number of pupils who are coming into school consistently late.

It may not seem much to you but being 5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 days lost each year, 10 minutes adds up to 6 days lost each year, 15 minutes adds up to 10 days lost each year, 20 minutes adds up to 13 days lost each year and being 30 minutes late each day adds up to 19 days lost each year. Being on time means not missing out!

This week the following classes won their school's Attendance Award.

As always thank you parents for your help supporting school and helping us improve attendance across the Trinity Partnership.

The Norman CE Primary School	Owl Class with 98.61%
Duchy of Lancaster CE Primary School	Hedgehog Class with 97.32%
Weeting CE Primary School	Oak Class with 97.78%

Yours sincerely



Mr Owen Rhodes
Executive Head Teacher



Diary Dates

Friday 18th October
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Wednesday 6th November
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Wk commencing 11th November
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Wednesday 14th November

Thursday 21st November

Thursday 28th November

Friday 29th November

Wk commencing 9th December

Wk commencing 9th December

Monday 9th December

Tuesday 10th December

Wednesday 11th December

Monday 16th December

Monday 16th December

Friday 10th January

Thursday 23rd January

Wk commencing 9th March

Wk commencing 9th March

Monday 30th March

Wednesday 1st April

Tuesday April 21st

Thursday 23rd April

Monday 4th May

Thursday 21st May

Wednesday 1st April

Friday 8th May

Wk commencing 11th May

Thursday 2nd July

Monday 6th- Wednesday 8th July

Friday 10th July

Monday 13th July

Tuesday 14th July

Wednesday 15th July

Duchy- blue Norman- red Weeting- green

Presentation Assembly 2.15 pm – all welcome

PTFA Halloween Disco - KS1 6-7pm/KS2 7-8pm

Friends of Weeting autumn fancy dress disco - KS1 5.45pm - 7pm/
KS2 7.15pm - 8.30pm

Norfolk Wildlife Trust Day

Fox class EDP First Class Photo

Parents evenings, specific days and times to be confirmed

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Flu immunisations (whole school)

Reception height & weight screening checks

KS1 Decoration Morning - Parents/Carers welcome

Christmas productions, specific days and times to be confirmed

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Christmas production - dress rehearsal

Christmas production - afternoon performance

Christmas production - evening performance

Carol service @ St Andrew's Church, more details to follow

Carol service, more details to follow

Swimming starts for years 5 & 6, more details to follow

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Easter Service at St George's Church more details to follow

Easter church service @ St Andrew's Church, more details to follow

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May Day celebrations on Fendick Field in the afternoon

Whole school sponsored walk, more details to follow

Easter service, more details to follow

Bank holiday, school closed - 75th Anniversary VE Day

SATs week

Sports day

Kingswood residential trip for year 6's

Sports day

KS2 Performance - Dress Rehearsal

KS2 Performance 1.30pm parents/carers welcome

KS2 Performance 6.30pm parents/carers welcome



Term Dates 2019/2020

Staff INSET days - 2/3rd September 2019, 3rd January 2020, 2nd April 2020

Autumn term

Wednesday 4th September - Friday 18th October 2019

Half-term holiday: Monday 21st - Friday 25th October 2019

Monday 28th October - Wednesday 18th December 2019

Christmas holiday: Thursday 19th December - Friday 3rd January 2020

Spring term

Monday 6th January - Friday 14th February 2020

Half-term holiday: Monday 17th - Friday 21st February 2020

Monday 24th February - Wednesday 1st April 2020

Easter holiday: Thursday 2nd - Friday 17th April 2020

Summer term

Monday 20th April - Friday 22nd May 2020 (Friday 8 May is a Bank Holiday)

Half-term holiday: Monday 25th - Friday 29th May 2020

Monday 1st June - Tuesday 21st July 2020

Summer holiday: Wednesday 22nd July - Friday 4th September 2020

Reminders

Please make sure you are registered on Pupil Asset so you can book and pay (where applicable) for your child's dinners. Don't forget that children in reception up to, and including, year 2 are eligible for universal free school meals. These can be ordered via Pupil Asset as with all school dinners. If you are having any problems with Pupil Asset please talk to your school's secretary.

To prevent the spread of head lice in our schools please check your child's hair regularly and make sure that long hair is tied back.

For safeguarding reasons, we ask that if your child is not attending school that you call the school and leave a message. You should please state your child's name, class and the reason for their absence.

The email addresses have changed for the school offices they are now as follows: norman@trinitypartnership.norfolk.sch.uk, duchy@trinitypartnership.norfolk.sch.uk & weeting@trinitypartnership.norfolk.sch.uk.