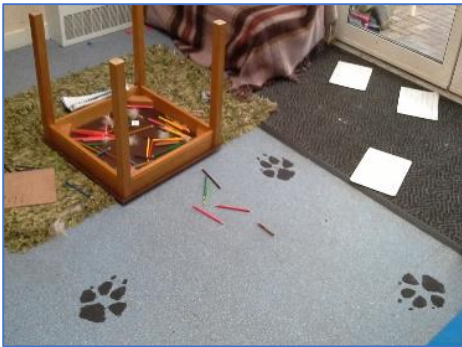




Friday 28th February 2020

Dear Parents and Families,



This week at The Norman, Robins Class has had a mystery visitor. When the children arrived back from half term footprints, fur and scratch marks had appeared on the fence. Two days later it returned leaving bricks, sticks and straw and a note! The children are still not 100% sure what it was but we have written lots of possible creatures and had lots of discussions about why it could not be a polar bear or an arctic wolf to name a few suggestions. This has led us to talk about different continents and climates.

Robins Class also learnt about Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday by using instructions to cut our pancakes into halves and quarters and decorated each half or quarter with a different filling. The children even started to explore equivalent fractions, recognizing that a half is the same as two quarters. We ended the day sharing pancake races with Wren Class. They also had Ash marked on our foreheads in our Ash Wednesday assembly to mark the start of Lent.



Foxes Class at Duchy of Lancaster have been also been learning why we celebrate Shrove Tuesday by making their own pancakes and choosing their own toppings.

At Weeting, the children in Beech class have cooked their own pancakes, tasted real Canadian maple syrup, and written their own recipes for making pancakes using imperative (bossy) verbs at the beginning of sentences, such as mix, stir or put.

At The Norman and Weeting schools, the children learnt about



Lent with a play performed by the pupils. They celebrated the start of Lent with a special assembly led by Reverend Joan Horan on Monday. Mother Joan visited the schools again on Ash Wednesday to place ash crosses on the foreheads of some of the children and staff.



Attendance

We are aware that sometimes an emergency medical appointment cannot be avoided but we do ask that any routine medical appointments are made after school or in the school holidays.

There are 190 days in the school year which leaves 175 non-school days for family time including visits and holidays. Every school day counts! We have been noticing a small number of pupils who are coming into school consistently late. Please be aware that as well leading to lost learning time, being late can be a disruptive way for children to start their school day.

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

The Norman CE Primary School	Starlings Class with 98.85%
Duchy of Lancaster CE Primary School	Hedgehog & Badger Classes 99.26%
Weeting CE Primary School	Elm Class with 99.67%

I hope you all enjoy your half term break.

Yours sincerely



Mr Owen Rhodes
Executive Head Teacher

Reminders

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.

For the safety of the children, yourselves and also our neighbours can we please ask that when you drop off, pick up or visit any of our schools that you park safely and avoid parking too close to the school gates. Please also park with consideration to our neighbours around all schools.

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.

Please ensure that any cash brought in to school is sealed in an envelope with the child's name, class & purpose of the money (e.g dinner money) this should be deposited into the drop box located in the school foyer. Letters and slips do not need to be in an envelope unless they are accompanied by a form of payment.



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Diary Dates

Duchy- blue Norman- red Weeting- green

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day please come dressed as your favourite book character

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Monday 9th March

Parents evenings - Letters to follow

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Wk commencing 9th March

Parents evenings, specific days and times to be confirmed

Wednesday 11th March

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Friday 20th March

Beech Class bake sale

Monday 30th March

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

Tuesday 31st March

Easter Service @ 9:00 am - All parents welcome

Tuesday 31st March

Class Photo's

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Wednesday 1st April

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

Tuesday 21st April

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

Thursday 23rd April

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Monday 4th May

May Day celebrations on Fendick Field in the afternoon

Tuesday 5th May

Sleep East parent workshop - More details to follow

Thursday 21st May

Whole school sponsored walk, more details to follow

Friday 8th May

Bank holiday, school closed - 75th Anniversary VE Day – All Schools

Wk commencing 11th May

SATs week – All schools

Friday 22nd May

Chestnut Class bake sale

Thursday 2nd July

Sports day

Monday 6th- Wednesday 8th July

Kingswood residential trip for year 6's – All schools

Friday 10th July

Sports day

Monday 13th July

KS2 Performance - Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 14th July

KS2 Performance 1.30pm parents/carers welcome

Wednesday 15th July

KS2 Performance 6.30pm parents/carers welcome

Term Dates 2019/2020

Staff INSET day: 2nd April 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



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ASH WEDNESDAY

May your Ash Wednesday be a time
of reflection and promise.