

Friday 4th October 2019

Dear Parents and Families,

I was delighted to share Harvest Festival with the staff, children and families of Duchy of Lancaster school at St George's Church on Monday.



The children all made positive contributions to the service, including singing songs, reading poems and sharing their writing. I am grateful to the families for their impressive turnout, and generosity in food donations.

Parent Forum

We will soon be holding parent forums where you will have the opportunity to meet with myself and Christine Hague for coffee, a chat and you will be able to ask any questions you may have about school.

These informal gatherings will take place at 9-9:30 AM at: **The Norman on Wednesday 16th October**, **Duchy of Lancaster on Thursday 17th October** and **Weeting on Friday 18th October**.

NSPCC PANTS Lessons

We are pleased to announce that over the next few weeks all pupils across all three schools, will be taking part in the NSPCC PANTS lesson.

"From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides a simple but valuable lesson that can help keep a child safe: that their body belongs to them, they have a right to say no, and that they should tell an adult they trust if they're worried or upset." A letter will be sent home outlining the content of the lesson prior to the sessions. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Anna Fisher (Norman & Duchy) or Jacqui Hardie (Weeting).



'A cord of three strands is not easily broken' Ecclesiastes 4:12

'How Children Learn' Course

Wish you could get inside your child's head and help them become the best they can be? Starting on Tuesday 8th October this free 10 week course will give you the confidence, knowledge and skills to help your child learn anything and everything – without the battles. Places are still available and open to all parents across the Trinity of schools. Please call Duchy of Lancaster Primary School on 01366 728280 to book your place.

Governors

Although we are fortunate to have a team of enthusiastic governors, we would like to encourage parents to join our Local Governing Body. If you are interested, please contact our Chair of Governors, Jacqueline McCamphill, on 07811 112274.

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. Well done to you all especially **Elm Class at Weeting** who had a fantastic 100% attendance this week. Well done also to all the children at **The Norman** for 100% whole school attendance on Tuesday. As always thank you parents for your help supporting school and helping us improve attendance across the Trinity Partnership.

The Norman CE Primary School	Starlings Class with 98.81%
Duchy of Lancaster CE Primary School	Badgers Class with 99.21%
Weeting CE Primary School	Elm Class with 100%

Yours sincerely



Mr Owen Rhodes



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Diary Dates

Duchy- blue Norman- red Weeting- green

Tuesday 24 th September	After school football begins for 4 weeks
Friday 27 th September	After school dodgeball begins for 4 weeks
Friday 27 th September	School photographs
Monday 30 th September	Harvest Festival @ St George's Church, Methwold, 9.15 am
Friday 4 th October	Harvest festival church service @ St Andrew's Church, 10 am
Wednesday 9 th October	Flu immunisations (whole school)
Wednesday 16 th October	Norman Parent's Forum
Thursday 17 th October	Duchy's Parent's Forum
Thursday 17 th October	Height/Weight Screening Checks for year 6's
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Friday 18 th October	Weeting Parent's Forum
Friday 18 th October	Presentation Assembly – whole school – all welcome
Wednesday 6 th November	Norfolk Wildlife Trust Day
Wednesday 6 th November	Fox class EDP First Class Photo
Wk commencing 11 th November	Parents evenings, specific days and times to be confirmed
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Thursday 21 st November	Flu immunisations (whole school)
Thursday 28 th November	Reception height & weight screening checks
Friday 29 th November	KS1 Decoration Morning - Parents/Carers welcome
Wk commencing 9 th December	Christmas productions, specific days and times to be confirmed
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Monday 9 th December	Christmas production - dress rehearsal
Tuesday 10 th December	Christmas production - afternoon performance
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas production - evening performance
Monday 16 th December	Carol service @ St Andrew's Church, more details to follow
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Thursday 23 rd January	Reception height & weight screening checks
Wk commencing 9 th March	Parents evenings, specific days and times to be confirmed
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Monday 30 th March	Easter Service at St George's Church more details to follow
Wednesday 1 st April	Easter church service @ St Andrew's Church, more details to follow
Tuesday April 21 st	Swimming starts for Year 6's
Monday 4 th May	May Day celebrations on Fendick Field in the afternoon
Wednesday 1 st April	Easter service, more details to follow
Friday 8 th May	Bank holiday, school closed - 75th Anniversary VE Day
Wk commencing 11 th May	SATs week
Tuesday 7 th July	KS2 Performance 1.30pm parents/carers welcome
Wednesday 8 th July	KS2 Performance 6.30pm parents/carers welcome
Friday 10 th July	Sports day

Reminders

If you are having trouble with Pupil Asset, please seek advice from your school's reception. This is an important and valuable tool which the school uses to communicate with parents and also enables you to book & keep track of your child's lunches. Can we please ask that all school dinners are paid for before, or on the day, they are taken to reduce any dinner debts. We thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

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 any other school dinners, paid or otherwise.

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

Please ensure that your child is sent into school with a *healthy* snack for mid-morning break time to give them a boost through to lunchtime. Children in reception through to year 2 are provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable but after this children need to bring their own.



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Enjoying reading ✓
Counting, maths, number work ✓
Riding a bike ✓
and even ... Tidying their room ✓

9.15 AM – DUCHY OF LANCASTER CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
11.15 AM Hythe Road, Methwold, Thetford, Norfolk, IP26 4PP



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