Newsletter: Friday 19th September



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you in our first newsletter of the new academic year. The term is now in full swing, and the children are already making good progress as they engage with their learning and settle into their new classes.

I am very much looking forward to working in close partnership with you all to help your child achieve the best possible outcomes. A key part of this partnership is supporting your child at home with essential skills such as reading. I encourage you to take time to hear your child read or simply share stories together at least three times per week. Engaging in conversations about their learning at school also makes a big difference.

Another important factor in your child's success is good school attendance and punctuality. Please ensure your child arrives at school between 8:30 and 8:45 each morning. Arriving late can lead to a disrupted and unsettled start to the day.

As autumn is now upon us, please make sure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to school every day. We aim to make the most of opportunities to play and learn outdoors, whatever the weather.

This half term, a key focus across our schools is developing handwriting skills. You might like to ask your child to show you their progress—especially if they are working on perfecting joined cursive handwriting.

As you'll see in this newsletter, we have some exciting plans ahead for the term, including Harvest and Christmas events. It's certainly going to be a term to look forward to! We'll also be sharing information soon about upcoming 'Friends' events and activities. We are incredibly grateful to our teams of volunteers who make these possible and help raise funds for things like transport for school trips.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Warm regards,

Emma Bourner
Executive Head – Pathfinders Federation

Attendance: A reminder to parents as we start a new term that if your child is absent you must **call the school office** by the end of registers at 9 o' clock. Please do not email to report your child absent**.**

<u>This Week in Squirrels.</u>

The first full couple of weeks in Pre-School have flown by! We have welcomed back some of our children who were with us last term and can't believe how much they have grown over the summer break! We have also had the pleasure of welcoming our new children and their parents to the Squirrels Family. They have all settled so beautifully and we are really proud of how quickly they have become use to their new surroundings and how easily they are making new friends.

The children have been busy exploring a variety of activities this term. A firm favourite amongst all of them is the new home corner, where the children get to invite their friends for Afternoon Tea using a real china teapot and cups and saucers!





<u>This Week in Acorn</u>

In our first week of term the children were very welcoming to our new reception starts who have all settled in to Acorn class very quickly. Last week we explored the playing field at the village hall by looking for signs of Autumn.
This week the children have been learning about living things and habitats and we have looked at what things support life such as sunshine and oxygen and food.





This Week in Oak

Oak class have all settled in well to new routines and expectations. The children have squeezed in a lot of learning already. They have started their Science topic looking at how rocks are formed and what is static electricity and what causes it? They are enjoying the philosophical questions in RE with Miss Mitchell. They have had a great mature attitude to answering questions in this subject. The children are working hard on their handwriting and are enjoying our calm handwriting sessions in the afternoon.

The children are settling into their maths groups and are starting to follow the expectations. We are encouraging the children to use practical resources as much as they can at the moment to solidify their understanding and knowledge. We are also focusing on our reasoning skills and being able to explain how we got to the answer. This is an important skill to have as it embeds the children's knowledge. Thank you to all the parents and children that have been bringing in their homework. This is a great routine to get into and prepares them for further education.







Key Dates for your diary

As you may expect there are likely to be more dates added in the coming weeks but we will try to keep parents up to date with any changes to these and any new dates to be aware of.

Monday 22nd September-World food tour club starts 3:15-400
Tuesday 23rd September-Lego club starts 3:15-4:00
Thursday 25th September-Multi skills sport club starts 3:15-4:15

Tuesday 30th September-Acorn phonics information morning (more details to follow).

Wednesday 8th October-Friends of Northrepps AGM to be held at The Foundry Arms Northrepps from 5-6. All parents welcome to attend.

Tuesday 21st October-Parents Evening.

Thursday 23rd October-Harvest Festival church service with parents invited from 9 at Northrepps Church. Family learning activity of bulb planting in the churchyard to take place.

Friday 24th October-Break up for half term.

Monday 3rd November-First Day Back.

Tuesday 11th November-Remembrance Day (poppies/wristbands and accessories will be available to purchase from the school office on behalf of the RBL).

Thursday 20th November-Whole school flu vaccinations and Tempest school photos (sibling and individuals).

Friday 21st November- Children in Need (wear spots mufti)

Monday 15th December- Y6 & Reception height, weight, hearing and sight checks with school nurse.

Tuesday 16th December- School Nativity (TBC).

Thursday 18th December- Whole school trip to Sheringham little Theatre for Christmas pantomime.

Friday 19th December- Last day of Term

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