



Harling Herald

'Endeavour, Enjoy and Achieve Together'

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A New School Year

The children have all had a great start to the school year and have been working hard to impress their teachers. We would like to extend a special welcome to all of our new children and their families joining us this term; we hope that your time with us will be happy.

We would also like to welcome to our staff; Mrs Morris (Willow Class' new teacher) and Mrs Wills (Chestnut Class' new teacher); Mrs Bleyswyck who joins us as a Playworker in The Den and at lunchtimes; and Mrs Azevedo and Mrs Hurst who are our new cleaners.

Building Works

The builders were extremely busy over the summer holidays and with a big push at the end were able to finish all of the planned works to schedule. School staff worked really hard at the start of term to ensure that everything was back in it's place ready for the start of term. Both the girls' and boys' toilets in the Junior end of the school have been completely refurbished (and are looking really smart!), Maple and Oak's classrooms have been redecorated and have a new wall, door, carpets and windows. Four storage areas have been remodelled to create a spacious small group teaching space and two cupboards. The staff room has been remodelled along with the front office. These works pave the way for stage two of our building project which will hopefully commence at the end of the Spring term and will incorporate the rest of the school.

Information about our Special Educational Needs provision

Our school SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) information can be found under the 'About our school' tab on the school website. It explains our approach to including all children at East Harling Primary School and Nursery. To help us provide the best education we can, we would be grateful for parents thoughts and opinions about the report, along with any ideas that you may have. They could help us to improve the way we work as we endeavour to be a fully inclusive school that responds to our community. Please send any responses to Miss Blackburn in writing or via email to deputyhead@eastharling.norfolk.sch.uk

Current Attendance

Everyone has had a good start to the new school year and our current attendance rate is **98.6%**. Last year we were just below the national average at 95.8%, so we will be working hard to improve on this.



Special Achievements

Congratulations to Harry in Maple Class who has been selected to represent the Thetford Town Crier on a special trip to Poland.

We love to hear of the children's significant achievements outside of school, please let us know so that we can celebrate all the things that make the children at East Harling special.



School Play Equipment

Please could we remind all parents that children (of any age) are not allowed to play on the large play equipment on the Infant and Junior play-grounds before or after school.



Year 6's Adventures

Last week Chestnut Class were in the Lake District camping at the YMCA's national centre on the edge of Lake Windermere. Check out our school website to see what they got up to!



Start of the day

Please could we remind parents that if they have an urgent matter to discuss with their child's teacher at the start of the day, they should come to the school office (before 8.50am). Teachers can then come to speak to you privately or arrange a mutually convenient time to talk. Alternatively a message can be passed on via the adult on duty. We ask that parents do not come directly into classrooms before or at the start of the school day as teachers need to be available to greet all the children as they come in.

Harvest

Our assembly theme for the next two weeks is 'Harvest'. As in previous years, we will be joining East Harling church in collecting items to donate to the Thetford Foodbank. We would really appreciate it if every family could donate an item (or more if you feel able) for our collection. Next week we will be holding a special harvest assembly in school to say thank you for the harvest and all the wonderful food that we have to eat. Attached with this newsletter is a list of items that the Thetford Foodbank are collecting at this present time. The children can bring their items into class and they will then be able to add them to our display of harvest goods. Many thanks for your support.

Music lessons

Mrs Shaw, from the Norfolk Music Service, will continue to teach in school on a Wednesday to provide whole class instrumental lessons as part of our music curriculum for our junior classes. To build upon the skills that they have already developed, each class will be learning to play a different instrument this year; Chestnut Class (yr 6) will be learning to play the ukulele, Maple Class (yr 5) the flute, Oak class (yr 4) the clarinet and the children in Mulberry class (yr 3) will begin to learn to play the ocarina. The children will all be provided with a musical instrument, which once they are ready, they will be able to bring home to practice on. Please could parents make sure that instruments are in school on a Wednesday so that the children can make the most of these lessons.

Mrs Shaw is also available to provide small group and individual music lessons for anyone wishing to learn to play the clarinet, flute or saxophone and Mrs Levy is able to offer violin, cello or piano lessons. We are able to offer these lessons at a significantly reduced price this year, funded by the Music Service Hub, please return the slip on the separate letter sent home to the office as soon as possible.

Safeguarding children

As a school we have a statutory duty to safeguard the well-being of all of our children. The school's designated safeguarding lead professional is the Headteacher, Miss Yates (or Miss Blackburn, the Deputy Headteacher, in her absence). Parents are strongly encouraged to share/report any child protection or safeguarding concerns with the designated teacher at any time. Alternatively anyone can contact the NSPCC helpline on 0808 8005000 or Norfolk Children's Services on 0344 800 8020, this can be done anonymously.

Dates for your diary

- Tues 27th September School Photographer in school - individual and sibling photos
Open School, 3.15pm—3.45pm Parents welcome to visit their child's classroom, chat informally to their teacher and look at their work.
- Wed 5th October EAST meeting, 7pm. Everyone welcome to attend
- Fri 7th October EAST Recycled Clothing Collection
- Tues 18th October Parents' evening 4pm – 6pm
- Thurs 20th October Parents' Evening 2.30pm—6.45pm
- 24th—29th October Half term week

