



Harling Herald

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Governing Body Update

At the end of the academic year Mrs Ingrid Sykes, our Chair of Governors, stepped down from her governor role after 8 years on the governing body. Ingrid has played a crucial role in the development of our school over the last six years in her role as Chair of Governors and we will miss her calm leadership, breadth of expertise and wise words of challenge and support. At the end of the term Toby Hough also reached the end of his term of office and stepped down from the role of parent governor. We really appreciate the tremendous amount of time that they have both given in their roles as governors and would like to give our heartfelt thanks for everything that they have done to support our school.

At the first governing body meeting of the year Mr Ashley Harris was elected as our new Chair of Governors. Ashley has been Vice Chair of Governors a number of years and is well placed to step into Ingrid's shoes. Holly MacKenzie and Lee Adams were then elected as joint Vice Chairs. At this meeting we also welcomed Clive Denniss as a new parent governor and agreed to co-opt Jon Nice (to fill the vacancy created by Ingrid's resignation). Following the end of Toby Hough's term of office we now have another vacancy for a parent governor.

A message from EAST (Everyone At School Together)

EAST (our parent, staff and community fundraising group) have begun to think what the school may need or like this academic year that we can fundraise for. A big priority from the children is the need for more wet play toys (the toys they are allowed to play with when it is too wet to go out to play at break and lunch). We would like these toys to be games and construction based toys. Before we compile a definitive list and therefore the amount we need to raise we would first like to ask you for help.

Have you any nearly new/excellent condition games (ie board games/top trumps/card games/word games etc) or construction toys (Lego, Meccano, Knex etc) that you would be willing to donate to the children at school. We would also appreciate any complete jigsaw puzzles. We need toys for all classes from 4year olds to 11 year olds.

If you do have anything please could you bring them in buy Friday 3rd November.



Please be reminded that we are a 'nut free school'; children must not bring nuts in any form to school either as a breacktime snack or in their lunch boxes. This includes items such as Nutella, some chocolate spreads, peanut butter or any cereal bars with nuts in. We have several children with severe nut allergies and any contact with nuts, even small traces of nut oil, could be potentially fatal. Please support us in keeping all our children safe by not sending any nuts to school.

Thank you.

Open School

The next open school session for parents is on Tuesday 28th November from 3.15pm—3.45pm

Half term week

Don't forget we break up for half term on Thursday 19th October—school is closed on Friday 20th October. Until Monday 30th October.





Welcome to our team

In the last month we have welcomed two new Teaching Assistants to our team; Mrs Sarah Martin and Mrs Madilyn Rogers. Many of the older children will remember Mrs Martin as she worked here a few years ago so we are delighted to have her back—she couldn't wait to rejoin our team! Mrs Rogers is replacing Mrs Smith who sadly left us a few weeks ago to begin a new role working for a local business.

Building project

The building works are continuing at a pace and our 'new' school is really starting to take shape. All of the new windows and doors should be installed in the next few weeks as we move into the final stages of the project. We hope that the works will be completed around Christmas time so that we can begin the new year back in the building. Fingers (and toes) crossed!!

Parking around school

Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking at the start and end of the school day. We have had several complaints regarding parents deliberately blocking drive ways and causing an obstruction. We know that it is very busy outside of school but vehicles should not block (or partly block) access to a property's entrance.

Our trip to London

'Two weeks ago Maple Class travelled to London to visit the British Museum. When we got to the museum all of our class were really excited, the museum looked gargantuan from a distance! Inside we got to see all of the fascinating Ancient Greek artefacts, including lots of Greek pots, items from everyday life and lots more.

The pots were really interesting because every one was different from all the others. Some had pictures of gods and animals, others showed myths or legends. They were all mainly brown and black but some had gold on them.

Inside the Parthenon room we saw a miniature version of the Parthenon and some real parts of the actual building.

We also enjoyed looking at the jewellery. In Ancient Greece the jewellery was very different to now; they wore big hoop earrings and big necklaces. All of the jewellery that we saw was made in gold.

We really enjoyed our trip to the Musuem and wished we could have seen even more. Thank you to Mr C for taking us'. Lauren and Alexandra (On behalf of Maple Class).

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.



Lakeside Residential Trip

Earlier this term year six (accompanied by Miss Yates, Mrs Wills and Mrs Verrell) escaped to the Lake District for a week of camping and adventurous activities at the YMCA's national centre, Lakeside. During their week away all of the children were a real credit to the school and threw themselves into every activity—from rock climbing to abseiling, kayaking to orienteering, raft building to archery. Whether it was dangling from a rope or bobbing on the water, all of the children showed great perseverance and resilience; with many of them conquering their fears or trying something new. At the end of the week all three instructors that had been working with the children said that it had been the best week of the entire summer and that they had been particularly impressed with how enthusiastic the children were in every activity—well done year six! If you want to see what they got up to, check out their class blog on our website (there is a link on the front page).

We would also like to say a big thank you to Tim Edmonds who gave up a week of his leave to join us as a parent helper and was a great asset to our team.

Dates for your diary

Friday 20th Oct— Friday 27th Oct	Half term week, school closed. (Fri 20th Oct—Staff development day, school closed)
Monday 30th Oct	Mobile library visit from 3.10pm
Tuesday 7th Nov	Oak Class to visit West Stow Anglo Saxon village
Friday 10th Nov	Flu immunizations for years R, 1, 2, 3 and 4 (more details to follow)
Monday 13th Nov	Mobile library visit from 3.10pm
Wed 15th Nov	EAST meeting, 7pm
Monday 27th Nov	Mobile library visit from 3.10pm
Tuesday 28th Nov	Open School, 3.15pm—3.45pm
Wed 30th Nov	EAST movie night for pupils, 3.15pm — 5pm
Thursday 7th Dec	Nursery, Cherry and Sycamore Class to visit The Playhouse to see 'The tiger who came to tea'.
Monday 11th Dec	Mobile library visit from 3.10pm
Tuesday 12th Dec	Infant Christmas play, pm
Wed 13th Dec	Infant Christmas play, am
Friday 15th Dec	Junior Carol Service, 10am East Harling church. Junior parents welcome to join us.
Tuesday 19th Dec	Last day of term
Thurs 4th January	First day back for pupils

