



## Academy News

### September 2023

A huge welcome to the new school year and the Autumn Term 2023. The first week has been brilliant—seeing all the new and familiar faces, of staff and pupils alike. We will share a newsletter with you at the end of each month, on a Friday. This one is a little early as there is so much to share at the start of the year.

I really hope the children have felt welcomed and settled in these few days, and that any initial nerves or anxieties have faded. School is always full on and your child may be a little more tired than normal—this is quite normal until they get used to the expectations.

#### Google Classroom

This is the main platform that parents and staff communicate regarding the children and their learning.

Create your own gmail account then log onto Google Classroom, using your email address and the access code for the relevant class/es.

Nurs—ycvoctp

Rec - lkogscj

Y1 - msant4d

Y2 - 2nocqfz

Y3 - znjzt5z

Y4 - qd5mw7b

Y5 - wlgoai7

Y6 - o25sgjz

Please remember that more than one parent/carer can have access to Google Classroom.

Our values this half term are:



#### School Day being extended

Our school day (Reception to Year 6) is now officially starting at **8:45am**. This has been amended in our attendance policy, meaning that anyone arriving after 8:55am will be classed as L (late) and after 9:25am the child will be marked as U (unauthorised absence) for the session. Lateness is monitored and parents will need to sign their child in, giving a reason for the lateness. If you are collecting your child early you will need to sign them out at the office and this will then be noted as unauthorised absence.

#### Race 2 Read & Carbrooke Book Club

As we look ahead to having a full week in school it is best to explain our expectations for the children and reading at home. While the children are learning their sounds they may not have a home reading book. When they have learned some basic phonics they will have some books sent home. We ask that all children read at home at least 5 times per week, and that this is recorded in their reading diary. This gives the class the opportunity to compete in Race 2 Read, and be entered into the weekly draw for a new book of choice to keep. There is also an extra incentive on a Tuesday for Carbrooke Book Club, where it is all about the length of time reading. This is recorded on the bookmark that is attached to the reading record.

Good work and kindness is acknowledged with Team Points. Every child is linked to a team—Rowling (red), Morpurgo (yellow), Pullman (green) and Dahl (blue). Staff are also linked to a team and this can become quite competitive. Again, these are counted on a Thursday and celebrated in our Worship on a Friday morning.



We celebrate how many days on gold each child



has during the week. The reward is celebrated in class on a Friday. Any Red Cards involve a time out. On a Thursday, Mrs Marchesi counts up how many children are on gold so the class with the highest percentage are the winners. Any class with 100% on gold get to go over to the Millennium Green for a play, or onto our new play and gym equipment.



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#### Defibrillator in school

We have had a defibrillator delivered to school in recent weeks. This will be available during the school opening times and there are also always staff on site who can administer this type of life support. Equally, this is a very simple piece of equipment that talks the user through how to use it quickly and effectively. Please rest assured that it is kept safe, but accessible for staff at all times.

#### Residential—Years 5 & 6 Thorpe Woodlands, Thetford

We have an annual residential that takes place after October half term, that is for Year 6 primarily. We always have up to 40 spaces available, and so can usually offer some spaces to Year 5 pupils. This is a fantastic opportunity and payments can be spread over the half term. £160 total.

#### Parking

Please be considerate to local residents and each other when parking near to school. Only the disabled and taxis may park on the yellow zig zag lines.

#### Daily Mile and School Drop Off

The daily mile now starts at 8:20am and is usually held on the playground (unless wet/icy). Any child wishing to take part must arrive at this time, as the gate will close after a couple of minutes. Any child arriving after this must remain on the front playground and **be supervised by their parent/carer**. Staff will be out from 8:35 to collect their class.

#### Swimming

Year 6 and 5 go swimming during the Autumn Term. Year 4 and 3 go in the Summer Term. There is a request for a donation towards the transport, as this costs school £120 per week.

#### Dates for your diary:

06/06 Values of Respect & Humility  
 12/09 and every Tuesday for 6 weeks Year 6 Swimming  
 25/09 Reception 2024 Admission Online Open  
 29/09 Harvest Festival  
 02/10 Wayland Open Evening 6-8pm (for current Yr 5 & 6)  
 10/10 Wayland Open Morning 9:15  
 11/10 Carbrooke Reception 2024 Open Morning 9-15-10.15  
 12/10 Wayland Open Morning 9:15  
**16/10 Carbrooke Parents Evening (Rec to Year 6)**  
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 23-27/10 Half term—school closed  
 30/10 School opens  
 30/10 Photographer in school  
 30/10 Value of Compassion  
 31/10 and every Tuesday for 6 weeks Year 5 Swimming  
 01-03/11 Residential Yrs 5 & 6  
 08/11 Year 6 weighing and measuring  
 13/11 Secret Santa letters sent home  
 15/11 Carbrooke Reception 2024 Open Afternoon 1:15-2:15  
 17/11 Flu Immunizations (Rec to Year 6)  
 27/11 Secret Santa returns in by today  
 01/12 Christmas Decorations up at school  
 07/12 Reception 2024 Open Evening 4pm-5pm  
**11/12 pm Year 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity Play**  
**12/12 am Year 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity Play**  
**13/12 pm Nursery & Reception Nativity Play**  
**14/12 am Nursery & Reception Nativity Play**  
**15/12 Christmas Fair 2pm**  
 18/12 Secret Santa gifts distributed  
 20/12 Christingle Making & Service  
 20/12 End of Autumn Term  
 21/12—03/01 School Closed  
 04/01 School open for Spring Term  
 15/01 Reception 2024 Admission Online Closes  
 Anything in a bold font means that parents/family are welcome to join in.

Birthdays in September

#### Happy Birthday!

Troy	10
Fletcher	6
Charlie	10
Madeleine	8
Mia-Louise	10
Zuzanna	10
Theo	11
Ella	5
Maya	4
Jessica	7
Sophie	5
George	6
Archie	7
Oscar	7
Jacob	5
Iori	4

