



## A busy September!

It didn't take long... but we are back in to the swing of it again! It's been a very busy couple of weeks and it feels like we've already been back for a term already! Someone reminded me yesterday... that it had only been three weeks!

This month has seen the arrival of the new school curriculum, an extra class in the school, a new after school club and free school meals for all Key Stage 1 pupils. All of these things have brought with them some issues and things that we need to solve but we are on top of these things and finding solutions!

Mr Stock

Head teacher

## OFSTED are due at any moment!



Our recent HMI Inspection was very positive and this years results have been our strongest yet! The school is still developing and improving and it will never stop trying to get better and better. Our goal is to achieve an outstanding grading from OFSTED within the next 4-5 years.

Currently the school is graded as 'Requires Improvement'. From the data we have in school and the evidence that we use, we do feel that we are GOOD in most areas. Hopefully, as parents looking in from the outside, you have noticed positive change at the school and have seen improvements since our last inspection. I *know* we are better... we just hope OFSTED see it when they visit and that we have enough evidence to prove that we offer a really good start to our children.

**Once we receive the phone call we will send out information about how to register your views of the school on Parent View – OFSTEDs Parent Questionnaire website.**

**Can I just say... that if you are unhappy about something or have concerns please raise them directly with staff at the school, through Parent Forum, by email, via the website, or by coming into the office and talking to us. We will do our absolute best to help you in any way we can. Waiting for an OFSTED inspection, loading up Parent View and clicking 'totally disapprove' options on the questionnaire, may make you feel better – but will not actually solve or address any of the issues or concerns you may have.**

## Library Books – From the library bus!

Last year, children borrowed books from the library bus. A large number of these books have not been returned to school. Please can you check to see if you have these at home and send them into school with your child. They are clearly labelled with the Suffolk Library Service logo.

## Behaviour & Safety

### E Safety Meeting: Yr5 & 6 parents

Mr Stock and Mrs Campbell will be leading a meeting / presentation on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 3:45 – 4:30pm for Year 5 and Year 6 Parents**, about children keeping safe on the internet outside school. With electronic devices such as tablets and smart phones becoming more and more popular, the risks of cyber bullying and the need for being e-safe has increased dramatically. Unlike normal bullying; cyber bullying is 24/7 and children cannot escape it. The meeting will cover ways of ensuring children are safe on their tablets or phones as well as providing tips and hints which parents may also find useful.

### Parking outside school

The children at the school have helped to produce a leaflet regarding dangerous parking / driving around the school. This leaflet will be given to you by the School Governor who patrols outside school if you park dangerously.

### Internet permission forms

Please ensure that INTERNET PERMISSION FORMS are returned to school as soon as possible. In order for children to use the internet these forms must be completed.

### New Behaviour Policy

Since September we have been trialling our new behaviour policy. The main features of the policy are:

- (1) Behaviour Flowchart – which has been designed to ensure consistency in the way behaviour is dealt with across the whole school.
- (2) Exchange classes – when children have had repeated warnings they will be sent to an exchange class. In the exchange class, they will complete a 'Time to think sheet' which will allow them to calm down and consider how to modify their behaviour. This sheet is then discussed with the exchange class teacher and a copy stored in our behaviour record.
- (3) The information can then be analysed to identify certain behaviours that may be occurring across the whole school. Assemblies, PSHE lessons and circle time activities can then be used to address this and in turn reduce the number of behaviour incidents.

### Cyber Bullying Anonymous Reporting

The school website now has two options for reporting of cyberbullying. It has a link directly to the CEOP website or the option for parents and children to make an anonymous referral through the school website.

### Cyber Bullying & E Safety Resources

There are now a number of resources stored on our E Safety page on our website. If you are concerned about e-safety please take a look here first at the guidance we have included on the page.

### Roselea Nursery

The Farm Shop have asked us to remind parents that their car park is for customers only. Not parents picking up from the school.

### School Dinners

The introduction of Universal Free School meals for all Reception and Key Stage 1 children has put schools under a lot of pressure. It is fair to say that during the first week of this term, it was quite challenging getting every child fed before 1pm. Over the last few weeks, with some tweaks and adjustments, we are now getting children through within the lunch hour.

We are concerned about the fact that when the weather is bad we can no longer use the outside area for packed lunches and so we are looking at a number of solutions. We have already brought lunchtime forward for Year R (11:50am) and on some days ran Year 5 and 6 lunchtime later in order to give them a chance to eat without rushing, but in the longer term we may have to move KS2 lunchtime slightly later for the rest of the year.

The system is not yet perfect but it is getting better and better with each day. The reception children, who are new to eating school dinners, are also getting into swing of things, meaning they are finishing sooner and therefore allowing us to call other year groups in earlier.

### Unauthorised Absence

**Please note:**

In line with recent government legislation, any holiday requests received from the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014 onwards will **not be authorised**.

All Felixstowe Primary Head teachers are in agreement.

### Boots (Girls Uniform)

Originally winter boots for girls were included in the first draft uniform policy. It was removed in the final draft based on feedback received from parents and from sharing with the governors. This was explained in the guidance given out with the finalised policy.

Just to clarify - winter boots can be worn **to** school for health and safety reasons and for comfort... however like the boys and their trainers for football, girls will need **to change** into normal school shoes once in the building.

This should keep their feet warmer, prevent them from sitting wearing damp boots all day and prevent further creation of hazards around the building e.g. when snow starts melting off their boots creating puddles!

### FELIXSTOWE FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

Primary Schools in Felixstowe have been working collaboratively for a number of years now. However, over the last year the cluster of schools has strengthened its links and work together even more effectively than before. To share the work carried out by the cluster of school, a website had been created.

[www.felixstoweprimaryschools.com](http://www.felixstoweprimaryschools.com) is the home of Felixstowe Cluster of schools. There are direct links to the schools website as well as details of the new sporting competitions programme coordinated by the schools in Felixstowe.

To mark the launch of the new site, children will be invited to take part in a Design a Business Card competition. Information will be sent out shortly. The winner (from the entire group of schools) will be announced LIVE! Via the website on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 10am.

### Parent Forum

Thank you to those parents who attended Parent Forum. Your views are important to us! It means we can be made of issues that are important to you. Minutes from the Parent forum are on our website.

# Dates, Reminders and %'s

## Autumn Term 1

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	E Safety Meeting for Y5/5 Parents	15:45 – 16:30
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	R.E. Afternoon	14:00 – 15:30

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Oct – 31<sup>st</sup> Oct HALF TERM

## Autumn 2

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Autumn Term 2 – School Starts	
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Evening	15:30 – 17:30
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Evening	15:30 – 19:30
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity (Yr R,1,2)	14:30 – 15:30
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity (Yr R,1,2)	14:30 – 15:30
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	D&T/Maths Afternoon – Preparing products to sell at the Christmas Fete	14:00 – 15:30
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Parties	13:30 – 15:30
Thu 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fete	<b>15:00</b> – 16:30
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of Autumn Term	

## Key Events in October

### R.E. Curriculum Afternoon – Celebrations

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 14:00 – 15:30**

The curriculum afternoon for this term is based around the theme of celebrations; looking closely at different celebrations within each of the major religions.

Pupils will work within their classes and find out more about a particular religion that is part of their year groups curriculum. They will then look at some of the traditions of those celebrations, the dress, the music, the food and experience them first hand.

## Attendance %

Month	Ttl
Sept 14	96%

## Reading 5x

Week	Ttl
Wk 1	79%
Wk 2	79%

## Maths Homework

Week	Ttl
Wk 1	94%
Wk 2	87%
Year 2 not included in figures	

The school currently holds details about whether your child has photo permission etc.

-If the information you have provided to us hasn't changed – you do not need to do anything more.

-If the information has change please contact the office to amend these details.

-If you are a new Reception parents please ensure you return your Permission slip to the school office.

**Photo Permission**

Important Notices

Please make sure you return (to the school office):

1. Home / School Agreement
2. Internet permission form
3. Photo permission forms (if updates needed)

**Forms!**

There has been an outbreak of nits in a number of classes across the school. Gone are the days of the scary lady delivering the dreaded brown envelopes to the class teachers! So... please can you check your child at home and take any necessary steps to clear any nits.

## PEANUTS!

Please do not put peanuts in your child's packed lunch or bars/snacks which contain nuts. INCLUDING PEANUT BUTTER!

Some children are allergic to nuts in school, therefore, there is a ban on any type of nuts in school.

**PEANUTS!**  
**Check Bags for letters!**

Please check your child's bags for letters coming home!

**P.E**

Don't forget to add names to school clothing!