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School Newsletter



Newsletter 8

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To all our families,

We have had a busy start to the second part of the Autumn term, the children have particularly enjoyed the curriculum enhancements such as capoeira, samba, ukulele and forest schools. These enhancements help us to deliver a curriculum that goes above and beyond the National Curriculum. As I am sure you are aware we had an OFSTED inspection at the beginning of last week. The children and staff were absolutely fantastic, and we could not be prouder of them. We look forward to being able to share the report with you when it is published. Thank you to all of you that took the time to fill in the OFSTED parent survey. Teachers have also enjoyed meeting with you for parents' evenings this week. It's great having parents in school to share their children's learning.

Mr. Tolson and the Mousehold Team

This Week's Attendance

We hold a celebration assembly every Friday afternoon to share and celebrate the children's achievements. During this assembly, we also recognise the class with the highest overall attendance for the week. In Key Stage 1, the class with the highest attendance receives 'Top Dog' to keep in their classroom for the week, while the top class in Reception is awarded 'Top Cat.' Well done to **Sparrow** this week, for having the highest attendance.

Goldfinch: 91.3%

Greenfinch: 82.5%

Chaffinch: 77.27%

Swift: 88%

Sparrow: 98.15%

Robin: 91.67%

Barn Owl: 79.31%

Raven: 89.66%

Whole School: 87.44%

Target: 96%

Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mr Tolson, Mr Smith, Miss Balachandre, Mrs Greenwood, and Miss Wood.

These members of staff monitor and manage all safeguarding practices and ensure staff are supported and have the training they need. Please ask to see one of these adults if you are worried about the safety of a child at school.

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours, then the number to ring is:

CADS – Children's Advice and Duty Service – 0344 800 8020

Please see our website for all our policies and more information about safeguarding

<https://www.mouseholdinfants.com/safeguarding>

CURRICULUM UPDATES

Nursery

We have been so busy this week learning about poems, shapes and poppies. Our book of the week has been Michaels Rosen's 'A Great Big Cuddle - Poems for the Very Young'. We have been enjoying hearing some of the rhymes and nonsense words, as well as doing the Button Bop. Learning about two-dimensional shapes has led us to be hunting for shapes everywhere - I keep asking the children to prove to me how they know it is a circle, square, triangle or rectangle, they have been describing the number and shape of the sides. The beautiful and moving CBeebies animation 'Poppies' has been our focus for work on Remembrance <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/poppies>

Reception

This week our Reception children have enjoyed looking at our new Literacy book, 'Blue Penguin' by Petr Horacek. They have loved learning about penguins and have been asking lots of questions, which we will be exploring next week. In Maths we have been learning all about the numbers, 1, 2 and 3 and different representations of these numbers. In Phonics we have been learning the sounds; ff, ss, ll and j. Goldfinch enjoyed exploring the woods at Forest Schools and all Reception children have enjoyed learning outdoors in our Secret Garden too. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Year 1 and Year 2

This week Key Stage One have enjoyed their Autumn walk at Mousehold Heath. We are so lucky to have such a fantastic resource right on our doorstep. The children were identifying leaves, investigating fungi and spotting the seasonal changes. Some groups even worked on their photography skills, linked to our computing learning.

Reminders

Social Supermarket

You can experience a new, more affordable, way of grocery shopping thanks to the introduction of social supermarkets in the city.

Social supermarkets are run by voluntary organisations, working with local food producers and suppliers to provide products at a lower cost than traditional supermarkets. These shops are aimed at anyone who is struggling to afford food, but there are no specific criteria for who can become a member.

Find a social supermarket:

- [ENYP](#) - Russell Street Community Centre, 53 Russell Street, NR2 4QT
- [The Feed](#) – 65 Hall Road, NR1 3HL
- [SOUL Foundation](#) – 4 Mason Road, Norwich NR6 6RF

Each supermarket has its own approach to pricing and membership, and may stock a different range of goods, but share

The need for social supermarkets was first identified through an action plan developed by the Food Alliance and members of The Norwich Food Network, community groups working together to alleviate food insecurity. This network was originally set up by the city council who continue to facilitate its vital work.

The SEND and inclusion team



Call the SEND and inclusion support line on 0333 313 7165

Advisors can help with:

- How to access support for children and young people
- Information about how to support children and young people with SEND
- Advice and guidance for families and professionals seeking for support
- Advice, guidance and support for children at risk of imminent permanent exclusion
- Advice and guidance about when it is appropriate to request an Education, health and Care needs assessment

This phone line is open Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm, excluding bank holidays

Top tips for keeping your child healthy in school

For many, the start of the school term will mean mixing with different groups of people, which is why the autumn term is also known for its colds and bugs.

While it's usually safe for parents and carers to [send their children to school with mild illnesses](#), like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat, there are steps you can take to ensure your child is better protected against illnesses, so they don't miss out on vital time in [school](#).

The Education Hub website has lots of useful information. The link below will take you to this support.

[Top tips on how to keep your child healthy at school – The Education Hub](#)

Children in Need

Children in need is on Friday 15th November this year. The school council have written a letter about our plans in school for this.

High 5s

This year we have decided to celebrate children's achievements with High 5 postcards. Staff will write these for children each week that demonstrate our school values. Well done to all the children who have received a postcard this week.

Dates for the Diary 2024/2025	
Open evenings for Nursery and Reception children starting 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Thursday 14th November at 4pm- Monday 2nd December at 4pm
w/b Monday 11th November	Mousehold parents evening. SchoolCloud - Mousehold Infant school
Year 2 Walking Trip to Mousehold Heath	Tuesday 12 th November

Year 1 Walking Trip to Mousehold Heath	Thursday 14 th November
Children in Need	Friday 15 th November
KS1 Christmas Carol performance for parents/carers	Wednesday 11 th December at 9:15am- Barn Owl, Raven and Robin Thursday 12 th December at 9:15am- Swift and Sparrow