



The Federation of North Walsham
Junior, Infant School and Nursery

Newsletter

Executive Headteacher:



Mrs J Read

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A reminder that we are collecting donations for Cromer & District Foodbank 'Harvest Appeal 2018'.

For this appeal they would be delighted to receive any of the following items:

Pasta sauce
Tinned rice pudding
Tinned vegetables
Tinned meat
Vegetarian options
Sponge puddings
Squash and fruit juice
Cuppa soup
Savoury snacks – the just add hot water varieties
UHT Milk – Semi skimmed and full fat
Children's sweets and chocolate

Simply send in your items with your child **this week** and we will store them, ready for display at our Harvest Assemblies. Many thanks in advance!

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We are very excited about a new campaign by the EDP which involves primary and infant schools collecting tokens in exchange for free books. For every 1,000 tokens collected, our schools will win £100 worth of free books. The four schools with the most tokens-per-student at the end of the campaign will win a bonus £2,500 worth of books. Obviously we need this to be us!!

We need your help to start collecting tokens from now until the closing date on Saturday, December 8. Tokens will be printed every day in the Eastern Daily Press and Norwich Evening News and each week in the weekly publications. There will be one token a day but watch for bonus tokens and two tokens every Saturday (one token a week plus bonus tokens in the weekly publications).

Tokens will be printed in the following papers:

- Eastern Daily Press
- Norwich Evening News
- Great Yarmouth Mercury
- The Lowestoft Journal
- Beccles & Bungay Journal
- Dereham Times
- Fakenham & Wells Times
- North Norfolk News

Please tell everyone you know to save their tokens and send them in to the school office where there will be a special box to post them in.

Thanks in advance for your support!

Mrs Read

Collection from School by Older Siblings

We have had reports from both staff and parents that older siblings from the high school, who are arriving in the playground in the afternoon to collect their younger brothers and sisters, are bringing large groups of friends with them and are not always behaving in a sensible manner. Please remind your high school age children that they will be asked to leave the premises should their behaviour not meet our expectations. They should ask their friends to wait outside the school, rather than bringing them through on to our playground.

Friends Meeting

The next Friends meeting will be held on Friday 12th October at 9.00am in the Junior School Hall. All welcome!

Dogs

Please keep dogs away from the school entrances. Thanks for your understanding in this matter.

Diary

9th Oct - Primary Proms trip

10th Oct – Football match –v- Mundesley (away) 3-4.15pm

11th Oct- North Walsham High School Open Evening 6-8pm

12th Oct- Yr 4 seatbelt safety sessions/Friends meeting 9am in the Junior Hall

15th Oct- Yr R to Yr 2 flu immunisations/Yr 5 & 6 Harvest Assembly 2.30pm/Yr 4 Horstead Centre trip parents info meeting – Junior Hall 3.15pm

16th Oct - Yr 6 Crucial Crew trip
Yr R Harvest assembly-9.15am
Yr 1 Harvest assembly-2.30pm
Yr 2 Harvest assembly-1.30pm

17th Oct- Non-school uniform (Mufti Day); break up for half term

29th Oct- return to school

30th Oct- NHS Yr 6 height and weight checks

31st Oct- Friends Halloween Cake Sale - 2pm/2nd Hand Uniform Sale – Junior Hall 2.30pm

2nd Nov- Yr R Maths information session for parents-9.10am Infant Hall/Infant School Disco 5.30-7.00pm

6th Nov- 8th Nov - Parents' Evening

7th Nov- Flu immunisations for Yrs 3, 4 and 5

16th Nov- Junior School disco, 6.30-8.00pm

HELP!

Spare girls' uniform needed for Year 2, especially knickers and trousers. Please send to office.

Fortnite

Over the past few weeks and months we have dealt with an increasing number of issues relating to the online game 'Fortnite'. These have included children being very upset when others have forced them out of the game or told them to 'take the L'. If you haven't heard of it, Fortnite is a shooting game for children which has received criticism for being violent, addictive and anger inducing. It's the online multiplayer Battle Royale mode that is almost exclusively played by younger children. This pits up to 100 players against each other while a storm cloud closes in, until remaining players are forced into showdowns.

As with any online game, parents need to take care they understand who children are interacting with and what specific information can be exchanged. This area of the game's content is created by other players and therefore falls outside of the game ratings. In the UK, the Video Standards council rate Fortnite as **PEGI 12** for frequent scenes of mild violence. This means that it is illegal for anyone under the age of 12 to purchase the game for themselves. The VSC states why it gave the game a 12 rating: "Violence consists of you using whatever weapons you can find or make to fend off the monsters of the Storm and save the survivors. Damage is dealt by numbers and life bars and monsters disappear in a purple flash when defeated."

While playing the game, players can often hear profanity and racist name-calling from others as well as exchange voice chat messages with strangers. Because Battle Royale is played by hundreds of people at once, the range of people they encounter will be wide. **This means that you have no control over who your child will be communicating with.**

Some children in our school as young as Year 1 and 2 have been allowed to play this game unsupervised at home. If you were unaware of the dangers, please encourage your children not to play- there is a rating of 12 and over for a reason and none of the children in this school are therefore emotionally mature enough to play it. The more serious concern of course is that it is giving strangers open access to your child.

Advice if you need to drive your child to school

For the safety of your child, their friends, and the local community we request that you park safely, legally and considerately. This means not parking on single or double yellow lines; not double parking; not stopping or dropping off on the School Keep Clear yellow zig zags or pedestrian crossing areas; not parking on corners or junctions near the school entrance; not blocking driveways.

What should you do instead?

Try 'Park and Stride' – park away from the school entrance and walk the last 5 or 10 minutes. Walking half a mile only takes between 8 and 17 minutes. How many calories you burn depends on how fast you walk!

Try a 'Walking Bus' – organise a small group of parents to share the walk to school and take it in turns with other parents to do the school run. You could even combine this idea with Park and Stride. Walking to school contributes to the recommended daily physical activity for you and your children. It also helps to reduce congestion around the school and helps to improve air quality, providing benefits for everyone.

Try Car Sharing – if you have to drive to school, then get together with other parents who need to go by car and take it in turns to drive. You could start by doing any of these just once or twice a week.

Infant School Morning Routine

Our Key Stage 1 teachers would like your help in the mornings in getting the children into school as quickly and calmly as possible. We would therefore like to request that children line up before the bell is rung and that parents stand back from the line. Many thanks for your cooperation.