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Autumn Term

It's been a busy start to the new school year and the children are all looking forward to the half term to recharge their batteries!

Chestnut Class (year 6) enjoyed a fabulous week in the Lake District, camping at the YMCA's national centre, Lakeside. The weather may have been a little wild at times but that didn't stop us having lots of fun; climbing, dangling off ropes and bobbing about on the Lake on rafts and kayaks. The children were, as always, a real credit to the school showing lots of enthusiasm and resilience when tackling all of the activities. Here's what some of the children had to say about their trip;

'For me personally, the best activity was kayaking because I felt like I achieved a lot and was able to encourage others. First it felt really weird because the kayak was so low in the water and you sit in a strange position. When I was pushed onto the lake I felt a bit nervous because I wasn't familiar with the steering and constantly felt like I was going to be blown into the middle of the lake, obviously that didn't happen! But as soon as I got the hang of it, it was so exhilarating and afterwards I couldn't wait to go kayaking again'.

Sophie

'My favourite activity at Lakeside was King Swing. At first I felt quite confident but the more I thought about it, the more worried I was. However, once I watched some people I became excited for my go. I knew it was safe but I felt a bit scared. Once I reached the top I was super apprehensive so my team counted to 5, 4, 3, 2, 1...then I pulled the lever and I was soaring through the trees! I even went upside down! I would absolutely do the King Swing again in a heart beat!'

Isla

'My absolute-unmissable-best activity was the assault course because we had to do it in silence! At the start it looked quite easy but it was hard because of the Cone of DOOM! Talking privileges proved difficult and in the middle of the course it became even worse as the obstacles became harder and it rained but I really enjoyed it'.

Lauren

School Dinners

The school dinner menu changes after half term break to the new Winter menu—paper copies have been sent home today in children's bags.

Please can any monies for school dinners be sent to the school office in a named envelope.

Parents are welcome to pay in advance any amount, for example for the week, month or even half term! Some parents choose to 'bank' an amount and the office staff will then let you know when you owe money again.



EDP Book Vouchers

The EDP have launched their books for schools scheme and tokens are available in the EDP, Evening News and other sister papers. For every 1000 tokens that schools collect they can claim £100 of books— please help us collect as many as we can.

Thank you.



Don't forget—half term

starts Thursday 18th October

and the children return to school on Monday 29th October.



Uganda Trip

In November, Mrs Bleyswyck (our play leader) will be travelling to Uganda for three weeks with the Uganda Support Fund to support their work to improve and develop a group of schools out there. Mrs Bleyswyck has been given a donation of a number of plain t-shirts; some of which our children will be decorating as a gift for the Ugandan children. During lunchtimes Mrs Bleyswyck is also running sessions so that children can pay £1 and decorate a t-shirt for themselves to keep. All the monies raised will be used to purchase a play parachute and other items for Mrs Bleyswyck to take out to the school that she will be working with. We look forward to hearing about all her adventures on her return.

Conker Champion

Last week all of the junior children took part in our annual conker championship. This is always one of our favourite Autumn events; it was a real pleasure to see all of our junior children competing against each other, playing fairly and deciding between themselves who is the winner of each round. After a fiercely fought competition Oliver in year six was crowned our new conker champion, having beat James from three in a close final. Well done Oliver.

Cross Country Competition

Earlier in the term a group of forty children from across years three, four, five and six were selected to represent the school in the cluster cross country competition at Old Buckenham High School. Of these, twenty children were successful in qualifying for the next round (by coming in the top ten of their race) and will compete in the South Norfolk competition on the 7th November. Congratulations to everyone who took part and represented our school; Mrs Morris says that they were all brilliant ambassadors for our school and a really supportive team. We would also like to say a special well done to the six children who came home wearing a medal—Ella (2nd), Erin (3rd) and Cameron (3rd) from year three, Seren (2nd) from year four, Jasper (3rd) from year five and Harvey (2nd) from year six.

The Governing Body

At the first Governing Body meeting of the new year we welcomed Kate Slack and Kate Hallett, our new parent governor representatives and Emma O'Hara, our new staff governor. Ashley Harris, who has stood as a Local Authority Governor for the past eight years, ended his term of office and stepped down from his role. We would like to thank Ashley for all of his service to our school; in particular in his role as chair of the finance committee over many years and as Chair of Governors for the last year. During the meeting Lee Adams was elected as our new Chair of Governors and Holly Mackenzie and Jon Nice were elected as joint Vice-Chairs. We look forward to working with our new team of governors over the coming year.

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.



Ruth Miskin Accreditation

We are a “*Get Reading. Keep Reading. Change Everything.*” school.

We use the highly successful *Read Write Inc.* Phonics programme to teach our children to read, write and spell. Our children do well in the phonics screening check and by Year 2, the majority are fluent readers with the best chance of success in the KS1 tests.

Ruth Miskin Training recognise us for teaching the programme with fidelity and passion – we know what it takes to make reading and writing pleasurable and rewarding for our children.



This badge recognises that we:

- Raise standards in reading and writing for our children
- Are all expertly trained by Ruth Miskin training—including our headteacher, Miss Yates
- Gain the latest programme updates through regular visits from our Ruth Miskin consultant
- Support our most vulnerable children

To visit the parent pages on the Ruth Miskin website go to: <http://ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents>

Harvest Gifts for the Luncheon Club

Every year we choose a charity to support as part of our harvest celebrations. After several years of supporting the local Foodbank, we decided that we would like to support those in our immediate community and have chosen to work with the Luncheon Club in East Harling. After the half term break we will be collecting donations of items such as soup, biscuits, jam, chutney, tinned puddings and other similar items for our ‘harvest stall’ at the Luncheon Club on the 7th November. We plan to visit the Luncheon Club with a group of children who will sing some of our favourite Autumn songs and then invite Luncheon Club members to select some ‘harvest gifts’ from our stall; this way we know that the recipients will enjoy our harvest gifts. We hope that every family will feel able to donate at least one item for our Luncheon Club event and we will start collecting after the holiday.

Recycling Box

Do you have any old pens, felt tip pens, highlighters, fountain pens or correction instruments (such as Tippex mice or correction pens) that need throwing away? We now have a Terracycle collection box that can take all these items for recycling. Just send them into school to be placed in our collection box and once it’s full they will be sent away to be recycled. Thank you.



Dates for your diary

- Thurs 18th October First day of half term holiday for pupils, school closed. Staff development day.
- Thurs 18th Oct - Half term week
Fri 26th Oct
- Thurs 1st November EAST meeting, 7.00pm at the school
- Fri 2nd November EAST treaty Friday, 3.15pm
- Wed 7th November South Norfolk cross country competition
- Fri 9th November Flu immunisations (available to Reception to year five pupils). Letter will be sent home after half term.
- Tues 13th November Nursery and Cherry Class parent consultation meetings
Wed 14th November Cherry Class parent consultation meetings (a separate message will be sent out about these so that parents can book appointments)
- Mon 19th November OECD study of 5 year olds in school (information has been sent out to the parents of children involved)
- Tues 27th Nov Open School, 3.15pm—3.45pm
- Fri 7th December EAST Christmas Lantern event, 4 to 6pm —more details to follow
- Wed 12th December Nursery Christmas Café for parents— 10.45am
Infant (Cherry, Sycamore and Rowan classes') Christmas performance 2pm
- Thurs 13th December Infant (Cherry, Sycamore and Rowan classes') Christmas performance 10am
- Fri 14th December Junior classes' (Silver Birch, Mulberry, Oak, Maple and Chestnut) Carol Service East Harling Church, 10am. Junior parents welcome to join us.
- Mon 17th December Infant Disco, 5.00pm—6.05pm
Junior Disco, 6.05pm—7.30pm
- Wed 19th Dec First day of Christmas holidays for pupils
- Thurs 3rd January First day of term for pupils

