



# Harling Herald

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## *E Safety*

This term all members of our teaching staff have taken part in esafety training and have been working together to review our teaching of esafety in school. The use of technology is an integral part of the world in which our children live in and, due to its ever changing nature, it's as important to teach our children how to be safe online as it is to teach them how to be safe on the roads or when encountering strangers.

This week we will be marking Internet Safety Day (on Tuesday). The theme this year focuses on how consent works in an online context and exploring with children how they ask, give and receive consent online. This could be in their friendships, how they take and share images and videos or how they manage their own privacy online.

Within each class the children have been working together to create a list of age-appropriate rules to keep themselves safe when online which class teachers will share with you. As parents you may want to use this as a starter for a conversation at home about the rules you have as a family to keep children safe online; attached to this newsletter are some 'conversation starters' and an 'internet safety plan' that you may find useful.

Parents may also find it useful to watch the following videos with their children to talk about keeping safe online;

**Smartie the Penguun** (ages 3—7) - Smartie's story highlights the importance of always telling a trusted adult if you are unsure about something online.

[www.childnet.com/smartie](http://www.childnet.com/smartie)

**The adventures of Kara, Winston and the SMART crew** (ages 7-11) - each cartoon covers the five SMART rules for staying safe online so that children can make positive and safe choices for themselves.

[www.childnet.com/kara](http://www.childnet.com/kara)

Our internet safety page on the school website also has links to a number of web sites for parents (and children) to help you keep your child safe online and understand how the different online games and social networks work.

## *New play houses*

Just before Christmas two new play houses/shelters were installed on the infant playground. We are very grateful to the village Red Orange Store who selected the school as their chosen charity and through which we received a donation of £1000 towards the costs, the rest of the funds were raised through the commission that we received from the school photographer.



## *EDP Vouchers*

Thank you to everyone who helped us to collect EDP book vouchers; we have been able to choose £100 of new books for our classrooms.



This weekend the EDP are launching their new campaign to help schools earn LEGO for their school. For every school that collects at least 1000 vouchers from any local paper they can claim £50 of Lego, so please help us collect as many vouchers as possible.



## *Welcome to our school*

At the beginning of term we welcomed Ms Louise Askew to our team. Ms Askew is an experienced HLTA (higher level teaching assistant) who has been busy getting to know children across the school; after half term she will be joined by Mrs Victoria Kane who will also be working as a HLTA . We will also be welcoming Miss Victoria Kerr who will be joining us as a Teaching Assistant, working in the Nursery with Mrs Wallace. We hope that they will enjoy being part of our school and are sure that you will all make them feel very welcome.

## *Reading at home*

As a school we place great importance on children reading regularly at home to an adult and sharing stories. Research shows that children who have stories regularly read to them and who read to an adult at home in the early years of primary school benefit right the way through their education right up to the age of 15 years . Taking time to share stories and books with your child makes a lasting difference to their future attainment and progress. We know that with our busy lives it can be difficult to hear your child read but just ten minutes a day really does make a difference.

Over the coming weeks we are going to have a real focus on reading as a school. One of the things we have noticed is that very few children appear to read regularly at home—this may be that parents/children are not recording in their books or that reading is not happening. Please record in your child's reading log when they have read (this could be a school reading book, a library book, a book from home or any other reading material). Whilst some confident readers will often prefer to read to themselves, they will benefit from talking to an adult about what they have read, sharing any unfamiliar vocabulary and will enjoy having the opportunity to talk about what they have read. If every child could be heard read at least four times a week it would make a real difference.

## *Parking outside of school*

Norfolk Police have had several complaints from local residents regarding inconsiderate and dangerous parking on the roads/pathways around school at the start and end of the school day. We are aware that several residents have been unable to get in and out of their properties because of parents blocking their driveways and have faced abuse when they have asked drivers to move their cars. Norfolk Police will be including the area outside of the school in their patrols

Please be considerate when parking outside of the school; keeping driveways and pathways clear and parking sensibly in line with the Highway Code. There have been several near misses when a child could have been hurt and we would hope that everyone would want to make the start of the school day to be safe for all our children.

## *Swimming Gala*

Earlier this term seven children from years four, five and six were selected to represent the Old Buckenham Cluster at the South Norfolk swimming gala. All of the children did a great job representing our school and cluster—a special 'well done' to Harvey and Lauren who were both awarded silver medals in their individual races.



## *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.

## *Dates for your diary*

Mon 4th Feb	Chestnut Class to Tag Rugby tournament at Old Buckenham High School
Tues 5th Feb	Open school, 3.15pm—3.45pm
Fri 11th Feb	Oak Class to visit West Stow
Mon 18th— Fri 22nd Feb	Half term week—school closed
Mon 4th March	Silver Birch and Mulberry Class to visit Gressenhall Museum
Tues 5th March	Chestnut Class to Crucial Crew event, Letton Hall
Tues 12th March	Book Fair in school Open school, 3.15pm—3.45pm
Thurs 28th March	Full governing body meeting, 6.30pm
Fri 29th March	Annual reports to go home (yrs 1-6)
Mon 1st April	Chestnut Class Bikeability training this week (more details to follow)
Tues 2nd April	Parent/teacher meetings—individual appointments for parents wishing to discuss their child's report
Fri 5th April	Break up for Easter holidays
Tues 23rd April	First day back at school

