



Laying the foundations for a bright future

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A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

Gosh, the end of the first half of the Spring Term already? In such a short space of time the children have achieved so much!

The children have really enjoyed our Children's Mental Health Week learning, particularly today (Friday,) with the focus on 'dress to express'.

It was lovely to see Otters Class Presentation this morning, what a fabulous job they did sharing just some of the learning they have undertaken this term. It meant a lot that so many of their family members were able to come and see them.

Well, half-term is upon us, here's hoping for a restful and rejuvenating break for those requiring one and I look forward to seeing you on the other side!

Have a super half term 😊

Warm regards,
Mrs FitzGerald

STAFFING UPDATE

As you know, we welcomed Mrs Julie Simpson to the Federation Teaching Team this term and Miss Rachael Blackwell, who is based at our sister school currently, has returned from her maternity leave. Both are bringing additional teaching capacity to our Year 4, 5 and 6 classes at both settings.

We will be welcoming Mrs Schwager back to Butterflies Class, after her surgery and period of recuperation. Our thanks go to Mrs Budinger, who has undertaken the teaching commitment for this class as well as maintaining her SEND Coordinator role for the Federation. With Mrs Schwager's return, Mrs Budinger will be focusing on her SEND commitments for both our schools, providing guidance and expertise with regards supporting our pupils with additional and Special Educational Needs.

We will be further adding to our teaching team after half-term when we will be joined by Mrs Charlotte Graves. An excellent classroom practitioner with specialisms in Early Years and Key Stage One particularly, we are very much looking forward to having Mrs Graves as part of the Federation family.

With the departure of Mrs Barthorpe, our Federation Sports Instructor, I am pleased to share that we are interviewing immediately after half-term for this position. I hope to have good news shortly!

SPRING TERM 2 - SCHOOL MEALS

For pupils in Years 3 to 6 (Otters Class and Hares Class) the cost of a school meal is £2.30 per day. Next half-term will cost £69.00 in total, (a week of school meals is £11.50.) Children can alternate between packed lunches and school meals as preferred but school meals need to be paid for in advance. Here is the link: [School Meals - Suffolk County Council](#)

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Attendance and punctuality are central to ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential ~ pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Arriving late and missing lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind and can lead to difficulties with anxiety, anger and maintaining friendships.

Many pupils have difficulty maintaining friendships if they have long or numerous periods of absence. It is widely acknowledged that children with poor attendance achieve less in both primary and secondary school.

Please help your children and us by ensuring they arrive at school on time. The morning register is called promptly at 9am. Any child arriving after this time will be marked as late. The register closes at 9.20am, any child arriving after this time will receive an unauthorised late absence.

Please remember any leaves of absence must be taken in school closure periods unless there are rare and strictly exceptional circumstances. You can also support your child's learning and progress by ensuring that non-urgent appointments, for example, dentist, optician, GP, are arranged outside school hours.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - more to follow!

SPRING TERM 2023

Friday 10th February ~ END OF HALF-TERM

Monday 20th February ~ Children are back in school

Thursday 23rd February ~ Otters Class Trip to Cromer Museum

Friday 24th February ~ Butterflies Class Presentation

Shrove Tuesday
Pan Cake Day

**On Tuesday 21st February
American Pancakes
with Icing Sugar & Golden Syrup
will be on the menu for dessert!**



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World Book Day Lunch

Mr Stink's Macaroni Cheese
with Garlicy Bread

Sweetcorn & Peas

Willy Wonka's Scrumdiddlyumptious
Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce

Date: **Thursday 2nd March**

Get Writing

Competition

To celebrate World Book Day, we invite our young people to write a short story on a Superhero who is trying to help the planet (no more than 500 words).

3 winners will receive a £20.00 book voucher. The competition will run from Thursday 2nd March through to Friday 10th March.

