



Edith Cavell Academy

Fortnightly Newsletter

24/02/17

Dear Parents, Carers and families,

How lovely to return to some signs of spring. We hope you all had a pleasant half term together. The children are keen to be in school and getting on with learning their new stories. All classes have a new reading/roleplay area linked to their story and I hope to see some great progress being made this next half term.

We welcome our new staff Mrs Snowling covering finance and Mrs Nicholas teaching in Year 2 (W-F) both covering maternity leave.

Miss Knivett is resting and I know she was touched by your messages of good luck, thank you. We have some more new life coming to ECAN, we are to be delivered eggs to hatch, this time, baby ducklings!



Notes From our Head of School




Britishness


We had a whole afternoon this week learning about British Values. These are the things that make us different to other countries and that are unique to British people and people living in Britain. We split up into different classes and did different activities across the school. There were many activities, including designing new postage stamps, some people found out what different important words, like 'democracy' meant, and some children created collages of 'Britishness', to name a few! It was a really interesting, fun, bonding afternoon.


We held a Bedtime Story cafe on Tuesday evening this week. Lots of children came back to school in their pyjamas, to share stories before bedtime. The hall was decorated with floor cushions and twinkly lights to create a soothing atmosphere. The children with their families enjoyed the teacher's carousel, they and all got to hear a range of story types. It was lovely to receive parents and brothers and sisters came to and read with us too! Sam in our kitchen kindly prepared hot milk, chocolate, bananas and homemade biscuits to enjoy during listening time!





<p>Focus day on the 6 Major Religions</p> 	<p>On Thursday all the children were in their house groups and they moved around the school for a range of learning activities based on values and customs linked to all the six major religions that we learn about as part of the Norfolk agreed syllabus (Curriculum). Our corridors are adorned with Jewish Stars of David, a german Easter egg tree and Buddhist leaves to name a few. hopefully, your child will tell you about their R.E. exploratory day</p>
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<p>Year 2 are very grateful for your support with the new SATs books which are being used for homework. We hope you agree that these are a fantastic resource.</p>	<p>SaTs preparation</p>
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	<p>Phonics lessons with Class Teachers After half term Nursery to Year 2 will be hosting Phonics Lessons</p>
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<p>World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March. come dressed as a Roald Dahl charcter or you may have another favourite book character.. There's a change of main menu for world book day, there's Mr Twits Wormy spaghetti (spaghetti in tomato sauce), followed by Matilda's Bruce Bogtrotter (chocolate pudding) with James and the Giant peach juice.</p>	
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	<p>There is a Fun Sports and Activity Taster Sessions on Saturday 25th February 12:30 - 3pm at Harford Community Centre and park Peterkin Road, Tuckswood. Activities include: Yoga, KTRoo, Petanque, Football, Cycling, Toddler dance, Tennis, Running, Walking and Seated Zumba. Free tea/coffee, cake & face painting. It is being organised by Lakenham Sport for change project. Go along, have some fun!!</p>
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<p>We would be grateful if you listened to your child reading for at least fifteen minutes every day, whether this is a fiction, non-fiction or poetry text. This will greatly improve their confidence, skills and enjoyment of reading, as well as support their progress. remember, writing piggybacks on reading. A good reader usually makes for a good writer.</p>	
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The internet can be a fantastic tool if used in the correct way. Children often understand technology far better than most adults but often don't think in a "street safe" way when it comes to browsing the internet. As a school we monitor internet traffic and filter out any material that is unsuitable for children (these filters are compliant with Department for Education guidelines). As a parent it can be hard to keep tabs on what your child is searching, watching or playing on the internet at home. There are lots of resources to help you keep your child safe while they are using the internet, in particular we recommend <http://parentzone.org.uk/>. If you have any further concerns then please do not hesitate to seek advice from the school, who will put you in touch with one of our Trust ICT Managers who will be happy to advise you.

You will have received a copy of the new menu from the Trust which takes us right up until the end of term. Unfortunately some of the dates are incorrect so a new one will be sent out at the beginning of next week. Apologies .



Celebration these will begin again from week beginning 27th

Norfolk County Council

2016-2017

Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils
Yellow dates - pupil holiday
Red dates - bank holiday

Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 1 & 2 September and 4 January and two others of the schools choice. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these

Holidays taken in term time will not be authorised and depending on circumstances you may be referred to Norfolk County Council for a fixed penalty notice. Taking your child out of school during term time will be detrimental to their educational progress. Please note that all children should be in school for the whole month of May due to SATS exams.

More Dates for your diaries

World Book Day
Easter