

Newsletter

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Key Dates w/c: 20th January 2020

21st Jan: BT Adastral Park – Year 3

23rd Jan: Yr 6 SATs meeting (after school)

23rd Jan: Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am

'Plant to Plate' – EADT Promotion & Tokens
Please see details in newsletter.

Tweet of the Week



'Worship means bending low before the Most High and to discover in His presence that life's greatness does not consist in having, but in loving.'

[Pope Francis \(@Pontifex\)](#)

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Term time Absences: Please see the attachment to this parentmail which gives guidance regarding term time absences. Please note that Suffolk County Council issue the penalty and we do not receive the fines in school. Thank you.

Absences/Illness:

If your child is unwell and is unable to attend school please leave a message before the start of the school day either by phone or emailing the school. Thank you.

Sickness/Diarrhoea: absence is 48 hours from the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea.

School Dinners - £2.30 per day/£11.50 per week

Just a reminder that school dinners should be paid for **in advance**.

If arrears are unpaid after one week, you will be asked to bring in a packed lunch until payment has been made with credit for the week ahead. Thank you for your co-operation.

Curriculum Morning - 8.30-9.30am on 12th February

Pupils will be able to remain on the school playground with supervision by a teacher from 8.30am until school starts at 8.45am. We hope this will enable more parents to attend our curriculum sessions.

We will be focusing on:

Reading, PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) and RSE (Relationship and Sex Education).

We look forward to seeing you on 12th.

Netball Club:

Netball club starts on 22nd January.

Orchestra:

Orchestra starts on 28th January

Year 6 SATs meeting:

Just a reminder that there will be a Year 6 SATs meeting held after school on Thursday 23rd January in the Year 6 classroom. Kind regards, Mrs D-N

Year 6 Homework Club:

Just a reminder to parents that homework club will be starting on Monday 13th January and further dates have been sent to you in the Year 6 newsletter. Your child does need written permission to stay as this will help us with the end of the day and keeping the children safe. Pick up time is 4:15pm. This has been a successful club in recent years and the children have really enjoyed coming. I look forward to seeing as many of the children there as possible. Kind regards, Mrs D-N.

Homework Club dates: January: 13th, 20th, 27th February: 3rd, 10th March: 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th April: 27th May: 4th

Library – Story time – Reception/Year 1 & Year 2

Come and listen to a story with Mrs Ahmed or Mrs Michette.

Every Thursday after school from 3.15 – 4.15pm. Teddies are welcome!

Forthcoming trips:

21st Jan: BT Adastral Park – Year 3

6th Feb: Chelmsford Water Treatment Centre – Year 5

6th Mar: Awesome Arctic (in school) – Year 6

Young Art East Anglia Exhibition (Artwork collected on 27th January)

A letter has been sent via parentmail this week with the details of YAEA competition.

During school, the children will produce pictures based on the theme 'A Moment in Time'. If your child would like the chance to have their work exhibited, they are asked to give their picture (and their copyright to it) to YAEA, along with a minimum entry donation of £2.50 per child, as their contribution to helping raise money for Cancer Research UK.

YAEA would like to communicate directly with exhibitors' families by email about the exhibition as this helps to reduce postage costs etc.

If you are happy for them to contact you direct please fill in your e-mail address on the slip at the bottom of this page when sending in your £2.50 donation.

The donations will be given to the YAEA representative direct and will not be opened in school so **please enclose your donation in a named, sealed envelope and be aware that we are unable to give change so please send in the correct amount. Please could all donations be received before 23rd January. Thank you.**

I know that we have many talented and enthusiastic young artists in our school, and this will be an exciting opportunity for them to show their creative flair whilst raising money for charity.

YOUNG ART EAST ANGLIA EXHIBITION – reply slip

To be returned to the school **before 23rd January** please (in a named and sealed envelope):

Name of Child:

Year:

Email address for contact:

Amount enclosed: £

Please enclose the correct amount as the school is unable to give change. Many thanks.

EFL Boys Schools Cup:

The first time entering this tournament for our school and it was a very successful morning for us. 32 teams competing over 2 days and the winner from each of the 8 groups progressing to the next round. Our first we got off to a great start beating Britannia 6-0 playing some great football. Secondly we came up against a very strong Wells Hall, going down 1-0 in the first few minutes the boys kept plugging away and got the rewards. Equalising with 3 minutes to go and then to find a winner with literally the last kick of the match to win 2-1. We then faced Holbrook in the final group game and we ran out 14-1 winners. So we go through to the finals against the other 7 group winners back at Portman Road on Friday 17th Jan.



IPSSA Boys Small Schools Football League:

St Mary's 8-0 Bramford. A busy day of football topped off with another league win. Keeping a 100% start to the league season, playing 3 and winning 3. Again a great display of attacking football from the boys made sure of the 3 points.

Year 4 Dodgeball:

On Friday 10th January some Year 4s attended a dodgeball festival at Inspire Suffolk. Along with eleven other schools the children had a wonderful time and had plenty of opportunity to show off their ball skills. It was great fun to be there and see the smiles and concentration on their faces. Thank you parents for your support as always.



U11 Dodgeball Festival:

Six Year 6's enjoyed a fun afternoon at Inspire Suffolk taking part in a Dodgeball festival. The children gave 100% and showed great sportsmanship and team spirit throughout. Well done!



Plant to Plate – East Anglian Daily Times Promotion and tokens

The East Anglian Daily Times are running a promotion in partnership with Enjoy Gardening More called Plant to Plate. Plant to Plate will offer schools the chance to create their own school garden with the aim of giving children the opportunity of learning sources of food from the actual process of planting to serving on their plates.

Tokens will appear in the East Anglian Daily Times (two on Saturday) and the Ipswich Star. The first token appears on Saturday 18th January and the final token will be on Friday 27th March.

The three schools with the most tokens (as an average of total pupils) will win gardening equipment and guidance from a head gardener. There will also be some runners up prizes which include seeds, planters, compost etc.

There will be a box for tokens outside the school office. If you are able to send tokens into school (after 18th January) we would be most grateful. Thank you for your support.

FOSM PTA news and updates

Colouring competition -

Thank you to all the children who have put in their entries for the PTA colouring competition so far. If you haven't yet, don't panic - there's still a week to go and the closing date is next Friday 24th.

The main prize of a sleepover party for two is being drawn at random to allow all children an equal chance, and then there will be a prize per year for the best / most colourful entries.

Gift amnesty -

The gift amnesty is running through January, thank you very much to everyone who has donated so far. There is a box in the school office for any donations of unwanted or duplicate gifts and decorations.

Thank you. The PTA team

Short Survey -

For Parents/Carers: We would be very grateful if you could complete a short survey to make sure we are inclusive in our communications and to inform how the PTA will proceed this year.

The link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KQ3DZSB> There are only five questions so should not take up too much of your valuable time. Thank you for your help in this.

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2020

- 21st Jan: Year 3 to BT Adastral Park
23rd Jan: Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am
30th Jan: Year 5 Parish Mass 9.15am
31st Jan: Year 3 Class Mass 2.30pm
- 4th Feb: Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am
6th Feb: Year 5 to Chelmsford Water Treatment Centre
7th Feb: Celebration Assembly 2.45pm
12th Feb: Curriculum morning 8.30-9.30am
17th–21st Feb: HALF TERM
27th Feb: Year 3 Parish Mass 9.15am
28th Feb: Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm
- 5th Mar: Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am
6th Mar: Year 6 Awesome Arctic in school
6th Mar: Year 5 Class Mass 2.30pm
12th Mar: Year 5 Parish Mass 9.15am
13th Mar: Year 6 Class Mass 2.30pm
17th Mar: Parents evening 3.30-6pm
19th Mar: Parents evening 4.30-7pm
26th Mar: KS1 Lenten Service 9am (Parents welcome)
31st Mar: Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am
- 3rd Apr: Easter Liturgy – Church 1.30pm (Parents welcome)
3rd Apr: Last day of term. **School ends at 2.45pm**

Term dates for 2019/20

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January to Friday 3rd April 2020

Half Term: 17th – 21st February 2020

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April to Friday 17th July 2020

Bank holiday - Friday 8th May – (school open as usual Monday 4th May)

Half Term: 25th - 29th May 2020

Term dates for 2020/21

Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3rd September – Friday 18th December

Half term: 26th – 30th October

Staff Training Days: 1st & 2nd September

Spring Term 2021

Tuesday 5th January – Friday 26th March

Half term: 15th – 19th February

Staff Training day: 4th January

Summer Term 2021

Monday 12th April – Friday 16th July

Bank holiday: 3rd May

Half term: 31st May – 4th June

Staff Training days: 19th & 20th July (disaggregated)