

## Newsletter

"Let your Light shine" Matthew 5:16

#### 24 October 2024

#### **KEY DATES**

Friday 25 October, School closed, INSET day

Monday 28 October—Friday 1 November, Half term

Thursday 31 October, Deadline for High School applications for September 2025

Monday 4 November, Return to school

Monday 4 November Parent Consultation Bookings Live on Pupil Asset

Monday 4 November, New Norse Menu and meal price increase to £2.70

Tuesday 5 November - Tuesday 10 December, Horse Chestnut swimming

Friday 8 November, deadline to return Movies & Munchies Order Form & £5 payment

Friday 8 November, Get Confident in Maths Family Learning Programme 1, 9-11am (8 spaces)

Friday 8 November, deadline to return Oak Class Gressenhall Consent Form/payment

Tuesday 12 November, 13:15, Parent Consultations, School Hall

Friday 15 November, Get Confident in Maths Family Learning Programme 2, 9-11am (8 spaces)

Friday 15 November, Children In Need—Disney or Super Hero

Friday 15 November, 3:15-6 Movies & Munchies

Monday 18 November, Oak Class visit to Gressenhall

Friday 22 November, Get Confident in Maths Family Learning Programme 3, 9-11am (8 spaces)

Friday 22 November, Whole School Flu Vaccination

Thursday 28 November, Deadline to Opt Out of YR and Y6 NCMP

Friday 29 November, Get Confident in Maths Family Learning Programme 4, 9-11am (8 spaces)

Friday 6 December, flu vaccination second visit

Tuesday 10 December, Christmas Craft—further details to follow

Friday 13 December, Christmas Disco

#### Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of a very busy 8 week term and I'm sure everyone is looking forward to a well-earned break. As well as lots of exciting learning in class, the children have also enjoyed fantastic trips to Gressenhall, Norwich Cathedral and Crucial Crew as well as the return of beach school. It has been wonderful to see the children thinking beyond their class work and deepening their understanding of their topics. We look forward to lots more to come next half-term.

It is with real sadness that we have to announce that Mrs Pagan will be leaving the school office in November. She has been the lynch pin of our community for many years but is now heading for new adventures in Hong Kong. We will miss her very much and wish her all the very best for the future.

I hope that you enjoy a relaxing half-term break and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday November 4th.

Mrs Laura Watts,

**Executive Headteacher** 

#### **Class Attendance**

7 - 11 October 2024 14 - 18 October 2024

Maple 82.5% Maple 85%

Horse Chestnut 92.2% Horse Chestnut 86.1%

Oak 76% Oak 96%

#### **Star Pupil Awards**

Star Pupil Awards have been given to Logan, Isaiah, Matilda.

Well done to you all!



#### Parent Consultations—Tuesday 12 November

Parent Consultation appointments are now available to book via the Pupil Asset parent portal. The portal can be accessed via a browser on a laptop, pc or mac. The parent evening option will appear in the portal navigation menu, there will be an option labelled 'Parents Evening' on the left hand side.

Appointments are available in 10 minute time slots. It would be appreciated if parents could adhere to these time slots. If further time is required, please make an alternative appointment with your child's class teacher. The Portal Booking System will close at 3:30 on Monday 11 November. Please contact the school office if you require any help making appointments. Mrs Mejri and Mrs Hack will share the appointments for Maple Class, please make a booking with Mrs Mejri. Consultations will take place in the school hall, please enter the school building from the bottom doors. Thank you.

#### **Horse Chestnut Class Swimming**

Reminder that Swimming will begin on **Tuesday 5 November** at Broadland High Ormiston Academy, with the last session taking place on 10 December. Please ensure that your child has a swimming costume/swimming shorts, swimming hat and a towel and brings goggles if needed. Please make sure that no tights are worn, only socks.

#### Children in Need - Friday 15 November

Your new School Council would like to invite you to wear your favourite Disney or Super Hero outfit for non-uniform day on Friday 15 November to raise money for Children in Need.

Children can bring cash donations into school and posters with QR codes will be available on the notice board and in school reception if you would prefer to donate using your phone. All donations are appreciated! Children may wear Pudsey accessories (e.g. ears), but please do not wear face paint or use hair dye. Thank you for your support!

#### Trips/Events

#### Oak Class visit to Gressenhall—Monday 18 November

Oak Class will visit Gressenhall on Monday 18 November. Please return the Consent Form/voluntary donation via Parent Mail by Friday 8 November. Your child will need a 1940's packed lunch and to come to school in 1940's clothing.

#### Friends' News

Thank you to everyone that took the time to attend our AGM on 11 October. It was great discussing things such as the money we have previously earned and all the wonderful things we've spent it on to benefit the children of our small village school. We were also able to confirm some exciting events and a Christmas treat for all the children.

Our key dates are:

Friday 15 November: Autumn Movies and Munchies

Friday 13 December: Christmas Disco

Tuesday 17 December: Sheringham Little Theatre Panto trip

If you couldn't attend our meeting but would still like to join Friends or even just offer time to help at our events, more hands would be greatly appreciated. Please see Mrs Allsop.

Thank you

The Friends of Happisburgh CE Primary Academy Committee

#### **Maple Class**

In Maple Class for RE we have been learning about why light is important in different religions. We talked about where light comes from and why Christians light candles in church.

We learnt about the Hindu celebration of Diwali and why light is special to Hindus. We listened to the story of Rama and Sita and thought about how the Diva lamps in the story guided the way home for Rama and Sita. We made our own Diva lamps out of clay. We then painted our lamps in bright colours and put glitter and sequins on them for decoration. We also made Menorah lamps which Jewish people light when they are celebrating Hannukah







#### **Horse Chestnut**

Horse Chestnut visited Norwich Cathedral to learn about the life of a Monk and the history of our wonderful Cathedral. We learnt about a Monk's day, how the Cathedral was built and the history and role of the Bishops at Norwich Cathedral. We learnt about the many uses of this building and how it is used today.

Horse Chestnut have had a day out at Gressenhall becoming Stone Age people. We have built shelters in the woods, farmed, hunted and gathered just as stone age people would have . We have handled artefacts from this period in history and now understand how we learn about this period in history.



#### **Oak Class**

We have recently visited the incredible Norwich Cathedral where we learnt about how the Cathedral was built almost 1000 years ago! We learnt about the first Bishop of Norwich and about the lives of mediaeval monks. We even dressed up in monks habits and sat in the choir stalls. It was a really good day and everyone had a really enjoyable time!

Here are some photos from the day's events:





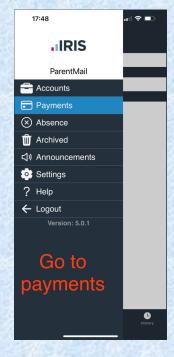
#### **Royal British Legion**

Poppies are available from the school office for a small donation. Thank you for your support.

#### Parent Mail

To help parents and carers with booking and paying for Clubs and Events, we have provided screen shots of the step-by-step process. Please do contact the school office if you have any concerns making bookings.









#### **After School Clubs**

After School Clubs will continue after half-term for six weeks. Please note we are not running after school clubs the last week of term (16-20 December). Please book and pay via ParentMail Shop—it would be appreciated if all clubs bookings could be completed before **Monday 4 November**. Thank you.

**Monday—Christmas Crafts**—Lisa and Sarah will be running Christmas Craft Club on Mondays after half-term. Come and join them for Festive Fun and create some Christmas magic **£18** 

**Tuesday—Lego and Film Club** with Mrs Baines —We are running both clubs on the same night so that children can choose to attend and take part in Lego Activities or bring a snack and watch a film **£18** 

**Wednesday—Cookery Club** Mrs Lawrence will be running Cookery Club for all Year Groups across the school, limited to 6 places. Mrs Lawrence has lots of exciting recipes planned with a festive twist £30

Wednesday—Street Dance - Premier Education are back to teach Street Dance - spaces available for all Year Groups £18

Thursday—Football Club—Premier Education delivering football training—spaces available for all Year Groups £18

#### Harvest

Thank you to all parents and carers who kindly contributed to our Harvest Festival Food Bank. As you can see from our display, we were able to provide lots of essential items for the North Norfolk Foodbank.



## Household Support

# Available from all Norfolk Libraries

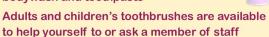
#### **Keep Warm and Well**

Help yourself to a blanket, hot water bottle and draught excluder

Free hot drinks are available

#### **Toiletries Bag**

Bag contains: deodorant, shampoo, bodywash and toothpaste







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**The Coastwise Team** are happy to announce that following the success of the previous 11 Coastwise cafes in spring and summer and in response to community feedback, we are running more Coastwise Café events.

Coastwise Cafes will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday 19 November, Overstrand Parish Hall, 9:30am-12:30pm

Thursday 21 November, Trimingham Hall, 2:30pm-5:30pm

Saturday 23 November, Happisburgh Wenn Evans Centre, 9am-1pm

Tuesday 26th November, West Runton Scout Hall, 9:30am-12:30pm

These Coastwise Cafés will provide updates on progress and each café will focus on housing and have its own location-based topics.

**Overstrand** will focus on key infrastructure and the setting up of a community group to take these ideas forward.

The café in **Trimingham** will provide discussions around housing, information around the water investigation report and an update on the Coast Road.

**Happisburgh** will receive updates on work around the graveyard, the car park replacement and possible uses for the old caravan park land.

The café in **West Runton** will provide an introduction to Coastwise and discussions around caravan parks in the area.

Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be provided as well as interactive activities for children.





### Half Term History Gore with Yucky Yarns

The family friend walk hosted by Jemima Black - the custodians of the big book of Yarmouth Yucky Yarns- will teach you about pirates and princesses, graveyard tricks and ghostly goings on!

It is aimed at families with children aged 6-11 and includes a fun activity book!

After the walk, Jemima will lead you to Kirsty's Cakery for a yucky themed afternoon with gruesome delights such as tea or potions, scone and scream, eyeball jelly and dead fly pie!

The walk will take place on Thursday 31 October with start time of 2pm from the front Gates of Great Yarmouth Minster (NR30 1NE). It costs £12 per person (all ages). The walk will last approximately 1 hour followed by afternoon tea.

Booking essential (booking closes Tuesday 29 October).