



21st June 2024

Executive Head

This week the children have enjoyed a sport rich week, with the highlight of course being Sports Day. Children have enjoyed being in their house teams. We are very proud of all that the way that they have supported and encouraged each other, every single one of them shine in so many ways! Well done everyone!

Mrs Brand

Robins

This week during maths Reception have been revisiting shape and pattern. Year 1 have been revisiting place value using numbers to 100 and year 2 have been looking at position and direction, describing movement and turns and shape patterns with turns. During our computing lessons we have been creating a seasonal program using a given design. We have also had fun examining the root structures of a variety of plants; drawing, comparing and contrasting these. Robin class has been so looking forward to Friday's sports afternoon, and this certainly lived up to their expectations! Thank you to all who came and supported them.

Barn Owls

This week in Barn Owls we have spent a lot of the time doing our Summer Term assessments - they are always a challenge but we got through them!. WE have enjoyed a sports afternoon, we went swimming and we have had 2 play rehearsals. On Thursday 8 of us went to the UEA for an athletics day and we all enjoyed sports day on Friday afternoon.

Year 4 finished reading 'Who Let The Gods Out', a really funny but hard book and we are looking forward to our final text called 'Ballers'.

Many pupils are not getting their Reading Wings signed so Barn Owls are missing out on winning extra free time! Please could I remind parents that the collection day is Thursday but that you can sign the week at any time.

Golden Eagles

This week, Golden Eagles have had an amazing few days at Horstead! They did all sorts of adventurous activities, such as paddleboarding, climbing, archery and a zip line. They also enjoyed spending time with the children from Gillingham, playing a huge game of rounders with them! As well as their residential, they have fitted in some extra play rehearsals and also maths, ending the week with sports day. I think everyone will be very tired this weekend!



Robins

Are this weeks winners!



KS2 Production of Mystery at Magpie Manor

Thursday 4th July at 1.30pm & 6.00pm.

Ticket have been e-mailed home.

Prayer

Mighty God from up high,

You are the Lord of the earth and sky,

We know we sometimes get things wrong,

We're sorry for those things we've done.

We thank you for our families, friends and

school, We thank you for loving us all.

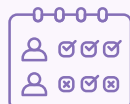
Please can you let our lights shine, In all our



work, including mine.

Amen

Weekly Attendance



Golden Eagles

have the highest attendance this week!

Well done!

Whole School Attendance

YTD

95.38%



Uniform

Please can you check your childs uniform as we have a few items missing that did have names inside.

Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

- 24/06 - Barn Owls Swimming
- 25/06 - Premier Sports Tri Golf all classes - wear PE kit
- 26/06 - Y6 Bungay High Transition Day
- 27/06 - Y6 Bungay High Transition Day
- 01/07 - Barn Owls Swimming
- 02/07 - Internal Transition Morning
- 04/07 - KS2 Play 1.30pm & 6.00pm
- 07/07 - Ditchingham Grand Village Fete
- 08/07 - Barn Owls Swimming
- 08/07 - Y6 to Crucial Crew
- 08/07 - Hobart Transition Y6
- 09/07 - Hobart Transition Y6
- 10/07 - Hobart Transition Y6
- 10/07 - Bungay Transition day Y5
- 10/07 - Barn Owls trip to Beccles Quay
- 12/07 - Y6 to Pleasurewood Hills
- 15/07 - Internal Transition Afternoon
- 15/07 - Barn Owls Swimming
- 16/07 - Long Stratton High School Transition
- 17/07 - Long Stratton High School Transition
- 18/07 - Y6 Leavers assembly 9.00am
- **19/07 - Last day of the academic year**
- **04/09 - First day back at school**



Ditchingham Academy Friends

This weeks fundraising included selling cans of fizzy drink, and holding a 'guess the name of the squishmallow' game at Sports Day. We are incredibly grateful to the two parents who volunteered their time at Sports Day to fundraise.

If you have any fundraising ideas, or can spare an hour every couple of weeks to fundraise for additional equipment for the children please let us know!

Join us on Facebook here

<https://www.facebook.com/ditchinghamacademyfriends>

We are pleased to have been able to award all three classes with £100 for them to spend on learning resources for their classrooms. Thank you for your support in our fundraising to allow us to do this!



Enrichment Clubs

Summer Term 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Morning Club 8.00am - 8.50am £2.50 per day via Parentmail</p>	<p>Morning Club 8.00am - 8.50am £2.50 per day via Parentmail</p>	<p>Morning Club 8.00am - 8.50am £2.50 per day via Parentmail</p>	<p>Morning Club 8.00am - 8.50am £2.50 per day via Parentmail</p>	<p>Morning Club 8.00am - 8.50am £2.50 per day via Parentmail</p>
<p>After School Club 3.20pm - 4.20pm</p> <p>Mrs FB Lego Club</p> <p>£25 this half term via Parentmail</p> <p>Single session £4 - via Parentmail</p>	<p>After School Club 3.20pm - 4.20pm</p> <p>Premier Sport Football</p> <p>£25 this half term via Parentmail</p> <p>Single session £4 - via Parentmail</p>	<p>After School Club 3.20pm - 4.20pm</p> <p>Mrs Woodgate Messy Arts & Crafts</p> <p>£25 this half term via Parentmail</p> <p>Single session £4 - via Parentmail</p>	<p>After School Clubs 3.20pm - 4.20pm</p> <p>Mrs White Rounders</p> <p>£25 this half term via Parentmail</p> <p>Single session £4 - Book via Parentmail</p>	<p>After School Clubs 3.20pm - 4.20pm</p> <p>Mrs Woodgate Board games</p> <p>£25 this half term via Parentmail</p> <p>Single session £4 - Book via Parentmail</p>

Please contact the school office if you require financial support
or head to <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs>

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued **after 19th August 2024**.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence. The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

- The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:
- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

- The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.
- Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

