



13th September 2024

Executive Head

It has been really enjoyable this week, hearing and seeing the children outside playing respectfully with each other, although it has definitely seemed like autumn this week with the cooler weather! I have been treated to many conversations with children this week about their learning, I hope they have begun sharing their new topics with you too.

Next week we are really looking forward to welcoming you into school to celebrate the start of year with us officially on 19th September at 9.00am. Once you have dropped your children off please head to reception.

Robins

Robin Class have had a fantastic first week back! Well done to Reception for settling in so quickly and a big well done to year 1 and 2 for setting such a good example of our learning behaviours and working incredibly hard to ensure that new reception children feel settled and welcome.

This term our science topic is 'our bodies', this week's lesson focused on drawing around members of the class, adding details and labelling parts of the body. Our geography topic this term is 'hot and cold climates', we discussed and sorted images of hot and cold places in the world and thought about the significance of the equator. Our PE topic is 'team building' we have had lots of fun co-operating with partners to complete challenges as well as thinking about the skills we we need in order to work well alongside others. Have a fantastic weekend all!

Barn Owls

This first week we have hit the ground running! In English we have been investigating our wishing tale called 'The King of the Fishes'. In maths we have started looking at Place Value and the number system and in science we have started to discover things about sound and how it is made. In computing we have linked computers to each other in a network, in PE we have started football and ball skills and in art we are enjoying using pencils to make different narks and shades in preparation for a piece of creative work next week. However, the most important thing is that we have started back in a fantastically positive manner and Mrs Steven and I are really excited for the year ahead.

Please do read regularly and log onto the TTRS, EdShed and Language Angels games online to support our learning.

Golden Eagles

Golden Eagles have had a good start to the school year. We have settled into our new routines well. In science we have started to explore the properties of materials; we had fun exploring the school building to see what materials we could see. In English we are learning a story called Nygaara the fire python, ready to write our own quest stories. Please do chat to us at home about our ideas so that we are brimming with tales to tell when we write our own versions next week. Place value has been our topic in Maths – we have learned how to read, write and partition numbers up to 8 digits long and have had fun working out how to write Roman numerals up to 1,000. If we start to chop lots of fruit and vegetables at home, please blame Mrs F-B who has been working with our class on creating class observational drawings in Art.

Parent Invites

We have upcoming events where parents are invited, please see 'Important Dates' below for more information.

Weather

As the weather is changing, please can you ensure your child comes to school with the following items

- Cardigan or jumper
- Coat

The following items can be left at school

- Change of shoes such as wellies for outside play

Communication

If your child is unwell, or going to be late in to school please contact the school office either by email or telephone.

If your child is being collected by someone other than a parent, please be sure to contact the school office to make us aware.

School 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

Helpful Information

School Website - <https://www.ditchingham.dneat.org.org/>

School Meals - <https://www.ditchingham.dneat.org/our-school/school-meals/>

School Calendar - <https://www.ditchingham.dneat.org/calendar/>

Term dates 2024 / 2025- <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/38151>

Term dates 2025/2026 - <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/57134/Term-dates-and-school-holidays-2025-2026>

Office email - ditchinghamoffice@kingfisherpartnership.org

Office Phone - 01986 893 277

App for School Communications - <https://www.myedschoolapp.com/>

Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

- 17/09 - NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe Assembly (whole school)
- **18/09 - Bungay High School in to visit Y6**
- **19/09 - Collective Worship, beginning of year blessing - 8am (Parents welcome)**
- 19/09 - NSPCC Volunteer talk
- 27/09 - Happy Smiles Dental Screening (whole school)
- **01/10 - School Meals Price Increase**
- 03/10 - Tempest individual and sibling photos
- **14/10 - Robins Parent Share 2.30pm (Parents welcome)**
- **16/10 - Barn Owls Parent Share 2.30pm (Parents welcome)**
- **17/10 - Golden Eagles Parent Share 9.00am (Parents welcome)**
- **18/10 - No after school club on this date**
- 23/10 - Y6 NCMP Measurements
- 23/10 - Reception NCMP, vision & hearing screening
- 24/10 - Last day of Autumn Term 1
- 04/11 - First day of Autumn Term 2
- 11/01 - Flu Vaccination (Whole School)
- 20/12 - Last day of Autumn Term 2
- 07/01 - First day of Spring Term 1



Wraparound Care Autumn Term 1

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| <i>Morning Club</i> 8.00am - 8.50am | <i>Morning Club</i> 8.00am - 8.50am | <i>Morning Club</i> 8.00am - 8.50am | <i>Morning Club</i> 8.00am - 8.50am | <i>Morning Club</i> 8.00am - 8.50am |
| <i>After School Club</i> 3.20pm - 4.20pm Mrs FB Lego Club £25 per half term £4 per one off session | <i>After School Club</i> 3.20pm - 4.20pm Karate Traditional Karate and Fitness Limited £5 per session <i>cash direct to instructor</i> Starting Tuesday 17th September | <i>After School Club</i> 3.20pm - 4.35pm Art Club Mrs Woodgate £25 per half term £4 per one off session | <i>After School Clubs</i> 3.20pm - 4.20pm *Football Club Mr Sibbons £25 per half term £4 per one off session *Y2 Upwards | <i>After School Club</i> 3.20pm - 4.20pm Board Games / Gardening Club Mrs Woodgate £25 per half term £4 per one off session |

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

Club Open Evenings



On Wednesday 4th & 11th September we are holding Open Evenings. Why not pop down, see where we play, what a session looks like, and meet some of the players and club volunteers.

6.00-7.00pm for children age 5+

7.30-8.30pm aged 16 years +

at East Point Academy Astro.



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