



# OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



This half term has flown by and after a busy start to the school year we are all looking forward to a well-deserved break ready for another exciting term ahead.

## **Attendance**

I want to say a huge thank you for your support in raising attendance in our school. We have seen improvement which we want to build upon as the year progresses. Our current attendance for the whole school is 95.61% for this term- this needs to continue to increase to ensure that our children make the most of every learning opportunity available- please do let us know if there is any way we can support this further.

Please contact Sarah Chance (Attendance Lead) in relation to any enquiries related to attendance.

## **PTFA**

Our PTFA is now up and running! They have made an incredible start and are keen to get events up and running. If you would like to be involved, please do let the office know - the more the merrier! 😊

The PTFA are currently busy planning a Christmas Fayre to be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. If you have a business and are interested in having a table to sell products at our Christmas Fayre please let speak to Mrs Floyd in the office. We are also collecting raffle prizes – if you would like to donate a prize or if you know of any businesses that would be willing to donate a prize, we would be very grateful.

## **PTFA Non Uniform Day – (Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November)**

One of the stalls that will be at the Christmas Fayre is a ‘Bottle Stall’. In order to run this stall, donations of bottles will be needed. We are therefore having a non-uniform day in return for a donation of a bottle. These need to be full bottles - fizzy drink, ketchup, bubble bath, wine, spirits etc.

Further information about the Christmas Fayre will be sent out soon.

## **Aylmerton Residential**

Children from Year 5 and 6 have just returned from their residential visit to Aylmerton. This was an incredible experience for children and staff as we explored the Norfolk coast and surrounding area. As well as partaking in amazing activities, our children learnt so much about geography, our environment and locality and also developed team-working skills, communication and independence. It was a truly wonderful experience and the Aylmerton team were superb! Packing was certainly a giggle, but we are proud to say the Aylmerton staff said we were the best school they had visit them in a long time. Keep an eye on our website to see our adventures!

We have booked for next year and our pupils currently in Year 4 and 5 will be receiving details regarding this in the coming weeks.

### **Black History Month**

Black History Month has been recognised across the school this term with the children learning about key historical figures including Rosa Parks and Mary Seacole. We have also been celebrating cultural diversity as part of our raising awareness of protected characteristics and the Equality Act.

### **Roots to Food**

Earlier this month we welcomed Darren back to school to work with each class developing our cooking skills and understanding of food and nutrition. Our children enjoyed making Thai Red Curry and Chelsea Buns which were absolutely delicious! I hope you have had opportunity to enjoy these at home. Darren will be back in the spring term with more culinary delights.

### **Act II**

A huge thank you to Karl for the fantastic music provision our Year 2, 5 and 6 children have enjoyed this half term and for the brilliant Samba and Boomwhacker performance this week. Next term all other classes will have the opportunity to work with Karl towards a performance of their own.

### **EYFS**

Our fantastic EYFS team and Mr Cowley have been working hard to redevelop and redesign our outdoor area. The children have even helped Mr Cowley by helping to set up his construction site. If anyone has any loose parts which they are able to donate, for example pallets, crates, tyres etc these would be greatly appreciated. Exciting changes are coming and we cannot wait to share these with you! I would also like to say a special thank you and welcome to Ms Forman who is covering Ladybirds during Mrs Farrow's absence.

### **Nuts**

Just a reminder that we have a nut free policy across the whole school due to allergies.

### **Parent Consultation Day**

We are extremely pleased to be able to invite parents in for face-to-face consultations this term. Details on how to book an appointment to see your child's class teacher will be sent out by the school office shortly. Please do make the most of this opportunity to discuss how your child has settled in, progress, targets and to ask questions you may have. Sarah Ogden (SENDCo) will be available if anyone wishes to book an appointment with her to discuss individual needs.

### **Children in Need (Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November)** ● ● ● ●

This year we will be raising money for Children in Need with a non-uniform day. This year the theme is SPOTACULAR! The spottier the better!  
Suggested donation is £1.

## **Christmas Events**

Further details regarding our Christmas events will be provided closer to the time however provisional dates are below for your diaries.

## **School Photographs**

Wrates Photography will be coming into school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. If your child has PE on this day, please send them to school in their full school uniform and bring their PE kit in separately so they can get changed for their PE lesson.



# **Key Dates**



## **October**

- 21<sup>st</sup> Pupils Break up for Half Term
- 31<sup>st</sup> Start of Autumn Term 2 and School Photo Day

## **November**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Y5/6 Indian Experience
- 9<sup>th</sup> Parent Meetings
- 15<sup>th</sup> PTFA Meeting 3.30pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Children in Need
- 24<sup>th</sup> PTFA Meeting 3.30pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> PTFA Non-Uniform Day

## **December**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> PTFA Christmas Fayre (5pm-7pm)
- 8<sup>th</sup> EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance
- 9<sup>th</sup> Sports Hall Athletics competition – Years 5 & 6
- 13<sup>th</sup> EYFS, Y1, Y3 and 4 Music Performance
- 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner
- 16<sup>th</sup> KS2 Carol Service
- 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Disco
- 16<sup>th</sup> End of Autumn Term

## **January**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Start of Spring Term 1