Walsingham CE VA Primary School Newsletter – 3rd September 2025

Welcome Back!

WELCOME BACK!

September is always a time of mixed emotions for our pupils as they return back to school after a long and busy summer. Some children are excited, some weary and some anxious as they start their first school day. We are looking forward to another busy year and we already have lots of wonderful things planned for our children so please do keep an eye on the dates on newsletters and Class Dojo.

REMINDER

It is a known fact that children who are supported with their education at home achieve better outcomes. Therefore, we please ask that all homework is completed when asked and that spellings and reading are completed at home. Thank you.

This year we are using a new entrance/exit into school. This is to minimise risk to the children so that they are not using the same entrance as the arriving vehicles. Please drop-off and collect your child from the gated entrance by the village bus shelter. At the end of the day, the gate will be opened and you can wait on the playground. Thank you. If you have a message for your child's class teacher, please give this to the person on duty (either myself or Mrs Wilson). When not on the gate, the class teacher is busy in class supporting the pupils and cannot talk. Messages will be passed on. Thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The uniform consists of:

- White/blue polo shirt/blouse/shirt
- Grey or black trousers/skirt – no leggings or joggers. If girls choose a skirt, they should wear either white socks or grey/black tights
- Blue sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece – plain or with school logo
- Flat black shoes or black boots in winter. Sensible flat black, blue or white sandals maybe worn in the summer with ankle straps (not beach wear)
- Blue checked summer dress, if families choose
- Grey short trousers in the summer, if families choose
- Coats – any colour, waterproof and warm (no leather or denim wear)

MAKE-UP POLICY

Make-Up is not accepted in school and **should not** be worn. This includes on non-uniform and celebration days. Children that are seen to be wearing make-up will be asked to remove it. Thank you

PE Kits

PE kit should consist of:

- Federation purple polo shirt (first one issued free)
- Black shorts (first ones issued free)
- Trainers for outside
- Tracksuits (no hoodies) / plain sweatshirt & jogging bottoms in blue or black for colder months, so that children get outside as much as possible in the winter (these items do not need to be new as they will be getting dirty).

We ask that everything is clearly labelled with your child's full name.

FOXES

Welcome back to Foxes Class! I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and are feeling refreshed and ready to begin the new school year. We look forward to welcoming new faces to both Reception and also Nursery this year!

PE DAYS

Mondays and Tuesdays



This year we are going to be running Foxes Class slightly differently to support the different year groups that we have in class. You may notice if you pop in at some point that the classroom has had a refresh. This is because we have sectioned the class to support our children in EYFS on one side and our children in KS1 on the other side. As the children in EYFS/KS1 complete different curriculums and have different expectations based upon them for their learning, we feel this is the most effective way to support them. Rest assured, this does not mean the children will not interact with each other - they will still very much be one class but instead have different areas of the classroom to carry out their formal learning.

To begin the school year our topic is 'Once Upon a Time'. Our youngest children will explore 'Traditional Tales' and our oldest children will focus on 'Fairytales & Castles'.

In mathematics, we will continue to use White Rose Maths. Our Nursery children will begin exploring the concept of more than, fewer than and the same as. Our Reception children start exploring objects through matching before making comparisons. The KS1 pupils will begin the year with the unit of Place Value. This is where they will be thinking about bigger numbers (up to 100).

Throughout the year we will update you on your child's learning (using Tapestry for EYFS) and Class Dojo for the whole class. Please do check in with both of these apps regularly.

As always, if you need me, please do send a Class Dojo message or speak to me when I am available on the gate. Alternatively, please arrange a meeting with Mrs Sands in the School office.

BADGERS

Welcome back - we hope you've had a great Summer! Badgers have settled quickly and certainly have a busy time ahead of them. Our learning theme for the Autumn term will be 'The Romans and Italy' and forthcoming events that you need to know about are as follows:

PE DAYS

Mondays and Wednesdays



- 18.9.25 – Whole school beach trip to Sheringham (please look out for the letter about this).
- 25.9.25 – A visit to Norwich cathedral to take part in the Benedictine project (again, please look out for a letter about this).
- 26.9.25 – Aspirations morning for all KS2 children in the Federation (taking place at Walsingham Primary).
- 7.10.25 – Prayer spaces session (taking place at Walsingham Primary).
- 10.10.25 – Whole school trip to Sandringham (letter to follow).

PE days will be on Mondays and Wednesdays with Y5/6 swimming on Mondays during the first half-term (please look out for a letter about this).

Homework will be handed out on Thursdays and collected on Tuesdays. It usually consists of spelling practise plus a short activity to support learning in maths. We encourage children to read at home as often as possible and for parents to record progress in their reading logs.

We are pleased to announce that we will be joined by a trainee teacher from UEA next week who will be working with Badger class for much of the coming academic year. Please do let me know if you have any questions and I'll do my best to answer them.

REMINDER

In line with the schools healthy eating and drinking policy **only water** is permitted in children's water bottles that are kept in the classroom. We monitor this closely so please ensure that you support your child with this. Thank you.

LITTLE BUNNIES STAY AND PLAY

Little Bunnies Stay & Play Group will continue to take place every Wednesday from 9-11am. All children aged birth to five are welcome to take part.

Refreshments are provided for all and it is free to attend.



Our first session back will be **Wednesday 10th September.**

For more information, contact Mrs Sands in the School Office.

CLASS DOJO



Class Dojo will continue to be our main form of communication for **all notices.** Please ensure that you have downloaded the app and made an account so that you can be kept up-to-date.

Class Dojo should be used if you have a quick message or query for your child's teacher, but it should not be used during unsociable hours and for complaints. Please arrange a meeting for this with Mrs Sands via the School Office. School staff are not obliged to reply out of school hours so please do not expect this.

Contact Details/ Permissions:

Please contact the office if there are any changes to contact details or permissions

FORTHCOMING DATES:



- Monday 8th September - Y5/Y6 Swimming Begins
- Tuesday 9th September - National Teddy Bear Day - Bring Your Own Teddy to School Day and Teddy Bears Picnic
- Thursday 18th September - Whole School Beach Day @ Sheringham
- Thursday 25th September - Badgers Visiting Norwich Cathedral for the Benedictine Project
- Friday 26th September - Aspirations Morning for KS2 for the Federation
- Tuesday 30th September - Individual and Sibling Photographs
- Friday 3rd October - Mental Health Community Team in School for Parents
- Tuesday 7th October - Prayer Spaces
- Tuesday 7th October and Wednesday 8th October - Parents Evening
- Friday 10th October - Whole School Trip to Sandringham with Blakeney
- Thursday 16th October - EYFS/KS1 Beach School (Session 1)
- Tuesday 21st October - National Apple Day
- Friday 24th October - Break Up for Half Term
- Monday 3rd November - Back at School
- Monday 3rd November - Y3/Y4 Swimming Begins
- Wednesday 5th November - Hindringham School Fireworks
- Thursday 6th November - EYFS/KS1 Beach School (Session 2)
- Wednesday 12th November to Friday 14th November - Year 6 Residential to Norfolk Lakes
- Monday 17th November - Flu Vaccinations 12:30-3pm
- Thursday 20th November - EYFS/KS1 Beach School (Session 3)
- Friday 21st November - Children in Need - Details to Follow
- Tuesday 2nd December - Whole School Trip to Fakenham Christmas Tree Festival (PM)
- Friday 5th December - Carol Singing @ Kelling School from 5pm
- Tuesday 9th December - EYFS/KS1 Christmas Craft Day @ Blakeney School
- Thursday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- Tuesday 16th December - Federation Pantomime @ Kings Lynn Corn Exchange
- Friday 19th December - Break Up!
- Tuesday 6th January - Back at School for Spring Term

The Pilgrim Federation