



WINTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY NEWSLETTER

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NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT ACADEMY HEAD

As we come to the end of another, very different, academic year, we can all look back with pride at how well we have managed and adapted to the challenges and changes we have faced. This is especially the case for our children, who have had their lifestyles, routines and expectations taken from beneath their feet, in many cases without warning or even an understanding as to why. However, their determination, resilience and positivity never fails to impress us and this year more than ever, the children have continued to amaze us with their progress and achievements.

As many of you will know, three years ago the school faced closure by the Local Authority, it was a very difficult time for everyone involved with the school and the uncertainty meant that many families made the tough decision to move their children to a different school for the start of the new academic year. Despite petitions and campaigns to save the school, as we broke up for the summer holidays three years ago, we knew we were coming back to a school of 25 children - less than a quarter of our maximum capacity - and a very hard battle to get anyone to believe that we were worth saving.

However, luckily the Consortium Trust heard about our fight to keep our wonderful village school open and Mr Aalders-Dunthorne made the decision to visit Winterton Primary School and Nursery. He saw something in us that others had not, and he realised our potential as a school, as a field study centre and as a huge part of a popular seaside village community. Since the Consortium Trust took us under its wing, we have blossomed in so many ways and we have gone from strength to strength. From September, we will have nearly 75 children on roll, meaning in just three years we have tripled in size and we now have children attending from all around the local villages and even some who travel daily from Great Yarmouth and even from further afield too.

As well as officially opening our Field Study Centre and welcoming our first paying guests last week, we are also pleased to announce that we are restarting our popular Little Nippers toddler group from September. This will be run every Monday morning by Miss Herod and Mrs Nicholas, providing the opportunity for all 0-5 year old pre-school children to join our fantastic learning environment - please see the article in the newsletter for further details.

Thank you to all of you for your continued support over the past year; thank you to all of our fantastic staff for working tirelessly to provide the very best for every child; and thank you to our fabulous children for their energy and enthusiasm, which brightens every day.

We hope you have a wonderful summer holiday with your family and friends, and enjoy some well-deserved quality time with your children. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Friday 3rd September 2021.

Mrs Hannah Waters
Assistant Academy Head



Wow, the Starfish Class have had such a busy half-term! We started the half-term introducing Explorers topic by finding out about different types of explorer, where they might travel and what they might explore. We looked at the globe and talked about the different types of land on earth and then we thought about what explorers might need to explore different places. We made binoculars, fishing rods, dens and campfires, and even extracted food from ice and created a volcanic eruption! We also thought about the best way to travel through the different landscapes.

As so many of the children were interested in dinosaurs, we then decided to become dinosaur explorers and hunt for fossils which could help us to find out more about the different dinosaurs. Next, we became paleontologists and hunted for dinosaur fossils in the sandpit and went on a dinosaur hunt in the garden. This week, we had a huge surprise as we came into school to find a large dinosaur egg in the classroom and although we quickly worked out that it was a dinosaur egg, we are rather unsure as to where it has come from. We think it might have accidentally been brought back with someone from the Dinosaur Adventure Park, as we visited there together last week to see the dinosaurs. We have made it a nest to protect it until it hatches, we have had a letter from the mummy dinosaur asking us to look after her egg and we have written back to her. If it does hatch, we are looking forward to learning how to look after a baby dinosaur and hopefully making some dinosaur footprint medals. Whilst waiting for our egg to hatch, we have also enjoyed keeping active with the balance bikes in our own Tour De Winterton, in our Boogie Bounce session and on our new slide, hill and tunnel in the Starfish garden.



STARFISH CLASS





SEAL CLASS

Seal class enjoyed their visit to Roar! The dinosaur park at the end of a very busy week in school. We had planned our visit using a map and key, identifying the areas we were interested in and used the map to help us navigate around the park. Our trip highlights were getting up close to the model dinosaurs and appreciating how large some were and practising our climbing skills on the Spider web apparatus and climbing nets.





SEAL CLASS





During their residential week, the Shark Class also found out about another part of Victorian seaside leisure: Punch and Judy shows. In school, the children have been making their own Punch or Judy puppet and writing their own short scripts to perform using the classic stories of "Where's the baby?" and "Who's got the sausages?". The Sharks also prepared and enjoyed a Victorian afternoon tea with sandwiches, jam tarts and jelly!





Summer Holiday Club

If you are interested in your child attending our Summer Holiday Club, run by Mrs Johnson and Mrs Jones, please book using the following weblink <https://www.consortiumacademy.org.uk/escape-holiday-school> and click on the photo saying 'Book a place'. Then choose Winterton Primary School, add your child's name and select from the following dates. Each day will run from 9am-3pm and will cost £20. A variety of activities for all ages (Nursery to Year 6 in 2020-2021) will be available on each day. Your child will need to bring a packed lunch with them but they will receive a small snack, provided by us, during the morning.

10th August - Jungle Day

Learn some songs and sounds of the jungle

Make animal masks

Make a jungle den

Crocodile river game

Make a tall giraffe from newspaper

Use fimo to make jungle animal fridge magnets or key rings

Create jungle fruit cocktails and smoothies

12th August - Beach (at school) Day

Come dressed in summer clothes

Decorate flip flops

Water paddling pool play

Make boats to race

Make our own ice cream factory with different toppings

Make frisbees

Sandcastle competition

Stone painting

24th August - Superhero Day

Making masks and cuffs

Superhero lollipop sticks characters

Superhero biscuits

Superhero hand prints cards

X-ray vision game

Design your own super hero

Cardboard box wall game

Captain America's shield making

26th August - Pirate Day

Dress as pirates

Make pirate ships out of big cardboard boxes

Make pirate puppets

Treasure hunt game

Create treasure maps

Pirate masks

Apple and cheese pirate ships

Treasure cookies

ATTENDANCE DATA

Attendance for this half term:

Seahorses: 94.7%

Starfish: 90.28%

Seals: 93.5%

Sharks: 97.56%

Whole School: 94.63%

National Average: 96.1%

Attendance Facts

- Attendance of 95% for the year equals 10 days that your child has been absent, that is 2 full school weeks of your child's learning missed for that year.
- Attendance of 90% for the year equals 19 days that your child has been absent, that is almost 4 school weeks missed.
- Attendance of 85% for the year equals 29 days that your child has been absent, that is almost 6 school weeks missed.
- Attendance of 80% for the year equals 38 days absent per year that is over 7 school weeks missed.

PE Days

On your child's PE day, as listed below, please ensure they come to school dressed in clothing suitable for PE. Lessons may be indoors or outdoors so please send warm clothing with a t-shirt or shorts underneath in case they get hot. Children must wear suitable footwear such as trainers and have separate shoes for indoors, such as plimsolls, if they do not have wellies to wear outside at playtime. Please ensure that long hair is tied up and all jewellery is removed before coming to school.

Seal Class – Monday

Shark Class – Tuesday






Starfish Class - Friday

Rockpool After School Clubs

From September all curriculum enrichment after school clubs will be free of charge, but we would like the children to book for the half term if possible as we will be completing projects throughout the sessions. If childcare is needed after 16:30 please contact the office as this is available and we will organise this for you.

These clubs will be running from September.

Please book your child's space on Arbor.

	After School Clubs	
Monday 3:30PM – 4:30PM	Football Club With Mr D’Rosario and Mr Smout Cost:£0	
Tuesday 3:30pm – 4:30PM	Yoga Club With Mrs Massingham and Mrs Jones Cost:£0	
Wednesday 3:30PM – 4:30PM	Construction Club With Mrs Nicholas and Mrs Jones Cost: £0	
Thursday 3:30PM – 4:30PM	DT Club With Mrs Waters and Mrs Jones £0	
Friday 3:30PM – 4:30PM	Arts and Crafts Club With Mrs Jones and Mr Smout Cost:£0	

Rockpool Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will run daily from 8:00 – 8:30am. There will be a standard charge of £2.50 for the first child and £1.00 for each sibling attending on the same day. A healthy breakfast will be provided.

Little Nippers

We are pleased to announce that our Little Nippers toddler group will be restarting on Monday 13th September 2021 at 9.45am-11am in the school hall. The group will be led by Miss Herod and Mrs Nicholas and should hopefully benefit from a large grant that we have applied for, which will mean we will have lots of brand new equipment for the children to play with. When you arrive for the session, please enter through the hall doors in the car park.

You will need to pre-book your space at Little Nippers by contacting Mrs Saunders in the school office on 01493 393218 or by emailing her at office@wintertonprimary.org. If you know you would like to attend every week, then you can book your space for the whole half-term to save you phoning each week - just please let us know if you cannot attend for any reason. The cost of the session each week is £2.50 which you can pay cash for weekly or you can pay upfront for the six weeks in one go with a payment of £15; this cost will include a drink and a snack for each child and a hot drink for every adult. Additional children will be charged at £1 per child.



Summer Activities

Please see the attached booklet and flyer for lots of exciting free activities you can do with your child over the summer holidays. Please also see the following for link for a fantastic opportunity, for children in receipt of Free School Meals, to take part in a Musical Performance Workshop Week at the Edward Worlledge Ormiston Academy.

<https://www.norfolkmusichub.org.uk/site/fit-for-fun/>



The flyer is titled 'Big Norfolk Holiday Fun' in large, colorful letters. It features a blue location pin graphic on the right side. The background is light blue with a green grassy area at the bottom. The Norfolk County Council logo is in the top right corner.

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun Scheme for families eligible for means tested free school meals

Children will be able to access up to 16 days of free activity throughout the summer holidays, the sessions will be varied and include a free meal each day.

Book your child a place today!

Don't miss out on your first choice – spaces are limited.

Free activities for 5-16 year olds during the Summer Holidays

- Sports and fitness
- Outdoor fun
- Art and craft
- Youth clubs and projects
- Science and nature
- Drama

To register and to get your unique code for the free activity days visit www.activenorfolk.org/getmycode

Diary dates

Friday 16 th July	-	02:45 PM	-	Leavers Assembly – Ticket holders only
Friday 16 th July	-	03:30PM	-	End of Term - Happy Summer
Friday 3 rd September	-	08:30AM	-	Start of the New School Year
Monday 27 th September	-	09:00 AM	-	Norwich Cathedral to Visit Dippy

Arbor

From September we will be using a new system called Arbor, you will all be sent a welcome email with your details on. We will no longer be using School Gateway, all credits on School Gateway will be added to Arbor.

In preparation please visit the following link to explain about the Arbor app.

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360004569518-Parent-Portal-and-the-Arbor-App>

Welcome to Arbor! Winterton Primary School and Nursery is now using the Parent Portal/Arbor App and has set up an account for you.

To finish creating your account you just need to set a password.

Your username is your email address we have on file for you.

Click the below link to create your password and finish setting up your account.

<https://login.arbor.sc/>

Click on the forgotten password and then follow the instructions.

You won't be able to do this through the app, as the links in our reset password emails only work with a browser. You can reset your password using a computer, or using a mobile browser on your phone or tablet.

Please download the app from your app store. Input your email address in and then you should find the school called WPNS. You will then be able to login.

If you have any queries please contact the office

The Arbor App can be downloaded from either the Playstore on android phones or the Apple Store on iPhones.