



# WINTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY NEWSLETTER

21<sup>st</sup> May 2021

## NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT ACADEMY HEAD

Thank you for your support over the last half-term, as we moved from the lockdown we have become so accustomed to, towards a more normal and hopefully more positive future. As always, the children have never failed to impress us with how quickly they settled back into the daily routines of school and have continued to demonstrate their enthusiasm, positivity and love for learning whilst remaining determined and resilient when faced with challenges.

We have an exciting half-term ahead of us as we creep closer to the end of the school year so please read the information below carefully to ensure you are updated on all the important notices that you need to know.

### **New Starfish Class teacher and staffing for September**

We are delighted to welcome our new Starfish Class teacher, Mr D'Rosario, to our staff team. Mr D'Rosario is joining us in September and comes with a wealth of experience of working with children and has a passion for Early Years with interests in outdoor learning, sport and music. We are planning to give you and your children the opportunity to meet Mr D'Rosario before the end of the school year at our Transition afternoon for our new Starfish Class children and parents and will confirm the date with you as soon as possible. Support staff positions for September are still being confirmed and we will update you with those before the end of the term.

### **End of term events**

As long as the restrictions continue to be eased as planned, we are hoping to be able to invite parents to our whole school Sports' Day, where we will be trying a new format themed around the Olympics with the opportunity for you to come into school to see your child participate in the different events and hopefully enjoy a family 'afternoon tea' picnic on the school field. This will happen on Tuesday 6th July, unless there is bad weather and then we will aim for it to be on Friday 9th July.

The Shark Class are busy preparing their end of year production of Peter Pan which will take place on the evening of Wednesday 14th July and the morning of Thursday 15th July, hopefully inside, and to our first audience in over 18 months!

We are also planning to have our annual Leavers' Assembly which we will confirm the date and time of next half-term.

I hope you all have a wonderful half-term with your family and hopefully enjoy some long awaited sunshine!

Mrs Hannah Waters  
Assistant Academy Head



In Starfish Class, our topic for this half-term has been 'How does your garden grow?' This has incorporated learning about what plants need to grow and thinking about how the weather affects plant growth. We enjoyed going on a plant scavenger hunt within the school grounds and then used what we found to make our own miniature gardens. We have also been busy filling our new courtyard planters with a range of different plants, including sunflowers, to brighten up the entrance to our school. We have started to enjoy the produce from our plants and we enjoyed trying our homegrown radishes with our frog-shape dip that we made last week. We also enjoyed using real seeds that we got from fruits and dried beans to help us with our counting and addition.

Mrs King popped back to see us a few weeks ago, with some frogspawn and tadpoles from the pond in her garden. This inspired us to learn about the life cycle of a frog and from this and we created our own frog life cycle books, built our own temporary pond in the garden, created collaged ponds and made clay frogs to sit on them, and finally we looked at Monet's Water Lilies painting and recreated our own version. We also enjoyed making an edible life cycle using grapes, raisins, spinach and green apples. We are still patiently waiting for our tadpoles to grow legs and turn into froglets.

As we had looked at the life cycle of a frog, we then compared this to the life cycle of a butterfly. We found caterpillars in our garden and made symmetrical butterfly wings. We also used spotty butterflies to learn how to double numbers and to help us represent number sentences. Next week, we are looking forward to finishing our topic by learning about bees and why they are so important in helping plants to grow.





## STARFISH CLASS





## SEAL CLASS

In Seal Class this half term, we have been learning how to write information texts and have created our own Winterton Guidebook for the children visiting our new Field Study Centre to find out more about Winterton. We enjoyed learning about the adders, grey seals, natterjack toads and little terns, all of which are found in Winterton. In English, we have also been learning how to write explanation texts and we are currently explaining why dinosaurs became extinct, which links well with our end of year trip to the ROARR! Dinosaur Adventure Park.

In history, we have been finding out about Mary Anning, a palaeontologist, who discovered the Ichthyosaur skeleton in Lyme Regis in Devon. We created a human timeline of her life to find out about the key events and we then used this to make a Mary Anning fact file. We looked at her qualities as a person and who the important people were in her life. Finally, we created ammonite fossils from clay and next week we will become archeologists and discover our fossils in the sandpit.

During our science lessons, we have been investigating what conditions plants grow best in so we planted some wildflower seeds and placed them in different locations around the school to see which would grow best, both with and without water. We were surprised to see that shoots started to grow even in the dark without any light at all, however these plants looked a very pale green whereas the ones in the sunlight had much darker green stems and leaves. Our experiment proved that plants cannot grow without water, as the seeds without water did not germinate and there were not any visible shoots.

In PE, we have been learning the basics of cricket which has included learning how to bowl using an underarm throw and how to return the ball with the bat. The children have demonstrated some excellent skills and have shown some fantastic underarm bowling and some spectacular batting. We are also completing some yoga as part of the Cosmic Kids yoga quest.







## SEAL CLASS





Sharks have been learning about the Victorian artist William Morris. We have been inspired by his floral patterns which were often found in textiles and wallpaper during the Victorian era. Following observational drawings of real flowers, the children have been experimenting with designing their own Morris-style pattern and using tracing paper to create symmetrical designs.







## Summer Holiday Club

We will be offering a Summer Holiday club on the following days, more information will be sent out with how to book and pay next term.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

**W/C 16<sup>th</sup> August we will have club run by Engage sport – more information soon**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

## ATTENDANCE DATA

Attendance for this half term:

Seahorses: 94.7%

Starfish: 92.04%

Seals: 93.11%

Sharks: 94.14%

Whole School: 93.48%

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.



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

The uptake for our clubs increases each week with more children having opportunities to develop new skills or enjoy a movie. We are really pleased they have been popular with the children. As a school, we have high expectations for behaviour and these expectations continue at our clubs particularly where it is essential to ensure children are safe when participating in archery or cookery for instance.




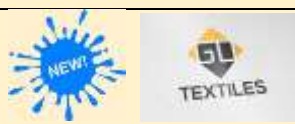

Should a child find they are unable to behave we will firstly advise you verbally after the session. Should it occur a second time we will send a letter in writing. If poor behaviour continues for a third time, your child will be asked not to attend for the foreseeable future.

We appreciate this may have childcare implications for some families, however teachers who give their time freely to run clubs and organise exciting and new activities need to be able to deliver them in a positive environment.

Thank you for your understanding.

These clubs will be running from next Half Term.

Please book your child space on the School Gateway App.

	After School Clubs	
<b>Monday</b> 3:30PM – 4:30PM	<b>Multi Skills Club</b> With Mrs Johnson and Mr Smout <b>Cost:£3.00</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b> 3:30pm – 4:30PM	<b>Cookery Club</b> With Mrs Johnson and Mr Smout <b>Cost:£3.00</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b> 3:30PM – 5PM	<b>Movie Club</b> With Mrs Johnson and Mrs Massingham <b>Cost: £3.50</b>	
<b>Thursday</b> 3:30PM – 4:30PM	<b>Textiles Club</b> With Mrs Waters and Mrs Johnson <b>£3.00</b>	
<b>Friday</b> 3:30PM – 4:30PM	<b>Games Club</b> With Mrs Johnson and Mr Smout <b>Cost:£3.00</b>	

## Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns that you wish to raise with us at school, please speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads, which are Miss Bane, Mrs Waters, Mrs Saunders and Mr Aalders-Dunthorne, with our Locality Committee safeguarding lead as Mrs Hudson-Jones. If you would like to speak to us on the phone or in person, please contact Mrs Saunders who will be able to book you an appointment, or if you would prefer to email, please contact Mrs Saunders on [office@wintertonprimary.org](mailto:office@wintertonprimary.org) who will be able to give you our email addresses.

## Field Study Centre and Residential Week

We hope to finally open our Field Study Centre from July and we already have some bookings from other schools in the Trust and Mr Aalders-Dunthorne's Scout group. As promised to all of our children a long while ago, the children in Seal and Shark Class will be given the opportunity to stay for one night overnight before anyone else as part of our Winterton Residential Week. During the week, the whole school will have a week planned as if they were on a school residential, where they will do a range of different activities in and out of school, accompanied by some visitors and a special end of the week visit to Gressenhall Museum for the Shark Class, and the Dinosaur Park for the Seal and Starfish Class. Look out for the full details of this exciting week early next half-term.

## High temperature and sickness guidance

Please be advised that if your child has a suspected high temperature, then, due to current COVID guidelines and our school risk assessment, we have to ask you to collect your child as soon as possible. Similarly, if your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they must be collected from school and remain at home for at least 48 hours.

## School dinners

We have had many children recently telling us that they don't like the school dinner they have chosen, please look at the attached dinner menu with your child and choose one of the four options each day with them to ensure that they like it and will eat it at lunchtime. If you do not think your child will eat any of the school dinner options, then please send them with a packed lunch from home. We will also send all children home with a printed copy of the school dinner menu today so you have easy access to it at home.

## Belongings to bring to school and things, which should stay at home

As the weather is still very temperamental at the moment, please ensure that your child brings a coat to school EVERY day as the children still go outside to play even if it is raining. This can just be a thin waterproof that is kept at the bottom of their school bag if they prefer not to wear it to and from school. Please also ensure that all your child's clothes are named and they bring a named water bottle to school each day too. Finally, your child's reading book wallet should go home every night for your child to read to you at home and be returned each day.

We have recently had a number of children bringing toys from home into school, this is not allowed (even if they are kept in a backpack) as toys can be lost or damaged and children get upset if another child has something and they do not. If you believe your child needs something from home at school, please speak to your child's class teacher.

## Donations

A huge thank you to all the local people and the Friends of Winterton Primary School who have recently given us or made things for our school to benefit the children. We have had picnic benches, wooden planters, books, learning resources, a laptop, a bug hotel, bedding plants, seeds, a log store, benches, a sandpit and some sand. If you have anything which you no longer want anymore you think we could use in our school, outside or for our Field Study Centre, please speak to Mrs Saunders in the Office.

## Movie Club Films

Please find the list of the movies we will be showing in the next couple of weeks:

9th June: Finding Ohana  
16th June: The Mitchell's vs the machines  
23rd June: Onward

## Diary dates

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	-	03:30PM	-	Break up for Half Term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	-	08:30AM	-	School Reopens
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> June – Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	-	All Week	-	Residential Week
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	-	All Day	-	Year 6 Transition day to Flegg High
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	-	All Day	-	Year 6 Transition day to Flegg High
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	-	All Day	-	Shark Class at Gressenhall
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	-	All Day	-	Starfish and Seal Class at the Dinosaur Park
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	-	09:30AM	-	Sports Day
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	-	06:00PM	-	Shark Class Production
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	-	09:30AM	-	Shark Class Production
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	-	03:30PM	-	End of Term - Happy Summer