



### Welcome Back

Welcome back to the new term and New Year! The term is well underway and clubs are starting from today. There have already been some children with sickness and upset tummies in the short time we have been back; please can I remind you that we have a 48 hour rule for children to stay off school from the last point of sickness or diarrhoea to prevent the spreading of illness/bugs.

We are bound to be hit by sub-zero temperatures soon so please make sure your children come to school dressed appropriately for the winter weather.

I would like to give a warm welcome to Mrs Cuss who has joined the school as our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo). She has lots of experience in this area and is a great addition to our team.

We also would like to welcome Miss Wood who has joined us in Ladybirds class to work alongside Mrs Poynton this half term.

I hope you all enjoy the term; if you have any queries or concerns please do get in touch.

Mr Khan 😊

### Attendance

Good school attendance is around 96.5% and our total whole school attendance percentage for the Autumn term was exactly 96.0% - so we have a little work to do! Governors and the Local Authority monitor our attendance to ensure it is on track. This is simply because it is so important; a child with 90% attendance misses the equivalent of half a day a week on average and a child with 80% attendance misses a whole day a week on average. This can have a massive impact on children in terms of missed learning and catching up. Your continued support with ensuring your child is in school regularly is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to ask your support with punctuality. The school day starts at 8.40am – that means children should be in class ready to learn by 8.45am. I know mornings can be difficult, but if I could ask some of you to leave home 5 minutes earlier, then all children will be in class ready to learn at 8.45am. Significant lateness can be very distressing for children. However, children who are repeatedly a couple of minutes late daily, can miss parts of registration, which causes confusion over dinners/bus etc. Please do try to be punctual - Thank you for your support with this.

### Horstead & Whitwell

Could I please ask that all outstanding monies for Horstead are paid before the trip itself. If this is likely to cause you a problem please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hall so that we can discuss this with you.

Outstanding Whitwell forms need to be returned to school immediately. If you need a duplicate please call the school office so that we can send one home.

If you have any other general queries around these residential trips please do not hesitate to call in or telephone the school office. We have been running these trips for many years now and have faced most issues before. Often those that seem a 'big deal' to your child, is something we have already come across and can offer support and reassurance for.

We are well versed in dealing with all situations!





<u>Key Dates for January 2019:</u>	
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	After School Clubs Start
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Blickling Cross Country Event
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Year 3 – 6 ESKA Karate Taster Morning
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Reception – Year 2 ESKA Karate Taster Morning
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	No Swimming
<u>Key Dates for February 2019</u>	
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	9am Busy Bees Class Assembly KS2 CASMA Rehearsal
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 2 CASMA Rehearsal
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Red Hand Day – A De Piff to visit
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> – Fri 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Years 3 & 4 at Horstead
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Back to school</b>

### Dinner Money & Breakfast Club

#### **DINNER MONEY**

Please remember that all dinner money and food order forms, should be sent into school at the beginning of the week – MONDAY – please. Also remember the price is as follows:

£2.30 daily: £11.50 weekly.

The value of a hot meal in the middle of the day cannot be underestimated during these cold months.

#### **BREAKFAST CLUB** £2.25 daily

This is a wonderful start to the day for any child. Breakfast Club starts at 7.45am with the latest drop off time at 8am. The children are served cereal, toast, yoghurt, fruit and the occasional pastry.

