



### **Winter is Here!**

Time continues to fly by this half term as the month comes to an end and it seems the weather is causing lots of chaos across the country – fortunately not so much in Norfolk!

In times of wintery weather with predicted snow and weather warnings, I will do my best to keep the school open as long as it is safe for the children and staff to come to school – hopefully we will not have another repeat of the ‘Beast from the East’ but we cannot be certain for the next couple of months. If you do happen to wake up one morning completely snowed in, please check the following website for school closures: [http://www.disruptions.norfolk.gov.uk/nccclosures\\_schools.html](http://www.disruptions.norfolk.gov.uk/nccclosures_schools.html)

We will also be sure to post a message on our Facebook page. During these cold times please ensure your child has a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves.

This half term has been filled with lots of wonderful learning and it is a pleasure to see the children immersed within their new topics for the term.

It always makes me incredibly happy when children come to my office to share their achievements and work they have put extra effort into (inside and outside of school) as they end up in my ‘Brilliant Book’.

With two and a half weeks left of the half term there is plenty more time for the children to share their special achievements with me.

Please remember that I have shared some important dates for the half term on the next page and that our school website calendar is also regularly reviewed to show important dates.

Mr Khan ☺

### **Growth Mindset Approach**

This half term we have introduced four school characters to the children to promote a ‘growth mindset’ approach. The characters are:

- Malala Motivator
- Resilient Roy
- Granny Grit
- Percy Perseverance

These characters all have a back story which was shared with the children across a week’s worth of assemblies which demonstrate the important learning skills of motivation, resilience, grit and perseverance. Each of these characters faced a difficulty and overcame them using these relevant learning skills. We are sharing the message that mistakes are ok to make and it is ok for things to be difficult as this is where learning happens. In combination with the characters, the children have learnt about the ‘Learning Pit’ which is a metaphor for learning – please see the poster on the following page.

### **Horstead**

We are fast approaching our Horstead Residential and there is still quite a lot of monies outstanding. We do need these paid up before the trip starts.

If you are having difficulty with this please come in to the school office and speak to Mr Khan or Mrs Hall.





### Important Dates

<b>Key Dates for February 2019</b>	
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	2-3pm PTFA Meeting
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	KS2 CASMA Rehearsal
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	KS1 (Year 2) CASMA Rehearsal
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	9am – Busy Bees class assembly
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Red Hand Day – A De Piff to visit KS1 Gymnastics Event at UEA Panathlon Event at UEA
<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>

The Learning Pit uses an image to show what learning looks like. Our four characters demonstrate the skills needed to help during this process.



Malala



Granny



Percy



Roy

## #TheLearningPit

