



Homefield Church of England Primary School

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TERMLY NEWSLETTER – SUMMER TERM

Welcome Back!

I hope that you have all had a relaxing Easter break. I hope you, like us, are all looking forward to what successes and achievements the final term in this academic year can bring. Our Summer Events' timetable is now available and a copy has been sent home for your perusal and it is also on our website.

SATs and Year 6 SATs Breakfasts

Year 6 (13th-18th May) and Year 2 pupils will be sitting their SATs this term. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase what the pupils have learnt over the year. Year 1 pupils will also be sitting their Phonics Screening Check, later in June. We have spent key moments of our year preparing them for these tests and I have every faith each child will do their very best when the time comes. As a school tradition, we offer the Year 6 pupils SATs breakfasts each day before the tests begin. A more detailed letter about this and a nourishing menu will come out nearer the time. All dietary requirements will be catered for and I hope all pupils will attend to build our Homefield team spirit together before we tackle the tests head on. However, this is by no means compulsory. If your child does have a specific dietary requirement please let Miss Battle know so that we can ensure they receive the correct foods.

Sports' Premium on Equipment

Last term, lots of our sports' premium funding was spent on new sporting equipment for the children to use in lessons, in clubs and at break times. This is fabulous, but I must stress the importance of encouraging the pupils to treat all school equipment with the respect it deserves so that the items are durable enough to have the intended impact on our sporting abilities and skill development.

Curriculum

Our curriculum has had a really positive impact so far this year already, enriched by events like the Eucharist Day we had just before the Easter break and I am very much looking forward sharing with you what we have coming up in the Summer term. This term we will look at more Geography, History, RE and Science. Once again, we hope to invite parents in to share in what the children have been learning and completing at celebration events and on a Read, Share and Review session. I look forward to seeing you there.

Generations' Project

Last term our Generations' Project for those families in receipt of Pupil Premium was a real success and we thank all those who joined in. We are going to be rewarding those pupils and their relatives who attended by taking them off to the Norfolk Children's Book Centre to spend their accumulated funds on lovely new books. We hope all future Pupil Premium projects will see even more eligible pupils in attendance.



Attendance and Punctuality

In order for our attendance figures to remain above National Expectations (96%) this term, we will need everybody to be at school, and on time, every day. We have a breakfast club from 8:00am, which is a fabulous way to ensure your child is on time for school each day. Please remember, if your child is ill, you must ring the school to inform us. If the absence is going to be longer than the appropriate quarantine period for the more contagious illnesses, you will need to phone in again to inform us. If we do not hear from you, our office staff will give you a courtesy call to find out where your child is. Lengthier absences through illness will require medical evidence. Letters regarding low attendance or persistent lateness will be sent home as a reminder to families about the importance of ensuring their child is in school. We have a duty to pass information to the Local Authority on all persistent absences, which could lead to further action from them.

Class Collective Worship & Graduation

It continues to be fantastic to see so many parents and grandparents attend our class collective worships in the hall. It is also lovely for the parents to see what happens during such an occasion, especially as this time is such an important part of our day. This half term Reception will be hosting their assembly on **Wednesday 8th May** at 9:20am. In the second half of term, Year 4 will be doing theirs on **Wednesday 26th June** at 9:20am. Reminders will be sent out nearer the time. Homefield University Graduation is on **Tuesday 16th July** at 10:00am in St. Nicholas' Church. The Year 6 Leavers' Assembly will be on the final day of term **Wednesday 24th July** at 10:00am in St. Nicholas' Church.

PTA Events

Thank you to all of the parents and staff that helped with the Spring Term events. It was fantastic to see all the Easter bonnets and the further funds raised through the school egg raffle. Well done everyone for the continued support. The PTA is now deciding on the next improvement project to raise funds for, after our new playground markings. If you have some suggestions, please drop your suitable ideas off at the school office or speak to a member of the PTA. The PTA have planned the following events this half term:

Midweek Movie – Wednesday 22nd May (times to be confirmed)

Summer Disco – Tuesday 18th June (times to be confirmed)

Summer Fayre – Friday 16th July

Please contact the school office if you would like further information on any of the events listed above.

Independent Homework and Reading

Pupils will continue to be given SPAG.com work to complete at home over the Summer term, as well as be encouraged to improve their knowledge of number fluency and times tables with TT Rockstars and Hit the Button. Please share the Knowledge Organisers with your children, particularly the new vocabulary and definitions linked with new curriculum topics. These can be found on our website also under the "Curriculum" tab. The importance of Reading for pleasure remains paramount, so please dedicate time to ensuring your children read daily.

Enrichment

Sporting enrichment this term will be learning all about power kiting and for our younger children, from Reception to Year 2, there will be some "Balance-ability" Workshops. Children will get a chance to experience an unfamiliar sport using an array of different skills. Thank you Go Geronimo for enabling these.



Gooseberry Planet

To continue to improve the pupils' understanding of E-safety we will once again be using Gooseberry Planet. This will be a group of sessions taught through a gaming style to the children at school and comes with an online access portal to the learning outside of school. Parents can also access their child's learning through an app. We will be sending home a letter soon with the child's login details for you to access the parental portal.

School Website

Please keep abreast of all information about the school with our school website. We also use Twitter and Facebook accounts to broaden the reach Homefield has with the wider community. Our class blogs are a fantastic way to see what pupils have been doing that week, and a way to communicate information to you, so please ensure you access them weekly.

Concerns and Issues

May I remind you that if you have any concerns or issues with any area of the school we cannot help, if we do not know about them, so please come and speak to us. We will not always get it right, but my staff and I do our very best to ensure we do. My door is always open and I will endeavour to the best of my ability to alleviate any concerns you may have promptly. If I am ever unavailable, please also feel free to share concerns with other senior leaders in the school, particularly as all staff have an equal responsibility for safeguarding.

Visitor Conduct Reminder

We are always welcoming visitors to our school because we are so very proud of it, but whenever we have people on site, we expect everyone to conduct themselves courteously and appropriately when interacting with one another and, particularly, when interacting with school staff. My staff are professional and work exceptionally hard for all our pupils and as a result I expect them to be treated with the politeness and respect they deserve, regardless of the issues being dealt with.

Residentials and Trips

This term, both Years 4 and 6 have their residentials to Kingswood and Whitwell Hall respectively. We are thinking about the possibility of having a single night's camp for the Year 3 pupils and a day trip to a Sikh school in the Southall community in London for Year 5 pupils in connection with Ormesby Junior School. The latter events are still at the decision and planning phase at the moment.

Homelessness

As a school, our Junior Leadership Team, have decided to launch a campaign to raise the awareness of the issue of homelessness within our local community. As the significance of the "Home" is so important to us at "Homefield," we wish to ensure others are able to experience this themselves. We have forged a link with the Herring House Trust in Great Yarmouth and aim to assist them to prepare backpack kits for those unfortunate enough to have to live rough on the streets. This will require donations from families towards the items they require. We shall also petition local businesses, who may be able to help us with our campaign. A more detailed letter about this will come out shortly.

I hope you all have a good term,

Bradley Young - *Headteacher*

