



NEWSLETTER – Friday 21st April 2023

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this email finds you and your family well.

Welcome back to the start of the new term. I cannot believe we are already at the end of our first week back. The children have returned to school happy and ready for the exciting learning opportunities of the new term.

As I officially begin the role of partnership head across Mousehold Infant and Nursery School and George White Junior School, I feel extremely honoured to be leading both schools. I have a fantastic team of experienced, caring and dedicated staff around me, and together we will continue to work hard as a team to strengthen what we already have in place for our pupils and our families. This is an exciting time to be part of our partnership, with joint events and opportunities already planned for staff and pupils across this term.

The vision of our partnership is:

- For both schools to work closely together to share best practice and pool together our resources, experience, skills and knowledge for the best interests of all pupils in order to increase their life chances.
- To support each other across both schools, offering greater advice and guidance to best meet the needs of all pupils and the community we serve.
- To enable all staff and all pupils' the opportunities to work and learn across both schools, in order to develop their skills, interests and talents as well as supporting a smooth transition between KS1 and KS2.

The Inclusive Schools Trust celebrates the cultural diversity of our school communities. We embrace equality of opportunity and utilise it to ensure that inclusion remains a reality.

All Different All Equal All Learning

With regards to the leadership structure across the partnership, Mr Tolson remains as Acting Head of School at Mousehold with Mr Smith remaining as Acting Assistant Head. I remain as Head of School at George White, Mrs Stolworthy remains as Assistant Head and Ms Connor remains as SENCO at George White.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Warmest regards,

Mrs Petchey

Kings Coronation

On Friday 5th May, we will be taking part in a whole school event to mark the King's Coronation. Children are invited to come to school dressed wearing something red, white and/or blue. In the afternoon, children will be designing and making a crown which will be worn and shown as part of our coronation catwalk. This is an opportunity for something fun and hopefully memorable, where the children get to wear their finished crown walking along a catwalk in the school hall.

London Marathon

We would like to wish Mr Cordeaux and Mrs Gaunt the best of luck as they take part in the London Marathon on Sunday.



OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK

YEAR 3

The children have settled back in to school really well. We have been continuing our learning in Maths on perimeter and length and have moved on to fractions. In English we have started a new book - 'The Incredible Book Eating Boy' and will be learning the skills needed to write our own humorous story. We have begun learning about the Ancient Egyptians and compared their timeline to that of The Stone Age in Britain. In Science we have learnt about plants and the important job roots play.

YEAR 4

In English this week YR4 have been introduced to the new book they will be studying which is a traditional tale - Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp by Philip Pullman. So far they have been exploring wonderful adverbs and verbs for describing how Aladdin enters the cave - they used role play to help build word banks.

YR 4 have continued to develop their understanding further with decimals and have been using concrete resources to help partition a decimal number into ones, tenths and hundredths.

Science has involved working together to classify living things into different groups using a Venn diagram and in Geography YR4 have begun to discuss the importance of food in different cultures - this links nicely to their new French topic...*la nourriture*! Well done on a busy first week back!

YEAR 5

Year 5 have had a great first week back after the Easter holidays. We have started a new unit in English based on the short film 'One Small Step' where we meet a space-obsessed girl called Luna and her father. In math's, we have started looking at shapes and angles where we went outside and started directing our partner using 'full turn, three quarter turn, half-turn, quarter turn, clockwise and anti-clockwise'. In science, we having started looking at the human life cycle and learnt about the stages of the human life cycle. We have started looking at coastal erosion in geography which will lead nicely into our trip in May!

YEAR 6

Year 6 have started the Summer term with a really positive attitude. In Maths and Spag we have started revising the strands of Maths we have worked on through the year and also from Years 3-5. We sent out several useful website links today which can help children revise for the upcoming SATS.

In English, we are writing our speeches based on Greta Thunberg's famous 'Our house is on fire' speech. We have chosen a similar theme: Why bees are disappearing? This theme also deals with the topic of environmental change.

In History, we are looking at how Norfolk has changed in the last 100 years. We are looking forward to a trip around Mousehold heath to look at its history.

In Science, we had a 'hook' of looking at static electricity and had fun with balloons - picking up litter, raising our hair and spinning paper. In PE, we have been taking part in team-building and practising for Sports Day.

Just a reminder that homework is now set on a Friday and marked on a Monday.

APPLE CLASS

It was lovely to welcome some new children to Apple Class this week. Everyone has settled back well and children have already shown some excellent enthusiasm for our new topics. We had fun using the inflatable solar system to demonstrate how planets orbit the sun. In English, we have started a new book, 'How the Stars Came to Be' by Poonam Mistry and we will be looking at creation stories from different cultures and religions. We also had school council elections, learnt new routines and set ourselves new targets for the weeks ahead. As usual, we ended the week by enjoying our baking with a story. Well done Apples, a great start to a new term.

Attendance Matters

Our school attendance target is 95%

Our attendance certificate for the highest class attendance this week goes to

4 Maple with **99 %**
Well done



What's On

APRIL 2023	
Monday 24 th April	Year 4 Trip to Gressenhall
Tuesday 25 th April	Swimming Gala for 16 children selected from Year 5 & 6
Thursday 27 th April	Teacher strike day
MAY 2023	
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 nd May	Teacher strike day
Friday 5 th May	Kings Coronation Event. Children welcome to come to school wearing something red, white and/or blue
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday – Kings Coronation
Tuesday 9 th May – Friday 12 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Monday 15 th May	Cross country event at Sewell Park School
Tuesday 16 th May	Year 4 parents presentation for the Multiplication Check. 2:50pm in the school hall.
Wednesday 17 th May	Year 5 trip to West Runton
Thursday 18 th May	Whole school French Day
Wednesday 24 th May	Year 5 to Theatre Royal – Connecting Cultures Music event
Thursday 25 th May	DT Day. Parents and carers invited in to school to work with their child on their DT project at 9-10am and 1:30-3:00pm
Monday 29 th May	HALF TERM
JUNE 2023	
Monday 5 th June	Welcome back after half term – gates open at 8:40am
Monday 5 th June	Arts Week – whole school arts week events
Monday 5 th June – Friday 16 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)
Tuesday 13 th June	Year 3 and 4 Sports Afternoon from 1pm on the school field
Wednesday 14 th June	Year 5 and 6 Sports Afternoon from 1pm on the school field
Thursday 15 th June	International Day – whole school event
Friday 16 th June	Day of Welcome – whole school event
Friday 23 rd June	Athletics Event at UEA
Monday 26 th June – Wednesday 28 th June	Assessment week for Year 3, 4 and 5.
Monday 26 th June	Year 6 Crucial Crew trip
27 th and 28 th June	GW Got Talent
Thursday 29 th June	Science Day – whole school event
JULY 2023	
Monday 3 rd July	DT Day. Parents and carers invited in to school to work with their child on their DT project at 9-10am and 1:30-3:00pm
Thursday 6 th July	Athletics Event at Heartsease
Friday 7 th July	Summer Fair from 3:20-5:00pm
Tuesday 11 th July	Year 3 & 4 end of year disco from 3:20 – 4:45
Wednesday 12 th July	Year 5 end of year disco from 3:20-4:45
Thursday 13 th July	Year 6 leavers disco – 3:20-4:45

Friday 14 th July	End of year reports out to all parents and carers
Dates to be Confirmed	Year 6 Farm Trip
Friday 21 st July	Whole school final assembly at 11:30am
Friday 21 st July	Year 6 leavers assembly – parents and carers invited 2:30pm
Friday 21 st July	Term ends at 3.20pm

Hot Dinner Price Increase

Please note from the 1st April 2023, Vertas will be increasing the price of our hot school dinners to **£2.53 per meal**.



No Smoking On the School Site

Please can we remind all parents and carers that smoking is not permitted in any part of the school at any time. This includes all school buildings and the outside areas of the school including playgrounds, sports field or car parks.



Silver Road Community Centre

Large Collection of School uniform & Food bank - Open: Thursdays 10.30 - 12.15

Community Fridge Saturdays & Food Bank Fresh food & bakery - Saturdays 11.00 - 12.15. To Book an Appointment Please call [07786694325](tel:07786694325)

SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Derer is on our school playground every Thursday and Friday morning from 8:45am. Mrs Derer is our school Parent Support Advisor, and you may already recognise her as she works at Mousehold every Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Derer is always happy to talk to you about any worries or concerns relating to your child at home or any further support we may be able to offer or signpost you to.

Our school Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Mrs Petchey, Mrs Stolworthy, Mrs Eaglen, Miss Alderton, Ms Connor, Mrs Derer and Mrs Burman

Please speak to one of these members of staff if you are worried or concerned about the safety of a child at school.

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours,
the number to ring is:

CADS – Children’s Advice and Duty Service – 0344 800 8020



ONLINE SAFETY



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OFCOM'S 'CHILDREN AND PARENTS: MEDIA USE AND ATTITUDES' REPORT 2023

Each year, Ofcom – Britain's regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences across the previous year. The latest version has just been released, and we've pulled out some of the report's most thought-provoking findings which relate to online safety ...

