



‘Growing & Learning Together’

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Dear Parent & Carer

As we head for the summer holidays, what a packed year and term we have had! Clearly a Good Ofsted was the highlight, but I am sure that everyone has their own special memory of this last academic year.

I am sure that you will join with me to say thank you to all the staff for their hard work and efforts this year. As they have met their new classes in the past week or so, they are ready for a well-earned rest before they start afresh and renewed in September.

We wish Mr Paull every success at Eastgate Academy and good luck to all pupils who are moving to different schools.

Thank you also to all of you who have supported the school this year in so many ways either through the PTA, coming to reading cafes, helping out on trips or volunteering. Your support is really appreciated.

I wish you all a very happy summer and look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 4 September 2019.

Yours sincerely

R McGlone

Headteacher

Meet The Teacher

As in previous years we are hope that you can join us in our Meet The Teacher morning between 9 and 10 am on the following dates:

Monday	9 Sept – Year 2
Tuesday	10 Sept – Year 4
Wednesday	11 Sept – Years 5 & 6
Thursday	12 Sept – Year 3
Friday	13 Sept – Year 1

Reminder – NEW permission slips needed on 4 September

As in previous years, we require NEW permission slips from parents if you require your child to go home with a childminder, another adult or if they are allowed home alone. These are then valid for the next academic year.

Things change over the summer and we need to make sure that we send children home with an adult that has been approved by parents.

Please send the new letter in on 4 September 2019. This is part of our safeguarding procedures to protect your children

Summer Reading Challenge – Space Chase

Don’t forget to get involved in this summer’s reading challenge based on the anniversary of the Moon Landings. Get involved at your local Library – remember it’s free and see if you can see your child’s decorated rocket which will be on display!

Please see the website:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

for more information.

Photographs

As in previous years we will be having individual photographs taken on **Wednesday 2 October 2019**

Contact forms

These forms are available outside the office. If you wish to speak to a member of staff please complete one and hand into the office. The member of staff will contact you to make a suitable appointment with them within 3 working days.

Book Fair

Our ever popular book fair is coming to Watlington from 18 – 25 September 2019

Parent Lunches

Once again, we are providing an opportunity for you to come and eat lunch with your child. A reminder, both pupil and parent are expected to order and eat a lunch on the day. Following feedback to school and Norse we have changed the day this term to a THURSDAY.

Date	Year
19 September	Year 4
26 September	Year 5
3 October	Year 6
10 or 11 October	Year 1
7 November	Year 2
14 November	Year 3
21 or 22 November	Year R

Attendance

Attendance this year has been slightly up on last year. Please remember the school cannot authorise absences unless in exceptional circumstances.

Please note a new Legal Intervention letter will be sent out in September which sets out Norfolk County Council's policy for issuing Fixed Penalty Notices for 10 session (5 days) continual unauthorised absence even if all or part of it is attributable to a holiday or if attendance falls below 85% in a 6 week period.

Don't forget – we are back in school for the start of the Autumn term on **Wednesday 4 September 2019.**

Reminder –Absence in school term time

Please be aware the school cannot authorise any absence in term time unless it is for an exceptional circumstance. Headteachers are unable to authorise absence for holidays. Therefore if you do book a holiday in term time, it is likely you will be referred to the County Council. It is up to the County Council to decide whether they will fine parents on referral, not the school.

Achievement Assemblies

The following are dates set for the first autumn half term.

6 September	No assembly
13 September	No assembly
20 September	Y6
27 September	Macmillan
4 October	Y4
11 October	School council election results
18 October	Y5

Lunches

Reminder: please, please, please if you are booking a hot meal or jacket potato **book with the office by 9.00am** on Monday morning if possible; or by 9.00am on the day the meal is required. Unfortunately it has been increasingly common that meals are not booked and children expect to have a meal cooked for them at lunchtime. We do, where possible, ensure that all children get the lunch they require, but if it hasn't been booked this can't always be guaranteed.

Also, Please let us know if you change your mind and do not require a meal if you have booked one.

Pupil Lunches are £2.30
Adult Lunches are £2.94

Please find a list of diary dates attached

DATE		EVENT
<i>July</i>	23	Sizzler Lunch (pre-booked)
	24	Achievement Assembly @ 2.40 pm Lolly Sale @ 3.15 pm End of term
<i>September</i>	4	Pupils back to School Year R Workshops
	5	Year R Workshops
	6	Year R Workshops
	9	All Year R Pupils in school Swimming Year 3 (1)
	10	Meet the Teacher – Year 4 9 - 10.15
	11	Meet the Teacher – Year 5 & 6 9 - 10.15
	12	Meet the Teacher – Year 3 9 - 10.15
	13	Meet the Teacher – Year 1 9 - 10.15
	16	Swimming Year 3 (2)
	18	Scholastic Book Fair delivered
	19	Parent Lunches – Year 4 (Please order meals the week before). Cost £2.94 per adult
	20	Achievement Assembly – 2.55 pm Year 6
	23	Swimming Year 3 (3)
	24	Year 5 trip – Further information to follow PTA AGM
	26	Parent Lunches – Year 5 (Please order meals the week before). Cost £2.94 per adult
	27	Achievement Assembly – 2.55 pm Macmillan
	30	Swimming Year 3 (4)
<i>October</i>	2	Individual Photographs
	3	Parent Lunches – Year 6 (Please order meals the week before). Cost £2.94 per adult
	4	Achievement Assembly – 2.55 pm Year 4
	7	Swimming Year 3 (5)
	10	Parent Lunches – Year 1 (Please order meals the week before). Cost £2.94 per adult
	11	Parent Lunches – Year 1 (Please order meals the week before). Cost £2.94 per adult Achievement Assembly – 2.55 pm School Council Election results
	14	Swimming Year 3 (6)
	18	Achievement Assembly – 2.55 pm Year 5 End of ½ term

This is a list of diary dates confirmed on 19 July 2019 subject to amendments.

Please note – we do not text reminders for regular events, such as Parent lunches.