



Diss Community & Church Primary School Federation

May 2017



The summer is nearly here! We have had some early glimmers of it. Following the huge success of our picnic to celebrate the Queen's birthday last year, by popular demand we are having another **whole school picnic**.

This will be our summer event and will also include a few stalls, hamper raffle and activities.

It will be on the last day of this half term: **Friday 26th May from 12 noon until just before 2pm.**

Like last year, if you have children in the Infant School and Nursery, you will be able to walk down to the Junior School with the whole school 'crocodile', where every child will be able to pick up their packed lunch. This will consist of: cheese roll, chips, cake, ice cream and a fruit drink. These need ordering if your child is in Year 3 or older and would like a school meal.

An order form for lunches will come home soon – please look out for it. Bring your picnic blankets and rugs...but please remember that however lovely the weather is, only soft drinks to be brought thank you.

Children's Centre events:

'Heads- up' for parents: Listen out for the new Radio Norfolk promotion of maths activities for all ages of children through the half term. This is being promoted as Count On Norfolk and looks like being a really exciting project. There will be workshops in the summer holidays for families to attend. Both the schools and the Children's Centre will be keen to promote maths activities for families.

Please look at our Facebook page for the updated Summer Programme of events. Look out for our transition sessions to support you and your child to be 'School Ready'. If you do not have internet access, please call in at the Centre and they will be happy to provide you with a paper copy of activities.

Infant School

All the Infant children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a brilliant time watching the theatre production at school of The Jungle Book. This has linked brilliantly with the work on rainforests recently completed by Year 2 and the new English project for the Year 1's.

Thank you for the amazing turn out of parents and friends at the PTA Bingo session. You raised £184 to help support your children's learning.

We are hoping that the weather will improve and that we will all be playing outside. Please check that your child has the right clothing and footwear for the weather and that if it does get warm, that they have a good coating of sun cream before the start of the school day.

- May 4th** **The Infant School is a polling station for the local elections.** The school is **open**. The only part of the school we will need to shut is the front office. You will not have access through the front of the school.
- 12th May** Reception and Nursery are having a picnic and sports day from 11am. All Reception children will have packed lunch that day. There will be hot dinners as usual for Years 1 and 2. Parents wanting to stay for the picnic will need to bring your own food.
- 16th May** Reception Classes are going to Banham Zoo.
- 19th May** Non uniform day. Please bring in a Tombola or Hamper prize (for the event on 26th May) in exchange for not wearing uniform.
- 22nd & 23rd May** Reception hearing and vision checks take place
- 26th May** Year 1 will be having their sports morning from 10.30am
Followed by whole school picnic (see details above for the Summer Picnic).
- June 8th** **The Infant School is a polling station for the General Election.** The school is **shut** for Reception and Year 1 children only. If your child is in Blue, Orange, Purple, Red or Yellow class, then you will need to keep them at home that day or make child care arrangements. **ALL other classes are open as usual.**
- 15th June** Year 2 children are going to the Castle Museum in Norwich. You will receive a letter about this trip from your child's teacher.
- From half term, the Year 1s will all have opportunities to visit and explore the Junior School building
- 29th June (6pm)** Year 1 Parents are invited to visit the Junior School when you will be able to informally meet the Year 2 staff and look around the building. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come.

Junior School events

The children have been working hard as they prepare for the time of year when the main learning assessments are done. Year 6 have their formal SAT week from **May 8th to May 11th** – **Year 6 Breakfast Club this week is free of charge.**

- 8th May** Church club with Mrs Davidson re starts All children from Years 2-6 are welcome. If they have not been before please call at the office and let us know if your child would like to join in.
- 19th May** Non uniform day. Please bring in a Tombola or Hamper prize (for the event on 26th May) in exchange for not wearing uniform.

We have regular special collective worship sessions in the Junior School that are led by the Open The Book team (from St Mary's church). These volunteers act out different stories from the Bible each time they visit. This half term they are visiting on **25th May** and their theme will be Ascension.

We have revised how we approach regular sessions, sometimes referred to as Golden Time where the children have the opportunity to experience wider learning beyond the standard curriculum. These are now being called Enrichment Time and will be on the last Friday of each half term from 2-3pm rather than having a short session at the end of each week.

Dates for your diaries

- 18th May** London Trip Parents meeting at 4.30pm
- 15th & 16th June** Year 6 London Trip
- 19th June** Class photos for Year 2 and whole school photograph for Years 3-6.
- 30th June** Junior and Year 2 Sports and Games afternoon 2pm.
- 4th July** Move up day – Year 6 to DHS for the day and everyone else moves up to their new class for the morning.
- 6th July** Year 5 to Mattishall
- 7th July** Year 4 to Great Yarmouth
- 12th July** Year 6 Production at 6.30pm
- 13th July** Year 6 Production at 6.30pm
- Year 3 School trip to be advised.



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