



Freethorpe Primary and Nursery School

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Currently our whole school attendance is

96%

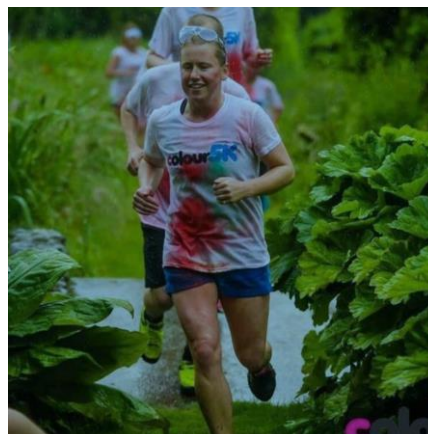
Well done everyone, we have reached our target of 96%. Now let's see if we can do even better!

I hope you were all able to enjoy a relaxing Bank Holiday weekend: I imagine most people were enjoying the opportunity to be outside and making the most of the beautiful weather. It is always lovely to hear the children talking about the exciting things that have been up to as they chat to staff and their friends.

Next week Year 6 pupils will be completing their SATs assessments so the children will notice small changes to their normal break times to fit around these tests. The Year 6s have been invited in for a breakfast club before school on Monday – Thursday next week. However, it is normal times for all other children in the school: gates open at 8:45am, unless doing before school care.

Meet the staff: Mrs Barnes

I have worked at Freethorpe Primary now for six years, working as a Classroom Assistant initially and now latterly also teaching art to years one and two. Art has always been a passion of mine in all of its many guises, it is what I chose to study to degree level and more than anything now, it is a passion that I love to convey to others. I grew up in Hampshire with two sisters and a love for all things out of doors. From an early age it was abundantly clear that I was more likely to be a creative mess maker than an organiser, I already had two people that took great pleasure in organising me. My school reports frequently stated that I tried extremely hard in the subjects that I enjoyed, though learning did not come easy to me and I had to work very hard to keep up with my peers, except for art, which seemed to come to me naturally. I was otherwise always out on the sports field, involved in team games, personal competition, sports trials, sprinting, I loved it all. From school I followed my art through college and on to university at Plymouth where I completed my BA(hons) in Applied Art, specialising in glass work. It was also whilst at Plymouth that I took time to immerse myself in my photography which has become an ever present passion to this day. After I finished my degree I moved to Norfolk, where I worked at Bramley Lakes as a facilitator, working with everyone from school children to large corporate businesses and the RAF to develop team building skills. It was whilst in Norfolk that I met my very patient husband, with whom I enjoy sailing in the summer and a log fire in the winter. Once the girls reached school age, I was keen to get back into the work place and there was honestly nowhere I wanted to be more than in our very own local school, and to be involved back in art. Our students come from all different walks of life, they are funny, caring, clever, inspirational and unique people who I learn from and with, every day. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of the different classes and teachers, and hope to keep on sharing the learning with children for some considerable time yet.





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Friends of Freethorpe:

Diary dates:

June 13th, 14th and 15th - Pocket money gift shop

July 6th - BBQ

July 23rd - Disco

We will also be holding a second hand uniform sale in June. We haven't confirmed a date yet but keep looking here for more information.

Did you know- Friends recently agreed to purchase a set of musical instruments for our children to use as there was a limited number in use and they should be taking delivery of them very soon.



Would you like to know a little more about Friends of Freethorpe? We are a friendly group and would love to chat with you about what our friends association does and the many different ways you could become involved, from helping in classes at School to being chair.

Royal Wedding Street Party Lunch:

On Thursday 17th May it will be the Royal Wedding Street Party lunch, which had to be pre-ordered by yesterday. On this day there will be no other lunch choices so if you have not ordered a lunch for this date please can you ensure your children have a packed lunch with them.

Team Points:

Earlier in the year we included information about how team points were being given in school. Each child is in one of the four teams: Wensum, Yare, Bure and Thurne. Every Monday morning in assembly we announce which team has earned the most points in the previous week and the children are always very excited to hear the results! This half term we are particularly focusing on behaviour around the school environment so additional points are being awarded for politeness and respectful behaviour whenever it is seen around school. Hopefully some of the good practise will show at home as well and you will be seeing lots of pleases, thank yous and the holding open of doors, amongst other things!

Sports Day:

On Friday 29th June we will be having our Sports Day where all children will taking part in a range of fun activities. It is always great to see lots of family members there to support the children and this year we will be altering the day slightly to give the children some time to spend with parents at lunch time. You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch in to school to to share with your children. Normal lunch arrangements will still be in place if you require them. Key Stage 1 sports will take place in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon. Picnic lunches will be on the field from 12 -1pm. Further details of this event will be sent home nearer the time.

Sun cream:

In the warm weather we always encourage children to be wearing suncream. However, some of our pupils find it difficult to reapply during the day. More and more children are being applied with creams that provide protection for the whole day which is proving to be a very successful strategy as you know that the cream has been well applied before they leave home.



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Wind in the Willows Production:

We were very lucky to have a fantastic production of Wind in the Willows come to school a couple of weeks ago. The actors and scenery were superb and really brought the tale to life. Events such as these really impact on the learning that takes place in the classroom and many of the children have been producing fantastic work based on watching the show. I am sure that they have mentioned their favourite parts to you already but here are few pictures to show the fun that was had!



Golden Work and Presentation Certificates: This fortnight the following children have been awarded certificates in assembly – fantastic work, well done!

Golden Work Certificates:

Grace Hacon
 Lee Antill
 Emma Hudson
 Martie Perfect
 Madeleine Hammond
 Sarah Vos
 Issac Sutton
 Jake Bedding
 Harry Breeze
 Stanley Breeding
 Thomas Backhouse
 Mia Broom
 Cameron Browse
 Jacob Guymer
 Ruby Farrell
 Mackenzie Browse
 Kacey Cunningham
 Punya de Silva
 Beth Larnder
 Ollie Lawes
 Lyla Rix

Presentation Certificates:

Sarah Lawes
 Amelie Brown
 Ellie Cooper
 Poppy Light
 Chloe Hanley
 Chad Mayes
 Macsen Owen
 Jacob O'Hara
 Eliza Pentney
 Paige Anguish
 Kai O'Brien
 Spencer Read
 Bella Read





Year 6 Cycling:

If you have not already replied but would like your child to take part in the Year 6 cycle training please can you send the form that was sent home back to the office as soon as possible. If you require another copy please let the office know.

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Diary Dates: (updates have been highlighted)

Monday 14 th May	Year 6 SATs week: Monday - SPAG paper Tuesday – Reading paper Wednesday – Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning 1 paper Thursday – Maths Reasoning 2 paper
Friday 18 th May	Year 6 cycle check
Monday 21 st May	Year 6 level 2 cycling course taking place this week
Tuesday 22 nd May	Key Stage 2 football
Friday 25 th May	Purple and Blue class trip to Gressenhall
Tuesday 5 th –Wednesday 6 th June	Year 6 First Aid training
Thursday 7 th June	Year 6 Tea Party at Acle Academy, times tbc
Tuesday 12 th June	Technical rehearsal for Open Concert – during school day
Tuesday 12 th June	Cricket tournament
Wednesday 13 th June	Cricket tournament
Thursday 14 th June	Cluster Open Concert doors open at 6:30pm for 7pm start
Friday 15 th June	Trials in school for cluster athletics event at UEA
Monday 18 th June	Year 3/4 Cluster cricket tournament
Wednesday 20 th June	Year 5/6 Cluster cricket tournament
Thursday 21st June	Class and Team photos
Friday 29 th June	Sports Day and family picnic
Monday 2 nd July	Year 6 attend Norfolk Children’s book Festival at Norwich Cathedral and Norwich School
Friday 6th July	Friends of Freethorpe School BBQ evening
Monday 9 th July	In school transition day – meet new class teachers
Tuesday 10 th July	Year 6 Parents Information evening at Acle Academy
Thursday 12 th July	Yellow, Red and Green class Bewilderwood trip
Friday 13 th July	Choir performance at Freethorpe Methodist Chapel – evening
Tuesday 17 th and Wednesday 18 th July	Key Stage 2 Summer Production, including 2 evening performances at 7pm. The afternoon performance will be at 2pm on Wednesday
Friday 20 th July	Reports sent home
Monday 23 rd July	Year 6 Leavers trip to Pleasurewood Hills
Tuesday 24 th July	Leavers Assembly 10:30am

2017/18 Term dates:

Friday 25 th May	3:30pm School closes for half term
Monday 4 th June	8:45am School opens for Summer 2
Tuesday 24 th July	3:30pm School closes for summer holidays