



# Freethorpe Primary and Nursery School

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Welcome back after the half term. It is hard to believe that we only have 5 more full weeks before the end of the school year! However there is a lot going on in school as normal and we look forward to seeing you at lots of the upcoming events.

Many thanks to everyone who regularly completes and sends into school the red communication books. It really helps us to ensure we know what the children should be doing at the end of the school day, without having to make lots of phonecalls each morning. Many children attend clubs on some days or are collected by a number of different people within the week so it enables us to keep up with their ever changing end of day routines.

In the newsletter dated 25<sup>th</sup> April we mentioned the changing time for close of registration. The class registers now close at 9:10am. Any child arriving at school after this time will be recorded as late in the register. The bell is rung for children to come in to school at 8:55 so that they are in class for the register to be taken at 9:00am.

It is also essential that we know if your child is unwell or unable to attend school, so please do let us know on the first day of absence. Otherwise they will be marked as having an unauthorised absence until we know any different. If your child is off school for a number of consecutive days you do not need to phone again until day 3. This system ensures that we are fulfilling our safeguarding responsibilities and can account for every child. As always we really appreciate your role within this.

### **Family Learning – Learning Without Limits, 9:00 – 10:30am:**

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July we will be holding a Family Learning Session where you are invited to come in to school and look at the learning that your children have been doing in class. Across the school we use a teaching method called "Learning Without Limits". This technique enables the children to direct their own learning and to recognise how much they can challenge themselves. I am sure many of you have heard the children talking about which challenge they completed in class, so we are providing an opportunity for you to see for yourself exactly what that looks like in practise. Mrs Branch will give a brief introduction to all parents in the school hall at 9:00am and then you will be able to move into your children's classrooms where there will be an opportunity to look at their work as well as take part in an activity alongside your child.

### **SRE Parent's Forum – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2:30pm:**

Each year we cover the SRE (Sex and Relationship Education) lessons towards the end of the summer term. These lessons follow an age appropriate plan and are taught by the class teachers. We are holding our Parent's Forum to discuss this area of the curriculum on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 2:30pm, so please do come along to see some of the resources we are planning to use. We welcome discussion and comments about the proposed lessons and would welcome suggestions of any other topics which you would like us to discuss with the children as part of the PSHE curriculum. If you are unable to make this session, please do not hesitate to discuss the proposed lessons with your child's class teacher. We will be sending a copy of the proposed scheme of work for SRE and Drugs Education for the Summer Term 2018 via Parentmail for you to look through at your leisure which we hope will be useful and help answer some questions that you may have.



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### **GDPR:**

Last week we sent out copies of our GDPR guidelines. Two copies were sent home, with one copy needing to be signed and sent back to school. If you have not already done so, please can you read and sign the copy to return to school and drop it in the office as soon as possible. Many thanks.

### **Head lice:**

Earlier this year we sent home the advice on how to treat head lice, which I hope was useful. While lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they can be allowed to spread. We have had a few cases within school recently so it is particularly important to have a look at this time to help prevent them spreading.

### **Computer Gaming:**

I am sure many of you have been made more aware of computer gaming and its impact on young children recently as it is a very topical news item, particularly in relation to children becoming addicted to gaming.

Within school we take E-safety very seriously and part of our curriculum that we cover with the children is around staying safe online and on computers in general. One of the ways in which they can do this is to only play games that are age appropriate. Often children may not even be directly playing on unsuitable games but they witness them as other people access them in their presence.

Another issue can be that as adults we do not actually know enough ourselves about the games that our children are playing. Therefore the following links may be of interest. They are from CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) which is part of the National Crime Agency and they offer guidance about how you can keep your children safe online:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming-whats-appropriate-for-your-child/>

Additionally, the link below looks specifically at the game Fortnite which is one of the most popular games children are currently accessing:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/fortnite-all-you-need-know/>

### **Sports Day and Family Picnic Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June:**

For our multi-skills sports day our Year 6 children run activities for the school to take part in. One Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June Key Stage 1 pupils will take part in activities from 9:45am and parents are welcome to come and watch. Key Stage 2 sports will take place in the afternoon at 1:30pm. Again parents can watch the events.

This year we are hoping the weather will favour us and we will be able to have a family picnic lunch between the sessions. If you would like to bring a picnic for yourself and/or your children we will have lunch at 12pm on the school field. A hot dinner or school packed will be available as normal on that day, if required for your child. Alternatively they can have their own packed lunch as normal. You may like to bring your picnic blanket along too to sit on!

We hope this will be a sociable event where you have an opportunity to spend time with your children in school and we look forward to seeing you there, in glorious sunshine hopefully!

### **Reminder of Class Photos:**

Class photographs will be taking place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June from 9am so please ensure your child is in school promptly. Many thanks.



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**Gressenhall Visit:**

As part of their World War 1 curriculum focus, Purple and Blue Class visited Gressenhall before half term. They had a fantastic time and their outfits looked amazing – they really felt the part once they arrived! We thought that you would rather hear about the trip directly from the children though so we have grabbed some of their impressions for you:

'I learnt the teacher's stick in classes was not used for smacking children, it was used for pointing'. Lee

'My favourite part was the school. The rules were quite strict. We had to keep our hands on the desks at all times. We learnt the countries in the British Empire. If I was around 100 years ago I would've liked to be a housemaid'. Isabelle

'It was super fun! The thing I enjoyed the most was the stone picking. I learnt that when the men went to war, the women had to do their jobs'. Gracie



'I enjoyed picking up the stones because I got my hands dirty'. Tyler

'I learnt that they had to do stone picking for 6 hours every day'. Ruby F

'I enjoyed practising rolling bandages whilst learning how to be a nurse, so they wouldn't be crumpled when the patients needed them'. Eleanor

'Some nurses in World War 1 could roll bandages in 10 seconds. WOW!' Zach B

'It was exciting at Gressenhall because I got to experience what it was like for children in WW1'. Grace





**Caretaker Vacancy:**

We still have a vacancy for a caretaker within school. If you are interested in what the role entails, or to apply for the post please speak to Lyn in the office. This is not a full time post and the hours can be flexible so please pop in to see us if you are interested in finding out more about the post.

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

**Golden Work Certificates:**

- Brooke Stokes
- Taylor Brown
- Logan Jones
- Archie Crow
- Charlie Spicer
- Millie Pegram
- Braydon Jermy
- Isla George
- Oscar Fox
- Riley Wilson
- Daniel Sullivan
- Taia Poyser-Bolton
- Stanley Breeding
- Martie Perfect

**Presentation Certificates:**

- Daisy Sawyer
- Nathan Cunningham
- Chad Mayes



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**Diary Dates:** (updates have been highlighted)

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Cluster Open Concert doors open at 6:30pm for 7pm start
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Trials in school for cluster athletics event at UEA
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3/4 Cluster cricket tournament
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5/6 Cluster cricket tournament
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Class photos
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day and family picnic
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 attend Norfolk Children’s book Festival at Norwich Cathedral and Norwich School
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Parent’s Forum – SRE 2:30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Family Learning – Learning without Limits 9 – 10:30am</b>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Friends of Freethorpe School BBQ evening
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	In school transition day – meet new class teachers
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Parents Information evening at Acle Academy
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Yellow, Red and Green class Bewilderwood trip
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Choir performance at Freethorpe Methodist Chapel – evening
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Key Stage 2 Summer Production, including 2 evening performances at 7pm. The afternoon performance will be at 2pm on Wednesday
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports sent home
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers trip to Pleasurewood Hills
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Assembly 10:30am

**2017/18 Term dates:**

Tuesday 24th July 3:30pm School closes for summer holidays