



9 November 2018

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Armistice Day

In assembly today, and at other times during the week, the children have been thinking about the importance of remembering what has happened in the past, so that we may learn from it. In particular, we have been thinking about the tremendous sacrifices made by so many people in both World War 1 and World War 2. We paused to reflect at the end of our assembly today, with Year 6 pupils sharing poems and prayers which they had created during the week.

Here is a collective poem written by Year 6, and shared in today's assembly, based on the theme of Remembrance:

Remembrance Day

People who fought in the war, we thank you
We will not forget those who fell on the field
Forever you will stay in our hearts

You fought them over and over again
You battled your life away
Thank you for fighting for us
We won't let you fade in our hearts

To those who died we thank you one more time
Even if you are not here, you will still be in our hearts
Once strong, never weak
You will never die

Thank you troops for saving us
We know that some are not here today
We will not let you fade away
We are here to remember, we will never forget
Gone but not forgotten, live forever in our hearts

We will never forget your bravery and courage
Nor will we let you fade away
You gave us peace, now rest in peace
As we wear our poppies with pride.



Let's get reading!

We are really pleased that pupils have been responding so positively to the reading incentive scheme we started at the beginning of term.

A number of pupils have been receiving certificates in assemblies for having been heard read over 50 times since the start of term. Please continue to do all you can to encourage your child to read and to build up their understanding of words.

Oxford Owl is an excellent website for parents of primary aged children, giving advice about how to support your child with phonics, how to find the right sort of books and how to develop good comprehension skills through asking the right sort of questions when listening to your child read.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home/>

Reminder – RW's Cake Sale
Monday 3.30pm in the classroom

ATTENDANCE

Our target school attendance figure is 97%
Our current figure is...

96.76%

Residential field trip



Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic trip to Hilltop earlier this week, taking part in a wide range of challenging and fun activities, such as mountain biking, G swing, abseiling, climbing and completing a tree top trail high above the ground! We were so impressed by the way the pupils conducted themselves throughout the whole trip; they were polite and respectful towards each other and all the instructors and really challenged themselves to do the very best they could in all the activities. For those pupils who were less keen on heights, this was a tremendous effort and everyone should feel really proud of all they achieved. Here are a few pictures to show you what they have achieved whilst they were away!



I really enjoyed the meals, they were so delicious, especially when we had the roast on the first night. I found the Tree Top Trail really fun, especially when we had to cross a REALLY high bridge to get to it! I loved Hilltop, it was one of the best residential I have ever been on! - Katie

School trips

We work hard at Acle Primary, to provide a range of stimulating and exciting trips which, we feel, enhance and support the learning which goes on in the classroom. The recent day trips to Sheringham (Evacuee day Year 5 and 6) and Gressenhall (Year 3 and 4) have both proved extremely popular with the children and certainly given pupils a much better understanding of how it would feel to be a child during both of the world war periods studied. Likewise, this week's residential trip to Hilltop has proved to be a memorable experience for the children who attended. Further trips, for Year 3 and 4, are planned for the Summer term, providing there are sufficient voluntary contributions made towards the expense of the trips.

We wanted to take this opportunity to explain how day and residential trips are paid for and how any shortfall is funded.

When the cost of a trip is calculated, we add the cost of entrance (or residential package) to the cost of transport, deduct any contribution by FOSA* towards the trip, and then divide this by the total number of children in the class to work out the cost per child (we usually round to the nearest 50p).

We then request that amount as a voluntary contribution from parents for day trips, and a compulsory minimum amount (the board and lodging cost) along with a voluntary contribution for the balance for residential trips.

What happens when a parent is unable, or unwilling, to pay?

- If their child is entitled to Free School Meals (not Universal Infant Free Meals), we can use funding from Pupil Premium** to pay for their child's place
- If their child is not entitled to Free School Meals **the school** subsidises that place using our main school budget

So please be assured, parents **do not** subsidise the places of children whose parents have not paid.

School budgets are exceptionally tight, particularly for schools like ourselves in rural areas and this is not likely to alter in the near future. We do therefore have to reserve the right to cancel a trip if sufficient voluntary contributions are not pledged and received. This is one of the reasons we do ask for permission forms to be returned as early as possible and why we remind you to return them as the deadline approaches. We appreciate this may feel as though we are 'nagging' but we hope you appreciate the reasoning and need behind it.

We are still waiting for the majority of permission slips to be returned for our proposed How Hill trip for Year 3 pupils. These are due back on Monday. We shall let you know, as soon as we can, whether it will be financially viable for this trip to go ahead.

* FOSA currently subsidise 1 trip per academic year for each class by £100. These donations are deducted from the cost of the trip before we calculate the voluntary contribution, so that all children benefit in the same way.

** The school receives a sum of £1320 for each child who is entitled to Free School Meals (Pupil Premium). The vast majority of this amount is used to support the academic progress of the children concerned, to ensure that no child is disadvantaged for economic reasons.

In the academic year 2017/18 subsidies from Pupil Premium and the school budget towards the cost of trips, totalled just under £1900.

Going green and doing our bit for the environment

In partnership with the School Council, the kitchen staff have been looking at ways to reduce plastic consumption for Pick 'n' Mix lunches. Paper bags and wrappings have been introduced, replacing the plastic tubs for popcorn etc and plastic bags for the rolls. Pick 'n' Mix, and school lunches are therefore now plastic free, helping not only our environment but reducing costs as well.

As you can see by the photo food items are colour coded, so the children know what they are choosing and this has had the bonus result of reducing queuing times!



FOSA AGM

(Friends of the School Association)

Thursday 22 November at 6.30pm
In the Year 6 classroom

Come along & make new friends, there's tea and biscuits too!

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

We will be electing for the following positions
Chair, Secretary, Treasurer

(don't be put off - we are able to fill these posts!)
If anyone is interested in any of the above, joining our committee or just to find out what we do to help the school and your children, please come along to the meeting (or email us for further info at

AclePrimaryFOSA@gmail.com)

Year 4 Brancaster Residential – April 2018

We will be holding an information meeting for parents next Thursday, 15 November at 3.40pm in the Year 4 classroom about this exciting residential, which is due to take place in April.

Flu immunisation (nasal spray) consent forms

Please can the signed and completed forms be returned as soon as possible (please check your child's bag if you haven't seen it yet). Many thanks.



FOSA FAMILY

Please come along with friends and family to our fun family Bingo at the Recreation Centre **tomorrow**. Doors open at 6.30pm, first game starts at 7pm. Please remember all profits are spent on YOUR children. **FOSA**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Mon 12 | Cake Sale RW |
| Tues 13 | KS1 football club |
| Wed 14 | KS2 football club |
| Thurs 15 | Yr 4 Brancaster trip parents meeting 3.40pm |
| Mon 19 | Defenders club |
| Tues 20 | Joint Show & Tell Yr 1&2 3pm |

Please use the calendar on our school website

↗ www.acleprimary.norfolk.sch.uk
for dates of events for 2018 and beyond

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