

5 April 2019

Headteacher: Mr Paul Henery

Cluster Song and Dance Festival

Last night we took a large group of Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils to the Open Venue in Norwich, where they performed two songs and a dance as part of this popular and very well attended annual cluster event. We were extremely proud of all the pupils, who performed brilliantly in front of a very large audience of parents and family members from across the cluster schools.



The evening showcased a wide variety of musical interpretations, from each cluster school, based on the theme of "The Environment" and celebrated the role of the performing arts in each school's curriculum.



We were particularly pleased to be able to work with the Broads and Marshes team on this event and grateful for their financial backing for this wonderful event.

Cluster Cricket Competitions

We have two cricket teams representing the school next week at the cluster Cricket competitions held at Freethorpe School on Monday (Years 3 and 4) and Wednesday (Years 5 and 6). Pupils chosen for these events have received separate letters. Good luck to everyone involved!

New SENDCo appointment

We have appointed Mrs Rosie Maunder to be our new SENDCo from September. She is an experienced Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator who currently works at Freethorpe Primary and is familiar with the systems we have put in place as a cluster. She will be introducing herself to new parents at our Reception Induction Evening this coming Thursday (7 pm) and to other parents at the start of the Autumn term. She will be liaising closely with Mrs Gentle this half term, to ensure a very smooth handover of responsibilities.

ATTENDANCE

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

96.08%

KS2 Sports Day

Weather permitting, our KS2 sports day will take place next Friday, June 21st. (Our KS1 sports afternoon will take place on Tuesday 25 June).

As last year, pupils in KS2 will be taking part in field events throughout the morning (throwing a tennis ball, discus, standing long jump and javelin) then having the track events in the **afternoon when parents/carers are invited to attend** (sprints and sprint relays, class fun races / relays and hurdles). The sports afternoon will start at 1.45pm. Again, please could parents arrive **no earlier than 1.30pm**.

There will be a mix of individual and team races throughout the afternoon. There will be individual winners for the sprints (heats followed by finals) but there will also be a team competition based on points accumulated throughout the day, with the winning team being announced at the end of the afternoon. We hope you enjoy the afternoon, which will (we hope) be both competitive and fun.

A few reminders about both sports days, KS1 and 2:

- Please ensure your child **comes to school dressed in proper games kit** (no need for school uniform) – shorts, a plain T shirt (in their team colour if possible. They should all be aware of their team colour, however we do have coloured stickers for those children who don't have a T-shirt in their team colour), and trainers suitable for running
- Pupils also to bring to school – a water bottle / cap and sun cream (if necessary)
- Parents will sit on the school side of the track, towards the finish line
- Pupils will sit in class groups or team colours on the opposite side of the track
- If we finish before the end of the school day, pupils can be taken home by parents and siblings can be taken at the same time. Please can parents pick children up from their class rooms back in school, having first notified their teachers, if the event finishes before the end of the day, so we can ensure the safety of all our pupils.
- Each child is to take back a chair into school before he / she leaves
- If there is sufficient interest, we will have a Mums / Dads race on each afternoon

Refreshments will be sold, by Year 6 parents, at the KS2 sports afternoon to raise funds for the Year 6 last day of term activity. Any donations of cakes to sell will be appreciated – please hand in to the office on the Friday morning. Thank you.

Parking at the start and end of the day

In the mornings the school car park gates are open so that deliveries can be made and staff from the school, as well as Pre School, can access the site easily. **No other cars should be parked in the school car park at this time**, apart from those who have a 'Blue Badge' and need to use the disability car park space. Parents can still access the car park, from 8.40 to 8.55 in order to drop off pupils, but cars should **not** be left unattended in the car park as it creates congestion, stops staff from leaving for meetings and makes the area unsafe for children.

If you do need to drop off your child and see a member of staff, or go into the school itself for any other reason, please park outside the school grounds. These drop off arrangements will, however, no longer be able to take place from September if parents do not comply with these safety rules.

At the end of the school day the gates to the car park will be closed. Apart from those with disability access arrangements, parents must not use the car park at this time.

The car park is open to parents at other times, such as when dropping off pupils for breakfast club (before 8.30) and for evening clubs (after 4 pm).

We continue to encourage as many pupils as possible to walk to school and to use the Recreation car park, which is free of charge at all times. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

SUMMER FETE & BBQ 'GRAND RAFFLE' Friday 28 June

As well as the first prize of £100 cash we have lots of other interesting and valuable prizes. Please sell as many as you can and **return your stubs and cash next week so that we can get the tickets folded and into the drum in advance.** We also need any unsold tickets so that we can sell them on the gate on the night.

HELPERS STILL NEEDED!!

We still need general helpers for the Fete, and specifically we need someone else for the BBQ, please can we encourage everyone to get together with a friend to put your name down for a slot while your children are happily spending your money on other stalls! Alternatively why not arrange to look after each others children for a short while so you can each man a stall for a bit. We all have children at the fete, so if we can all help each other and 'do our bit', we can all have a lovely enjoyable evening ☺ We raise much needed funds for the school and events like this make all the difference. The staff are signed up and raring to go!

NB Please let the school office know if you can help and they will pass your details onto FOSA, or alternatively catch Mrs Denton or Mrs Abel in the playground.

Finally, **don't forget it's ice-cream Friday, every Friday!**
Many Thanks **FOSA**

Hobby horses needed!!

We need 6 hobby horses for our jockeys in the KS2 summer play. Do you have one we could borrow? We can't have jockeys without horses!

Please let the school office or Mrs Green in Year 6 know if you do.



Defenders club– We are waiting to see if this will take place Monday – we will let you know by text if not. Apologies for the short notice.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June

Mon 17 Y3/4 Cricket comp
Tue 18 New RW Stay & Play
Wed 19 Y5/6 Cricket comp
Tri-golf final (letters sent to selected children)

Thu 20 Sailing club
New RW induction eve
Fri 21 KS2 Sports Day

Please use the calendar on our school website

📍 www.acleprimary.norfolk.sch.uk
for more dates

SPREE BOOKS have now been sent out with vouchers valid until 1 October 2020! – **please check your child's bag!** We receive **at least £5** for each book sold and every penny we raise is spent on your children. If you want to support our fundraiser please return £20 per book, either cash or cheque (made payable to **Friends Of Acle St Edmund Primary School Assn**) to the office. Keep the book safe and we will let you have your pre-activated membership key-fob and a **free copy of the 2018/19 book** with vouchers valid until 1 October 2019 **giving you double vouchers to use over the summer holidays for the first 30 sales only** (please note the free Spree App is no longer available). Should you not be interested then books must be returned to the class teacher by **next Friday 21 June.**

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