



Harling Herald

'Endeavour, Enjoy and Achieve Together' 10.11.23

Anti-bullying week

We will be launching national anti-bullying week in school on Monday with 'Odd Sock Day'. We are encouraging everyone to come to school in odd socks to show that we value difference and celebrate our uniqueness. This year the theme for anti-bullying week is 'Make a noise about bullying', we will be focusing on what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we all can do to stop bullying. We want everyone to know that together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying.

Cross country

This term children from across our junior classes have had the opportunity to compete against other schools in cross country events. The first was at Kenninghall Primary School, Mrs Pilmer took a squad of 48 children (the fastest boys and girls from each class) to compete for our school and a number of children came back wearing medals having come in the top three of their races. The fastest three boys and girls in each year group, then qualified to race at Langley School on the 1st November in the South Norfolk competition. Our school came 9th overall in this event, out of 25 schools, which was a considerable achievement given the size of many of the schools that were competing. The weather was cold and rainy but this did not deter our runners who all did a great job representing our school. Certificates were also awarded at the end of the event to children that had embodied the theme of the event; 'striving to be our best selves'. Mrs Pilmer selected Elsie in year four and Ebony in year six as both girls strove to give their very best during the event (despite adversity). Well done to everyone that took part—you were all great sporting ambassadors for our school.

Our next cross country event will be the Santa Dash on Friday 8th December, when all of the children will compete for the house led by their team captains.

Winter weather

As we move into the winter months, please ensure that your child/children bring a coat to school. We will always try to go outside at playtimes, even if the weather is wet, therefore it is important that the children have a coat (rather than just a hoody) to wear at playtimes.

Our lost property bin is already over-flowing with unnamed school uniform. There must be lots of frustrated parents out there despairing over missing items—please make sure that all sweatshirts/ cardigans are named so that we can make sure that they get back to their owners. If you know that your child is missing items, please come and have a rummage.



Children in Need

The School Council would like to invite everyone to donate £1 to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 17th November; in spots if you would like to. They will also be baking biscuits with Mrs Butters (our school cook) to sell at Friday break time (50p each).

Open School

Our next Open School event is on Tuesday 28th November, from 3.20pm—3.50pm. This is an informal opportunity to visit your child's class after school, look at their work and chat to their teacher.

Before and after school

Please could we remind everyone that children should not play on the large play equipment either before or after school and that bikes/scooters should be walked onto the playground. This is to ensure that everyone stays safe before school. Thank you.

School dinners

If your child has any diagnosed food allergies or intolerances and you wish for them to have school dinners, parents are required to complete a Food allergies form and return this to Norse (our school meal provider). Once Norse have agreed to provide a specific menu (such as gluten free) for a child, then children can only be given food from the allergy free menu to ensure that the food they are given is safe for them to eat.

Copies of the allergy form can be provided by the school office.

Please could we also remind families that we are a nut free school, and no foods including nuts, should be eaten on the school premises as we have children with nut allergies. Thank you.

Safeguarding children

As a school we have a statutory duty to safeguard the well-being of all of our children. The school's designated safeguarding lead professional is the Headteacher, Miss Yates (or Miss Blackburn, the Deputy Headteacher, in her absence). Parents are strongly encouraged to share/report any child protection or safeguarding concerns with the designated teacher at any time. Alternatively, anyone can contact the NSPCC helpline on 0808 8005000 or Norfolk Children's Services on 0344 800 8020, this can be done anonymously.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

Monday to Friday, 12.05pm – 1.20pm (term time only) Hourly rate: £10.60 per hour

Required as soon as possible. For more details and an application form, please see the school website.



Term dates for this year

Spring term

- Thursday 4 January - Friday 16 February 2024
- Half-term holiday: Monday 19 - Friday 23 February 2024
- Monday 26 February - Wednesday 27 March 2024
- Easter holiday: Thursday 28 March - Friday 12 April 2024

Summer term

- Monday 15 April - Friday 24 May 2024 (Monday 6 May is a Bank Holiday)
- Half-term holiday: Monday 27 - Friday 31 May 2024
- Monday 3 June - Friday 19 July 2024

Dates for your diary

Mon 13th Nov	Odd Socks Day to mark the start of Anti-bullying week
Wed 15th Nov	PTA Annual General Meeting, 7.00pm
Fri 17th Nov	Children in Need, non-uniform day (as spotty as you like!), biscuit sale at breaktime
Sun 26th Nov	PTA Lantern making workshop in the Old School Hall, 10am
Tues 28th Nov	Open school, 3.20pm—3.40pm
Fri 1st Dec	PTA Treaty Friday (year 2 families to bake please)
Sat 2nd Dec	East Harling Light Festival. Lantern parade from the church, 4.15pm Christmas light switch on 5pm (Market street). Market and festivities in the Old School Hall 1pm—6pm
Wed 13th Dec	Infant Christmas performance, 9.30am (tickets can be ordered nearer the date)
Thurs 14th Dec	Infant Christmas performance, 2.15pm
Thurs 7th Dec	Full Governing Body Meeting, 6.30pm
Fri 8th Dec	Santa Dash cross county event
Wed 20th Dec	Talent show in school (pupils only)
Wed 20th Dec	Last day of term
Wed 3rd Jan	Staff development day
Thurs 4th Jan	First day back for pupils

