



## Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School - Newsletter Friday 27th January 2023

***This half term our Corvus Core Value is:  
to actively contribute to the local and wider community***

### **BAG 2 SCHOOL FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY BETWEEN 7.30am & 9AM ONLY**

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection for our school. All the bags will be weighed and the school PTA will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to our school. You may use normal plastic bin bags.



When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling. We are collecting good quality items for **RE-USE**:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories. *(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)*

The more we weigh the more we pay!

Please bring any bags of your old donated clothes on:

**TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY BETWEEN 7.30am & 9AM ONLY.** We regret we cannot store bags brought too early or late.

Thank you.

### **Mrs Robotham's Retirement!**

Mrs Robotham, otherwise known as Hazel, is retiring on 3rd February after working in our school kitchen for an astounding 28years! Over that time she has helped make, serve, and clean up after hundreds of thousands of meals for thousands of children! We want to say a huge thank you for her hard work over such a long time, helping to keep our children well fed, happy and healthy! We wish her a long and happy retirement. She certainly deserves it.



### **Potential Teacher Strike Days**

Unfortunately, we are still unable to give you an update on the effects of the planned strike action on our school. Please ensure that you are making contingency plans in case of the need to close provision. The potential strike dates that impact Norfolk schools are: • 1 February 2023 – National strike action • 1 March 2023 – Regional strike action • 15 March 2023 – National strike action • 16 March 2023 – National strike action. As soon as we have any more information, we will share it with you.



Please remember to **name every item** of your child's uniform, including their water bottle, lunchbox and any bags so they can be returned easily if mislaid.

Also, if your child borrows any spare school clothes, **please wash and return them** as quickly as possible! Thank you.



Well done to Meerkat class with the highest attendance this month. We hope the winter illness will soon improve which has had a big impact on attendance recently.

**We are looking for a parent governor to join our school. Parent governors play a vital role on governing bodies, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. If this is something you may be interested in, please contact the school and Mrs Kemp will be happy to discuss this role.**

## Curriculum News

We have had a fantastic January learning about a whole variety of different things across the school...

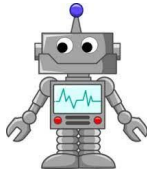


### Early Years

This month Hedgehog Nursery children have been learning about the Polar regions. We have made shape penguins and polar bears and had fun using sugar cubes to make igloos.

In Monkey Nursery we started the month learning about winter. We explored what changes we can see around us during winter and how the weather changes. The children learnt about how ice is made and what happens to it as it gets warm. We have also started our new core story 'The Train Ride' and have been learning about the different parts of a train and what they are for. In phonics we have started learning about syllables and how to count the number of beats we can hear as we say different words.

Reception have been focussing on Arctic themed learning, we have been learning about Arctic animals, finding out about the Northern Lights and making our own wintry themed music. The children have been working really hard to learn the new phase three sounds and have also continued their number recognition focussing on numbers six to ten. We have also been ensuring we understand the value of each number and how they link to one another.



### Key Stage 1

In KS1 we have been learning all about robots. In English we shared what we already know about robots and wrote some questions of things we would like to find out. We have been looking at non-fiction texts and have written our own information texts about robots. In DT, we designed a robot, and then used junk modelling to make it. In maths we have been learning about multiplication and division and have been working out the answers to questions in the 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables. In PE the children have been doing gymnastics, learning to make shapes and balances and transferring their skills onto the large apparatus. In History we have been looking at the history of technology and how transport has changed over time.

### EDP Lego Tokens

We are collecting the Lego tokens from the Easter Daily Press. If we get at least 1000 vouchers we will get £50 of Lego! If you buy the EDP newspaper, please cut out the tokens and bring them to school. Thank you.



## Diary Dates:

*Friday 10th February— Last day before school closes for half term break*

*Monday 20th February—School reopens for Spring Term 2*

*Tuesday 21st February—Bag2School collection*

*Monday 27th February—Book Week*

*Wednesday 1st March— Hilarious Author Visit & Reception Height, Weight, Hearing & Vision Checks*

*Thursday 2nd March—World Book Days & Reception Height, Weight, Hearing & Vision Checks continued*

*Friday 3rd March—Bug Busters*

*Monday 6th March—Parent Interview Week*

*Friday 17th March—Comic Relief Red Nose Day*

*Monday 20th March—Science Week*

*Friday 24th March—RSPCA visit day 1*

*Monday 27th March—RSPCA visit day 2*

*Friday 31st March—Last day before school closes for Easter break*

*Tuesday 18th April - School Reopens for Summer Term 1*

## House points so far this year!

Beta (blue) = 4521

Delta (red) = 4796

Gamma (green) = **5088\***

Epsilon (yellow) = 4685



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