



## Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School - Newsletter Friday 1st March 2024

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

### Curriculum News

#### **Nursery:**



In Hedgehog nursery in February, we were learning about Polar animals after reading the story Be Brave Little Penguin. We explored ice and used words to describe how it felt and changed in our hands. In Maths we learnt our 2D shapes and made Polar animals using these. We also had pancakes for our snack and practised flipping pancakes on Pancake day and gave our families heart collages for Valentine's day. In March we are reading the story Whatever Next, exploring all things space. We will make rocket wind catchers and explore differences in day and night. We will also explore Easter and make Easter crafts for our families.

In February in Monkey Nursery, the children have enjoyed learning about different celebrations, including Lunar New Year and Pancake Day. In Maths we have been focusing on the numbers 1-5, learning to recognise the numerals, making the amounts using objects and showing the correct number of fingers. Next month we will be starting our new core-story, Astro Girl, and we are excited to learn about space.

#### **Reception:**



This month in Reception we are starting a topic on Space, the children are very excited to find out more about it and read our core story. In Phonics we are finishing off our basics three learning and then spending time practising reading and writing words and sentences for the graphemes we have learnt. In maths we will be continuing our number composition work and finding out about some 3D shapes.

#### **Key Stage 1:**



In KS1 we finished reading our Core story Egg Box Dragon. We wrote our own Adventures of Egg Box Dragon stories and threw a Tea party to celebrate. We all enjoyed showing our families the amazing work we did last half term. We have now started a new core story, the name is a secret but we do know that our main character is called Rocket and she loves space!

In Maths Year 1 have completed addition and subtraction to 20 and have now moved on to place value to 50. We have been looking at number lines this week and estimation. Year 2 have continued with Multiplication and Division looking at their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and different ways of solving problems.

In our weekly Science lessons we have begun looking at habitats and what animals need to survive in these habitats.

This half term we are going to be completing weekly computing lessons, learning about Robot Algorithms and creating our own space themed floor mats. In History we are going to learn about Mae Jemison and compare life in the past to our life in the present.

### Diary Dates

*Please note dates may be subject to change. See Class Dojo for updates. Thank you.*

*Friday 1st March—Bug Busters*

*Monday 4th March—Book Week*

*Thursday 7th March—World Book Day (children can come to school dressed as their favourite story book character)*

*Monday 11th March—Science Week*

*Tuesday 12th March—Early Years Classes visit Dragonfly Gallery*

*Wednesday 13th March—Young Carer's Action Day*

*Friday 15th March—Red Nose Day for Comic Relief & Mid-year Reports sent home*

*Monday 18th March—Visitor from Norwich Synagogue to see KS1 classes*

*Wednesday 20th March—Nursery parents invited to Easter Stay & Play session 2.30pm*

*Wednesday 27th March—School breaks up for Easter Holiday*

*Monday 15th April—School reopens for Summer term 1 / Themed lunch for Eid*

*Monday 29th April—Passport Day*

*Wednesday 1st May—Class Group and Yr2 Year Group Photographs*

## Edenred Vouchers

As far as we are aware, the government scheme to provide additional food vouchers (Edenred) to families of children who are entitled to *means-tested* free school meals or Early Years Pupil Premium is **not** being extended beyond April 2024.

If you have been receiving Edenred vouchers, your **last** one will be issued on 8th March 2024.

Please be reminded other assistance may be available for families struggling with the cost of living, including the Norfolk Assistance Scheme: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/39452> or 0344 800 8020, and the Watton Food Hub.



**WATTON FOOD HUB**  
WATTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, HARVEY STREET  
*"We aim to bridge the gap and help anyone on a low income to access healthy & nutritious food"*

**OPENING TIMES:**  
Tuesday: 12:30 - 14:30  
Wednesday: 16:30 - 18:30  
*(Only the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month)*  
Thursday: 9:30 - 12:00

**Partners:** BELVOIRI, WATTON JUNIOR COUNCIL, WATTON Food Hub (Bridging the gap), Watton Community Centre, Norfolk Community

## Parent Survey Feedback

Thank you to everyone who completed our parent survey. Out of those who responded:

**100% agree their child is safe in school**

**94.5% agree children are encouraged to be healthy and take regular exercise**



This class with top attendance this month is:

**Elephants with 95.78%**



**WORLD BOOK DAY**

7 MARCH 2024

**Come to school dressed as your favourite story character to help us celebrate World Book Day!**

Please remember to read with your child regularly and send your child to school with their book bag every day.

Please do not put water bottles inside bookbags as they sometimes leak and spoil our reading books.

Thank you.

## **HOUSE POINTS**

So far this academic year...

**Delta: 8909**

Epsilon: 8856

Gamma: 8893

Beta: 8414

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