



# Principal Informer

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the last term of the school year. On the reverse of this issue are the key dates for the term. More information on individual events will follow. My biggest mission this year has been to secure a sustainable staffing structure at class teacher and middle leader level. This I can now confidently say has been achieved and I will be announcing the names of class teachers and middle leaders shortly. Transfer day is on 6 July and your child will spend the day with their new teacher. We will inform you in advance whose class your child will be in. There will also be an opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher after school on this day. We look forward to ending the school year well and rapidly building on our successes next year. *Darren*

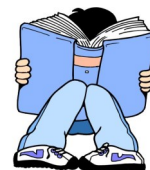
**Well done Year 6!** - Well done to all of Year 6 who have worked incredibly hard all year in preparation for their SATs tests. The children applied themselves extremely well during the tests and demonstrated high levels of maturity as learners. They have proved that they are ready for secondary school. The children enjoyed an ice cream in Abington Park to celebrate.

## **Sports Day - Wednesday, 20 May (R/KS1) and Thursday, 21 May (KS2)**

Sports day was a great success this term. The children all participated brilliantly in team events, some of which were competitive. This was the first sports day where the children took part in their new House teams. Fortunately the weather was on our side and we felt that the trek to the Old Northamptonians was worth it. Overall winners announced in assembly were Nile House and the House captains were presented with the new Sports Day cup. We really appreciated all of the positive comments with regard to the event. We look forward to building on this foundation next year.

## **Stay & Share (N/R/KS1)**

It is great to see so many parents attending Stay & Share with their children in Foundation and Key Stage 1 on Thursday mornings. Stay & Share starts at 8.55 am and finishes at 9.15 am. This is an ideal time for you to spend reading with your child in their classroom. It is not an expectation that parents have to attend every week. We look forward to seeing you at Stay & Share when you can make it. In Nursery Stay and Share is from 8.30-8.50 am and 12.30-12.50 pm.



## **Thank you Helping Hands for the new library furniture.**

Thanks to Helping Hands for donating £1500 to purchase new library furniture. The new seating has arrived and we are awaiting the new tables, chairs and rug. We have huge plans to change how we approach reading and how we will inspire the children to love reading at all ages. Details of this will follow. In the meantime we will continue to develop our library space. Next on the list is to develop a reading shed in the library which will be themed each term to promote different forms of reading.

### **ORDERING SCHOOL MEALS**

Please ensure that you order your child's meals in time for the caterer's collection.

On-line orders must be made by 6.00 pm on Monday evening on the week preceding the start of the meals. In the event of a holiday, they must be placed by the same deadline on the last school Monday before the holiday as the Caterers do not collect orders during the holiday.

Manual orders are collected weekly on a Tuesday morning so it is important to hand your order in to the school office by 9.00 am on the Tuesday preceding the week for which you are ordering meals. Again, in the event of holiday time, you need to hand orders in on the last school Tuesday before the school closes for the returning week.

Please note that the school gates close promptly at 8.55 am. At this point we will ensure that children who are on the playground are ushered into school. Whilst our overall attendance figure is good we are still having too many children who arrive late. This is disruptive to the class and often distressing for children. Please make every effort to ensure your child is at school for 8.55 am.

## **Attendance**

**School attendance target for 2014/15:**

**96%**

**School attendance to date:**

**96.2%**

**Number of days lost to unauthorised leave to date:**

**516**

**Number of children recorded late to date**

**1837**

EVENT	DATE
Year 6 Kingswood, West Runton, Norfolk – Residential	01 – 03.06.2015
Class Photographs	08.06.2015
Year 5 Trip to The Tate Modern/British Museum	10.06.2015
Parent Forum	11.06.2015 at 2.00 pm
Years 1 & 2 to Warwick Castle	16.06.2015
Year RMA Class Assembly	23.06.2015
Foundation Stage New Intake evening	25.06.2015 at 6.00 pm
Head Boy/Head Girl Elections	01.07.2015
Nursery & Reception to West Lodge Rural Centre	01.07.2015
Year 5EB Class Assembly	02.07.2015
Transfer Day (children will be introduced to their new class teacher)*	06.07.2015
Year 4 Kingswood, West Runton, Norfolk – Residential	06 – 08.07.2015
Reports out to Parents	06.07.2015
Summer Fair	11.07.2015
TLC Drop-in evening	14.07.2015 3.30 – 6.30 pm
TLC Drop-in evening	15.07.2015 3.30 – 6.30 pm
Year 6 Leavers' Celebration	15.07.2015
Year 6 party event	16.07.2015
House winners celebration	20.07.2015
Celebration Assembly	21.07.2015

\* Year 4 children will meet their new class teacher later that week

**School closes on Wednesday, 22 July 2015**