



SEDFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ringstead Road, Sedgeford,
Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 5NQ

Tel/Fax: 01485 570997

email: office@sedgeford.norfolk.sch.uk

Federation Website: www.stmaryfederation.co.uk

Executive Head Teacher: Mrs Sarah A F Bocking

SEDFORD NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2017



School Dinners

As you probably know, our dinners are provided by NORSE. The NORSE catering website is www.norsecatering.co.uk and contains general information, menus etc.

There is a link to this website on our own website.

NORSE also hold an open telephone clinic, hosted by a fully trained NHS dietician, Nicole, on Tuesday evenings 4.30 - 6pm. This is an advice line specifically for parents who have questions or concerns regarding their child's dietary requirements.

If your child has an allergy, NORSE can cater for their individual needs. Please ask in the school office for details.

Celebrating Difference Week

As some of you will know, we always like to take part in anti-bullying week. This year, it will be held from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November. The theme will be "All different, all equal", which fits well with our ongoing LELE Project (Learn Equality, Live Equal).

The aims of this week are to:

- empower children and young people to celebrate what makes them, and others, unique
- help children and young people understand how important it is that every child feels valued and included in school, able to be themselves, without fear of bullying



- enable us to celebrate what makes us 'all different, all equal' and celebrate difference and equality, encouraging all to take individual and collective action to prevent bullying, creating safe environments where children can be themselves

Future of the Schools

There have been rumours circulating that some or even all of our Federation Schools will be closing shortly, due to falling numbers and budget difficulties. I am happy to announce that, in the light of these concerns, we have consulted with County and that they certainly do not see closure as an option in the foreseeable future; they are keen to support us to continue to provide the best possible education for the children in our communities. We have drawn up a business plan which ensures our budget remains viable and are full of exciting plans.

Uniform

Can we please remind all parents, that school uniform should be worn at all times. Our uniform is royal blue jumper with the school logo, sky blue polo shirt, grey or black trousers or skirt, grey or black shoes.

Parents' Evenings

These will be held on November 27th 1.15 - 4pm and November 28th 3.30pm. I will be happy to talk to anyone if you wish to make an appointment to see me as well as the class teacher. However, I will be accompanying our children to the Children's university Graduation on the 27th, so will not be available on that afternoon.

Recent Teaching/Learning Audit

As many of you know, we had a County Teaching and Learning audit recently. (Similar to, and, in fact, harder, than an Ofsted Inspection). There were many good points listed as strengths including:

- Children in the current Reception year have settled quickly and are keen to join in with activities. It is too soon to ascertain whether they are making good progress, but it is clear that their social and emotional needs are being met effectively.
- The teacher makes good use of resources for the Reception year children to hold their attention and they show good levels of concentration for their age.



- At playtimes, pupils play together happily. Older and younger pupils help each other and share resources sensibly.
- The school site is respected well by pupils. Pupils do their best to ensure that it is kept neat and tidy at all times. For example, pupils are careful about using the right bins when they have finished eating their snacks.
- Pupils are very confident that they are kept safe in school.
- Pupils have a positive attitude towards learning and try hard when working.
- In the KS2 lessons observed during the audit, pupils behaved well because they became fully involved in their work and were supported and challenged well by the teacher.
- Pupils conduct themselves well throughout the school day. They move around school in an orderly fashion and behave sensibly. They are friendly, polite and courteous. All of the pupils spoken to said that they enjoy school

We have a range of key issues to address and are currently drawing up an action plan to tackle these.

Site Security

As a result of the above audit, the school site safety has been reviewed. As from Monday 6 November, all children should enter the school through the class 1 play area. The bottom gate to the playground and the gate to class 1 will be locked at 9am. If children arrive after 9am they should use the front entrance door and will be signed in as late.

Recent Car Thefts

The Police have asked us to make you aware that there have been a number of thefts from cars in the local area - particularly if the car has been left unlocked. Please do not leave valuables in your car and ensure that your car is locked at all times.

Dinner Time

As from next Monday 6 November we will change the timings for lunch slightly, lunch time will begin at 12.10pm and finish at 1.10pm.



Dates for the Diary

Wed 15 November	Federation Day at Docking (letter to follow)
Fri 17 November	Shoebboxes to be Returned
Fri 17 November	Children in Need Day
Sat 18 November	Foss Bingo at the Village Hall 2 - 4pm
Sun 19 November	9.30am Shoebox Service in Sedgeford Church
Mon 27 November	1.15 - 4pm Parent/Teacher Meetings
Mon 27 November	Children's University Graduation Ceremony
Tues 28 November	3.30 - 6pm Parent/Teacher Meetings

Christmas Events:

Deepdale Christmas Market - Brancaster have their usual tombola stall on Saturday 2nd December. All the schools are invited to sing at 11 o'clock on the Saturday (for about half an hour) and we are hoping as many children as possible can join us. We usually make a lot of money rattling our collecting buckets as we sing, but we do need to make enough noise to attract attention!!

Foss Christmas Fair - 3.15pm on Thursday 7 December

Carol Service - Tuesday 12 December at 2pm in Sedgeford Church

Christmas Lunch - 12noon on Wednesday 13 December

Christmas Party - Monday 18 December at 1pm.

Term finishes on Tuesday 19th December and school starts again on Thursday 4th January 2018

