

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Next Year's Dates

Many of you are beginning to ask for term dates for next year so that you can book holidays.

Please remember that we cannot authorize holidays in term time.



Autumn Term:

Thursday 6th September 2018 to Wednesday 17th October

Monday 29th October to Tuesday 18th December 2018.

Spring Term:

Thursday 3rd January 2019 to Friday 15th February 2019

Monday 25th February 2019 to Friday April 5th 2019

Summer Term:

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to Friday 24th May 2019

Monday 3rd June 2019 to Wednesday 24th July 201

KS2 SATs are the week beginning 13th May

GDPR

Most of you will know that there are now new regulations governing what data we may keep and what we do with it. For simplicity we plan to introduce our new measures in September. In the meantime, do please tell us if you wish to opt out of any form of communication from us or the PFA/PTFA/FoSS.

Parking

Please park on the main road when dropping children off at school. Cars should not drive into the car park as there is very little room to turn round and this means reversing back out when there may be children and parents walking into the school car park. Please also avoid parking in Market Lane for the same reasons. Thank you for your co-operation.

New Uniform

In September we will be introducing a new logo on the school uniform. The uniform colour remains the same but it will have 'St Mary Federation' at the top and the Federation hands in the middle and 'Brancaster' at the bottom. The new uniform will be phased in gradually but can be ordered for the new school year. A sample is available to see in the office. Mrs Preston has some current logo uniform in stock which she will sell at a reduced price. The new uniform will need to be ordered from school and not online as it is from a different supplier.



Start of the day

Just a reminder that children should not arrive at school until 8.45am at the start of the school day unless they are attending Early Birds Club (£1.00 per session)
The gate is closed at 9.00am prompt, ready for school to begin. If you wish to speak to a teacher, please contact the school office to arrange a time.



Home Times

Please remember that once you are on site, you are responsible for your younger children, and, once we hand your children over to you, you are also responsible for them although still on the school site. For safety, please do not let them run off or climb on equipment, fences, gates, banks etc or get toys and equipment out to play with. Thank you.

Libraries/Reading

Thank you so much to all our volunteers who are helping tidy and sort our libraries. We are gradually auditing what we have, removing old books and trying to restock. There may be some books that are appropriate for us to sell on, rather than bin, so watch out for these! We are trying to include the books on the following lists:
<https://theteachingbooth.wordpress.com/2017/06/24/100-book-lists-for-primary-classroom/> as these are quality texts that should inspire children to read.

SATS

Well done to all our Y2 and Y6 children who have all worked really hard. We will obviously circulate results once we know them, which is likely to be near the end of term.



Country Dance Practices

These will be held as follows:

Monday 18th June at Docking - Brancaster and Sedgeford children will travel on the buses that transport the children who attend the regular Raise The Bar session. The bus will leave at 12.15pm and return by the end of the day.

Wednesday 27th June and Wednesday 4th July at Sedgeford. The bus will start at Brancaster at 12.40pm and collect from Docking on the way. Again, we will return before the end of the day. A packed lunch will be needed on all these dates.

Children will need PE shoes and a water bottle, although we will provide a drink of squash and a biscuit in the break. Please inform us of any allergies.

The Country Dance Party is on Wednesday 11th July at Hunstanton Primary

School Packed Lunches

Due to new Government guidelines, NORSE, who do our catering and provide our lunches are now only able to offer cheese, ham, tuna or egg as sandwich fillings. This is to ensure that choices meet the new regulations, provide a certain amount of protein and do not exceed the maximum sugar content allowed.

Lottery Grants

All three schools are applying for lottery grants for exciting projects.

At **Brancaster**, we are hoping to win the money for an outdoor learning gazebo (similar to the very successful Outdoor Learning Zone at Docking), with benches and a board, to encourage, and give us more facilities for, outdoor learning

At **Docking**, we are planning to provide new equipment for Curlew's playground to promote physical development, and also outdoor whiteboards to help us with our outdoor learning sessions. We are also hoping to fund more work ourselves, including resurfacing around our outdoor learning zone and replacing the rather sad willow structure with a climbing frame.

At **Sedgeford**, we are asking for a wonderful water wall and outdoor whiteboard for Class 1's playground and a climbing frame for our playground. We are hoping to completely revamp the Class 1 playground but will need help with this so watch out for more details.

Brancaster Dates for the Diary

Thursday 14 th May :	World Cup Lunch
Saturday 15 th May :	PFA Day at the Jolly Sailors, all welcome
Monday 18 th June :	Country Dance Practice at Docking
Wednesday 20 th June:	Parents Consultations 1-5pm
Thursday 21 st June :	New Reception Intake 9-11.00am
Tuesday 26 th June :	New Reception Intake 9-11.00am
Tuesday 26 th June :	Samphire Class to Titchwell - letter to follow
Tuesday 26 th June:	Sky Rocket Club, Smithdon. Last session 5.30pm pick-up
Wednesday 27 th June:	Country Dance Practice at Sedgeford
Wednesday 27 th June:	Area Sports at Smithdon 4.30-6.30pm
Thursday 28 th June :	Norfolk Show - Samphire Class
Friday 29 th June:	Whole School to Sedgeford - Garlic Theatre, 9.00am
Monday 2 nd July:	Sports Day
Wednesday 4 th / 5 th & 6 th :	APHS Transition days
Wednesday 4 th July:	Thrift Class, Library Van 10.45am
Wednesday 4 th July:	Country Dance Practice at Sedgeford
Thursday 5 th July:	Yr 5 Art & Maths Day at Smithdon
Thursday 5 th July:	New Reception Intake 9-12.00
Tuesday 10 th July:	New Reception Intake 9am-1pm (lunch included)
Wednesday 11 th July:	Country Dance Party, Hunstanton Primary
Thursday 12 th July:	Water Polo, Glebe House 9.30 -11.45am
Thursday 12 th July:	Sponsored Scoot for Tapping House, details to follow
Friday 13 th July:	KS1 Sports Festival, details to follow
Tuesday 17 th July:	Titchwell, whole school + Purple Picnic, details to follow
Thursday 19 th July:	New Reception Intake 9am-1pm (lunch included)
Thursday 19 th July:	Children's University Graduation at College of West Anglia
Tuesday 24 th July:	Leaver's Assembly at school, 2.00pm
Tuesday 24 th July:	Break for Summer Holidays
Thursday 6 th Sept:	Return to School



