

JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2019



Welcome back!

I hope you had a good Christmas and join the staff in wishing you a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Just a few quick reminders:

- All children should have their full PE kits in school every day, even on the days when PE is not timetabled as we often have extra activities. All kit should be named, please.
- All children should have gloves & hats in school daily as we will still be going outside to play whenever possible. On snowy days, children should come into school in their wellies and bring their usual school shoes with them to wear indoor (we have nowhere to store them and you may need them at home!
- All dinner monies should be paid in advance where possible and should be in a named, sealed envelope.
- Although snow is not forecast, it is always best to be prepared! So, just a reminder that if school has to close, you will be notified by text and you can also check the Norfolk Schools website. Closures are also reported on Radio Norfolk and KLFM

Attendance

We had 25 children with 100% attendance last term - a huge well done to all of them!



In general, we are very pleased with our attendance figures and would like to thank you for supporting us in this matter.

Please remember to let us know if your child will be absent from school -

For holidays we require a completed exceptional circumstances form from you beforehand.

If your child is ill please call us before morning registration to ensure we know where they are. If we do not hear, we will attempt to ring you. If we have had no reply by lunchtime, we are obliged to take further action. We are expected to visit your house, if possible, and if there is still no reply, we have a duty to inform the police who will then try to make contact.

Community Help

Did you know there are charities in Docking who have funds to help local families financially - e.g payments for school trips (including panto) etc. If you would like more information (in confidence) please contact John Ward via the school office.

PTFA News

Phew!! We had a really busy end to last term with the build up to Christmas. We held a Santa's grotto at the Ripper Hall - Thank you to the committee for inviting us. At the school we held our popular Christmas Fair later on in the month and raised £535! To then finish the term off nicely we had our very popular disco in the afternoon; we raised £93 at our tuck shop! A big 'Thank you' to all who supported the events.

Our Next meeting to discuss future events for the rest of school year and ideas is on **Monday 28th January 2pm** at the School.

All welcome - if you are unable to attend but would like to put an idea forward please contact us - our email address is dockingptfa@yahoo.com

Once again - Thank you!

Sophie Gooch.

Assemblies:

We have really appreciated how many of you have come to our celebration assemblies to support your children however we are aware that this is not always easy or possible for some of you. So, from this term, we are introducing class assemblies to which families will be invited instead. Each term every class will have the chance to be the stars of an assembly. They will be able to celebrate their hard work and tell family and friends what they have been learning and enjoying in class. We would love to see as many of you there as possible so we will make a timetable for when each class will hold their class assembly for the next two terms and we will get this to you as soon as possible. We will also put these details on our website.

Parent Forums

There will be an opportunity for you to discuss assemblies and to share your views on homework at one of our new parent forums which will also start this term. These will be held at 2.30pm and the first ones will be 16th January for Docking, 30th January for Sedgeford and 13th February for Brancaster.

Diary Dates So Far

8 th February	Ica Jays visit to Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge - details to follow
15 th February	School ends for half term break
25 th February	Back to school
5 th April	End of Term
23 rd April	Start of Summer Term
6 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
13 th May	Year 6 SATs week
24 th May	School ends for half term break
3 rd June	Back to School
24 th July	School ends for Summer Break

Weather

In the event of snow, please check the local radio stations and the Norfolk Schools website. We will also send a text - please let us know if you have recently changed your mobile number and no longer receive our text messages.

Clubs

Mondays 3.15-4.30 - Football club for Years 3-6 starts again, in the hall until the evenings get lighter, from 14th January. £1 per session. Please complete the club form before your child starts.

Wednesdays - 3.15-4.15 - Multi Sports club for Reception-Year 6 continues from 9th January. £1 per session. Please complete the club form before your child starts.

Thursday Club - with Mrs Howard - continues. Spaces available - please let us know if your child would like to go.

Friday - Badminton club with Mrs. Baker - years 3-6 - spaces available - see ask in the office