



Best News ...

Dear Parent / Guardian,



Welcome back to school for the new academic year, I hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful break. In particular, I would like to welcome our new pupils and parents to our school, and hope you will be very happy here. I am looking forward to meeting you all during the various events planned throughout the year.

It was good to see so many smiling faces this week and we hope we can keep those smiles as we move through the year. Our new pupils in year 3 are settling into school extremely well and the young people in years 4, 5 and 6 have returned to school with a very positive attitude and setting a really good example.

We like to make coming to school at White Woman Lane as enjoyable as possible offering a wide range of activities for the children. The end of last term was extremely busy and it already looks as if this term is going to be just as interesting and eventful. I hope the pupils will take full advantage of all the opportunities offered to them; we would encourage the children to try and involve themselves in some way in the wider aspects of the school.

From time to time, children do experience problems of one sort or another at school. We would encourage the children to tell their teacher if they are upset or concerned in any way. If you are concerned about anything, please discuss this initially with your child's teacher. Mr Johnson, Head of Lower School and Mr Richmond, Head of Upper School are always here to help with any concerns or issues. Mrs. Pellatt, our Executive Deputy Headteacher is also available should the issue not be able to be resolved. Teachers will always contact you if they have any concerns as we believe working together in this way is best for our children.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me, and I should also be very pleased to pass on any praise or congratulations to members of staff and/or pupils.

Future **Best News** bulletins will be issued every Friday of every full week of term. It will contain general information such as forthcoming events, term dates, proposed trips and other items we feel will interest you.

If you do not receive your copy of **Best News**, spare copies may always be obtained from the school office or downloaded from our website www.whitewomanlane.norfolk.sch.uk. I have, from experience, also found that looking at the bottom of your child's bag or desk will locate your missing copy!

CHILD PROTECTION

Because of our day-to-day contact with the children we are particularly well placed to observe outward signs of abuse, changes in behaviour or failure to develop. We have a duty to protect children from abuse; however, our role is in recognition & referral but not in investigation or intervention. It is the legal responsibility of the Executive Headteacher, and in her absence the Executive Deputy Headteacher, Head of Lower School or Head of Upper School, to report to the Child Protection Officer any concerns about a child, who could be considered to be at risk from physical, emotional or sexual abuse. Obviously, this is a very sensitive area, but the law is very clear.

WWLS CHILD PROTECTION STATEMENT

Our school is committed to promoting the health and welfare of all pupils. We are required by law to follow procedures laid down by the Norfolk Safeguarding Children Board if we see signs which suggest that one of our pupils may have been the victim of abuse. Use of the procedures in this way is an obligation placed on the school by legislation and in no way infers that any parent/carer is being accused of wrong-doing.

SCHOOL DRESS

At our school we expect high standards of behaviour and presentation and work hard to maintain this. We have a school uniform and dress code, which is designed to promote a sense of identity and belonging to the school community and the work ethos required to achieve high standards. This enables children to work appropriately without the additional pressures of the media and the current fashion.

May I remind you that as part of our school dress, hairstyles should also be appropriate for school, and do not, for example, include slogans, logos or lines shaved into the hair or feature hair dyed with bright colours. In addition, excessive use of gel and other hair products are not permitted. If a child arrives at school with excessive gel or make up, they will be required to remove it before attending class.



P.E. AND GAMES KIT

Physical Education is a statutory national curriculum subject and unless a child is ill, all children must participate. In order to do this safely and hygienically every child must have their P.E. kit in school. The lessons are timetabled and these remain the same days and time every week.

YEAR 3 P.E.

3ST	Monday
3S	Thursday
3C	Tuesday

GAMES

Wednesday

YEAR 4 P.E.

4G	Monday
4P	Thursday
4S	Tuesday

GAMES

Monday



YEAR 5 P.E.

5Q	Monday
5R	Friday
5D	Thursday

GAMES

Tuesday

YEAR 6 P.E.

6Q	Tuesday
6J	Friday
6S	Wednesday

GAMES

Thursday

Our suggestion would be that the kits are brought to school on Monday and remain in school all week thus ensuring the kit is available when required.

Following is a list of the items all children require for P.E.;

- **Pale blue polo shirt**
- **Plain navy shorts**
- **Short white socks**
- **Long, dark blue socks (football type)**
- **Shin pads**
- **Training shoes**
- **Navy sweater or tracksuit**

P.E. kit is part of our school uniform and we ask for your support to ensure your child has all the items they need. A plain light blue polo shirt enables the teacher to see at a glance that the child has changed for P.E. and this saves a lot of time. The children need to wear shin pads for hockey and football and therefore long football type dark blue socks are necessary.

TRAINERS ARE REQUIRED IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO PLAY ON THE FIELD AT LUNCH TIMES, WEATHER PERMITTING!

No jewellery except for plain, small gold or silver stud earrings are permitted. Only one pair of earrings at a time please! In addition, nail varnish and make up is not appropriate for school. All children require black, polishable shoes for indoor wear. If for any reason they do have such shoes to wear in school, then black plimsolls may be worn instead. Trainers are not allowed to be worn in school. Thank you in anticipation of your full support.

THE PATHS PROGRAMME

The PATHS Programme is curriculum that we have introduced over the last couple of years and we will continue to implement and consolidate the programme during this academic year. It was written to help primary school children develop better thinking skills, more mature and responsible ways of behaving, emotional literacy and improve academic performance.

What are some of the goals of the PATHS Programme?

- Increasing children's abilities to think and solve problems for themselves
- Improving children's understanding of themselves and others
- Helping children with emotional literacy and awareness of feelings
- Improving children's feelings about themselves (that is, improving self-esteem)
- Increasing children's abilities to learn more effectively in the classroom environment

Problem solving, emotional understanding and knowing how to interact well with others are increasingly important for success in today's world. To best prepare children for the future, social-emotional learning is an important part of the primary school curriculum.

The goals of the programme detailed above will also develop children's ability to learn effectively. When children can think independently, feel good about themselves and act responsibly, then they are more motivated to work to their potential.



TALK HOMEWORK

When children learn their own language, they begin by listening, then talking and then trying out what they have learned in reading and writing. This is the same process by which they learn a foreign language – listening and talking always precede reading and writing.

Research shows that children need to gain confidence in using vocabulary orally before they will use it accurately in writing. In other words, if they can use it confidently in speech, then they will use it confidently in writing. We need to encourage the development of listening and talking skills in order to develop children's writing ability.

To this end, we have decided to continue to provide a weekly "Talk Homework" task, which will be given in the weekly newsletter. You will be informed of a topic and we would ask that you discuss the topic with your child in order to help them with the content and to prepare them to give feedback in class. We recognise that talking together is one of the most important factors in developing children's educational abilities. This homework involves discussion only, but is just as valuable as any written homework and should have the same amount of time spent on it. Thank you in anticipation of your support with the Talk Homework.



FILMS WITH A PG CERTIFICATE (PARENTAL GUIDANCE CLASSIFICATION)

At various times throughout the year, children may be given the opportunity to view selected films with a PG certificate. An increasing number of films are classified PG, following changes in guidelines. PG films sometimes contain 'mild peril' or 'comic fight' scenes – Tom and Jerry cartoons are classified PG for example.

Children may choose 'watching a film' as their Class Award to reward good behaviour and effort, and several videos are used to enrich several areas of the curriculum. All the films used, have previously been viewed by staff.

If you would prefer your child not to view PG certificate films please inform his/her class teacher in writing. Thank you.

PARKING

You will be aware of the parking restrictions along White Woman Lane, including the speed humps. Please encourage your children to cross with the Lollipop Lady outside of school as the children can tend to use the speed humps as a crossing and this is very dangerous particularly with the number of cars parked along the road at the beginning and end of the school day. I would be grateful if you would be very considerate about where you park at the beginning and end of the school day, ensuring that you do not block our neighbours' driveways etc. in order to help us retain good relationships with the school neighbours. Could I also remind parents that for reasons of safety, only taxis are permitted to collect children from the school car park at the end of the school day? Please also see the letter from Norfolk Constabulary attached.

Many thanks for your support in these matters.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS TERM(so far!)

Tuesday 26 th Sept	3.30pm – 4pm Drop in session for Year 3 parents
Tuesday 18 th September	SEN Paren Drop-In session (see attached information)
W/C 16 th October	Assertive Mentoring Meetings
Half term	20th – 27th October inclusive
Tuesday 7 th November	Shakespeare in Schools performance (selected yr 6pupils)
8 th – 10 th November	Year 5 Hilltop Residential



SCHOLASTIC

This is a fantastic way to contribute to reading resources in school.

Your child has recently been given the latest Scholastic leaflet. It is packed full of books which would be great as reads.

If you would like to place an order please make cheques payable to 'SCHOLASTIC' only. Place orders in an envelope marked Scholastic Books and your child's name and class.

Alternatively orders can be placed online and delivered free to school by visiting:

<http://clubs-school.scholastic.co.uk/white-woman-lane>

Orders will close on **Monday 25th September** when the complete order will be placed. Books should be with you before Half Term.

Remember 20p in every £1 spent by you comes back to us in free books.

Thank you for all your support.

NAMED PURSE

Please ensure your child has a named purse/wallet in which to keep their tuck and/or lunch money. Thank you!



TWITTER

If you have a twitter account you can follow the school on @whitewomanlane to receive tweets giving information about what is happening in school, little reminders, celebrating successes, future events and other news.

Please follow us!





TALK HOMEWORK & 'WOW' WORDS



Each week we send a **Talk Homework** activity and '**Wow**' **Words** home and we would be very grateful for your support.

We are trying to help all our children develop excellent speaking and listening skills, which in turn will help them with their writing.

"If a child can't say a sentence then they can't write it either!"

Please spend at least 10 minutes talking with your child about the questions below;



Summer Holidays

What are your best three memories of the summer holidays and why?

In Big Talk, we use 'WOW' Words to improve our vocabulary and 'big up' our sentences to make them more interesting!



Our '**WOW**' Word this week is;

Memories

Please encourage your child to use this word, in the right context, as much as possible.

- The 'Talk Homework' and 'WOW' words will be set every Friday; children will share their 'Talk' with their class on a Tuesday morning.
- We will encourage the children to use the WOW word throughout the week.

Thank you for your support in helping your child.

SEN Parent Drop-In

Jenni Porter

Executive Deputy for SEND

will be available at the following venues on the following dates for ANY parents/carers of SEN pupils from across the Nebula Partnership. All parents from Nebula schools are welcome at any venue!

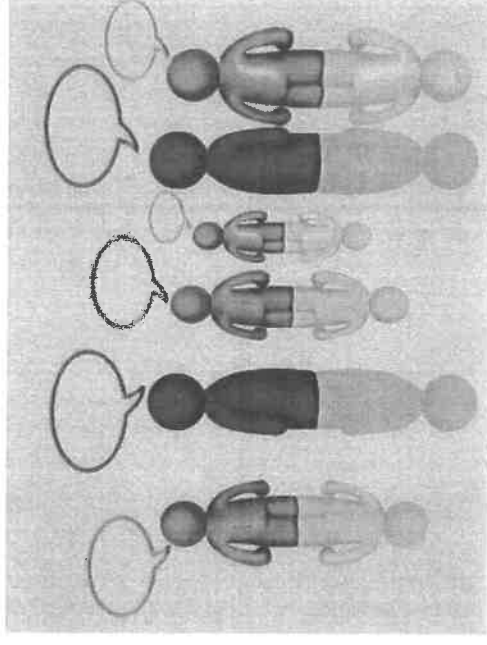
Please come along and just have a chat, or ask anything about support for your child.

There will be cake!

Date	Venue	Time
18/9/17	Horsford Holt Road	8.30-10.00
27/9/17	St Faiths' Primary	2.00-3.30
10/10/17	Old Catton Junior	8.30-10.00
2/11/17	Hainford Primary	8.30-10.00
7/11/17	White Woman Lane	2.00-3.30
14/11/17	Horsford Mill Lane	2.00-3.30
21/11/17	Frettenham Primary	8.30-10.00

These meetings are a regular event, but held at different times over the year to try and accommodate parents' working patterns.

Please come and have your views heard!



Looking forward to meeting you.

Jenni Porter



NORFOLK CONSTABULARY

Our Priority is You

Recipients Name

Company Name
Street Name
Town
County
Postcode

30/08/2017

Ref No: Old Catton Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Norfolk Constabulary

Sprowston Police Station
107-109 Wroxham Road
Sprowston
NR7 8TU

Email: downess@norfolk.pnn.police.uk

www.norfolk.police.uk
Non-Emergency Tel: 101
Emergency Number Tel: 999

The Old Catton and Sprowston Neighbourhood Policing Team receive various complaints regarding inconsiderate and dangerous parking during peak parking times before and after school. Please be advised the team will be monitoring school parking and your school will be one of them and anybody found parking in an inconsiderate, illegal or dangerous manner will be warned about their behaviour and if this behaviour continues we will issue the driver with a fixed penalty notice and possibly points on their licence.

Be aware of the High Way Code and remember you should not park on Zig Zags, double yellow lines, across junctions, in the middle of the road, over dropped kerbs or in any other manner considered dangerous. Please also consider the residents who live in the area – where you are parking inconsiderately by blocking their drive or in some cases on their drives!

Children are being put at risk by the inconsiderate and dangerous parking and local residents are being inconvenienced. Please park legally and considerately and walk a few minutes to the school. Please allow yourself an extra 10 minutes each day to get your children to school safely.

Please consider the safety of all the Children and Parents travelling to and from your school.

If you wish to discuss this please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below or send me an email.

You can also come to one of my monthly surgeries to discuss any Police matters that you are being subjected to, or any information that you would like to pass-on.

I hold these Surgeries monthly and my next few will take place at:

Morrisons Foodstore, The Paddocks, Old Catton.

Between the hours of 16:00 to 18:00 hours on the following dates:

Tuesday 19th September 2017.

Tuesday 10th October 2017

Tuesday 21st November 2017.

Please come along I would love to meet you!

**PCSO 8144 Steve Downes, Old Catton & Sprowston Safer Neighbourhood Team.
Sprowston Police Station. Norwich. NR7 8TU.**

We will answer letters within 10 working days, where information is available.
Where this is not possible, an explanation will be given for any delay.



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Salhouse Road, Norwich NR7 9DL

Environment Day

Saturday 30th September 2017

11am — 3pm

FREE ENTRY

LOADS OF FUN FOR ALL AGES INCLUDING:

SCIENCE SHOW (WARNING: EXPLOSIVE!)

BANHAM ZOO

RSPB

GREENPEACE

UEA

FOOD FUN

FACE PAINTING

SWEET SHOP, CAKE SALE AND CAFÉ

LOTS OF HANDS ON ARTS & CRAFTS

AND MANY, MANY MORE ACTIVITIES

