



Best News ...

Dear Parent / Guardian,



Welcome back to school for the new academic year, We hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful break. In particular, We would like to welcome our new pupils and parents to our school, and hope you will be very happy here. We are 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. We 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. **We will no longer be sending printed copies of the newsletter home with children. Best News will be available to view online at <http://www.whitewomanlane.norfolk.sch.uk> and a text will be sent to every family with a link to the latest copy.** Printed copies will be available to collect from the School Office if required. It will contain general information such as forthcoming events, term dates, proposed trips and other items we feel will interest you.

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.

Your child will have been given two booklets and a data collection sheet to take home. Please read and retain the green 'Information booklet for parents/carers' and complete and return the 'General Forms Booklet'. It is important that we receive these forms for all pupils ASAP so that we can update our records, whether there are changes or not. I'm sure you appreciate that it will take time to work through the number of pupils we have and the earlier we receive the information the earlier we are able to check it.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter

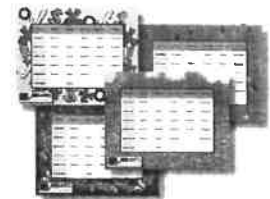
RETURNING ITEMS TO SCHOOL

All forms and money etc. returned in a named envelope throughout the year should be returned to the class teacher who will in turn send items to the school office.

TIMETABLE ABBREVIATIONS

The children have settled back into school very well and are getting used to their new teachers and timetables. Please find below a list of the meanings of the abbreviations used on their timetables;

P.E. – Physical Education
ICT – Information and Communication Technology
GR – Guided Reading
PSHE – Personal, Social and Health Education
PATHS – Promoting Alternative Thinking Skills



CURRICULUM MATTERS

READING



At White Woman Lane we know that reading is important in developing your child's literacy skills and ability to access the whole curriculum and we continue to focus on developing children's reading skills throughout the school.

In class the children develop their reading skills through a variety of activities. Timetabled guided reading sessions enable children to read and reflect with their peers and teachers. The focus of guided reading in Key Stage 2 is to ensure the children develop their comprehension, understanding and appreciation of texts.

Parent helpers and teaching assistants provide support for some children with individual reading; any additional helpers would be greatly appreciated. Teachers do not have the time within the curriculum to hear each child read individually and therefore we have asked that you as parents support your child's learning at home and undertake this responsibility and aspect of developing your child's reading skills.

All children in the school have reading as a regular feature of their homework; no matter their level of attainment. Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 are expected to complete 15 minutes of reading at least five times a week as part of their homework and this expectation increases to six times a week in Year 6. We see this time as an opportunity for you as parents and children can share a book and enjoy reading together, and we are very grateful for your support with this homework.

We encourage children to borrow a reading scheme and a library book, which can be fiction or non-fiction, to widen their experience of different texts. If your child has any difficulty choosing a book, they can approach their class teacher or Miss Delidjani.

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 we 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.

3L	Monday
3S	Thursday
3G	Tuesday

GAMES

Friday

YEAR 4 P.E.

4R	Friday
4P	Thursday
4C	Tuesday

GAMES

Monday



YEAR 5 P.E.

5B	Monday
5S	Friday
5D	Thursday

GAMES

Tuesday

YEAR 6 P.E.

6Q	Tuesday
6H	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 or House T-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.

BOOK AMNESTY

A big thank you to everyone that brought back books at the end of term. Our shelves look full and are ready for the year ahead. If you did find any further books over the school holidays, please return them as soon as possible, no questions asked!



LIBRARY PARENT HELPERS



We are always in need of extra pairs of hands to help us with the library. If you'd like to help to cover our new books or put them on our computerised system, or just help children with their reading, please get in touch.
Many thanks, Miss Delidjani.

PRESENTATION POLICY

All pupils have been introduced to our Presentation Policy which is designed to encourage the children to take pride in their work and to achieve the highest standards of presentation.

All pupils are reminded that;

- The covers of exercise books are clean and free from doodling and writing
- The margins are free from doodling
- Ink pens to be used – no biros
- Blue ink only to be used, pupils will earn the opportunity to write in pen during Years 4 and 5
- The teaching objective is underlined with a ruler
- All work will be dated
- Cross through mistakes with a line made with a ruler – no Tipp-Ex to be in school.



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.

NO NUTS!



We have a number of children in school with very severe nut allergies and we have therefore taken the decision to ban nuts in school.
Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

NAMED PURSE

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

TALK HOMEWORK- VOCABULARY NINJA!



Vocabulary is the key to understanding; the more words your child understand and is able to use, the easier they will find it to read, write and speak in any given situation.



We are trying to focus on helping all children with their vocabulary so will have some Ninja Words in the Best News every week. Please try and discuss these words with your child.

Do they know what any of them mean?
Can they use them in a sentence?
Can they find out/work out any they don't know?

Children will then have the opportunity to discuss and learn more about these words with their class teacher during Tuesday's assembly time and use them in their work that week.

Thank you for your help and support!

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.

Collecting your Year 3 child from the Impala Close side gate

If your child is in Year 3 and you collect your child from the Impala Close side gate at the end of the school day, could you please come in through the gate and wait along the path leading to the Lower School playground. This means that the Year 3 teachers, who are positioned in the Lower School playground, can then make sure that the Year 3 pupils are handed over to their parents/carers.

Thank you for your co-operation.

MOBILE PHONES



We cannot take responsibility for these valuable items and ensure they remain safe and their use is appropriate. May I remind you that mobile telephones are not permitted in school. Mobile phones will only be allowed in EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES. Written permission from the Head of School will need to be obtained. Phones will be kept in the School Office. The school takes no responsibility for safe keeping.

As pupils are able to contact parents/carers through the school office in an emergency, an exceptional circumstance will not be a daily occurrence. Pupils not being collected by an adult is not deemed to be an exceptional circumstance.

If a mobile telephone arrives in school without express permission from the Head of School, it will be confiscated and locked away until a parent of the pupil retrieves it. Thank you for your support in ensuring all mobile telephones, and any other valuable items remain at home.

The Week Ahead

Mon.	9 th	-		
Tues.	10 th	-		
Wed.	11 th	-	Keyboard lessons (pm) Existing students only Woodwind lessons (pm) Existing students only	Music Room ICT Suite
Thur.	12 th	-	Guitar Lessons (am) Existing students only Samba Club	Library School Hall 3.20 - 4.20pm
Fri.	13 th	-		

Instrumental lessons on 11th and 12th will continue on the same basis for those children receiving lessons before the summer break. Letters will be sent out next week inviting additional children for lessons. New children will start their relevant lessons week commencing 16th September.

There will be a range of other after school and lunchtime clubs starting in the coming weeks. Watch out for further information!

Housepoint Totals

Buckingham	(Green)	Total	- 0
Balmoral	(Blue)	Total	- 0
Sandringham	(Yellow)	Total	- 0
Windsor	(Red)	Total	- 0

The collection of housepoints and recording totals will begin next week

THE ATTENDANCE CUP



Will be awarded each Friday morning.

SCHOLASTIC

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

Your child has 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 30th 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.

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!

