



Spring Term 1 - 2023

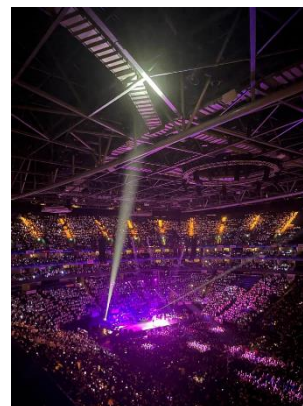
Dear Parents/ Carers,

We've had a very busy first few weeks in 2023 and we have lots of exciting things coming up...

For the **January challenge** in this newsletter, can you unscramble the **five scrambled words**. Hand me the answers on the school gate (or to your teacher) by Monday 6th February to be in with a chance to win a prize...

Events so far...

We have had lots of exciting events happening at school so far in 2023, none more so than being able to take a choir of 45 children to London's O2 arena to perform with Young Voices. The children got to sing with 9,000 other school children in front of an audience of 11,000 alongside live bands, orchestras, beat boxers and professional dancers. They even **fropermed** as backing singers to Heather Small singing "What have you done today, to make you feel proud." I have to say, it brought me immense pride seeing them performing so well and having this amazing experience - one that we now hope to repeat in future years. This trip was made possible through the support of Goward and Evans helping to fund the coach travel. We are grateful, as ever, for all the experiences we're able to provide our children thanks to their generous donations.



Our Y5/6 indoor athletics team has been incredibly successful in a regional competition recently receiving a silver medal, closely behind a school in Newmarket. This is our best achievement to date in this competition, alongside a further silver medal in Cross Country earlier this year. We look forward to competing in lots more sporting events over the next few months.

We were also able to take our Y3/4 athletics team to compete against other schools. They too performed really well with a mid-table finish, showing resilience and determination. As always, we were impressed by their **dastitute** and their conduct when representing our school.

Individual Success: A special mention to Lucas H (Y5) who qualified to compete for Suffolk in swimming. Lucas managed to qualify for the final and came in 7th position with a personal best of 48.98 in 50m butterfly! Well done Lucas!

Earth Non-Uniform Day

Well done to Earth who won the most family points last term. As a **wredar** children in **Earth can wear non-uniform on Friday 3rd February**. Please make sure, if it's your child's PE Day, they bring a PE kit with them to change into.

Field/Forest Area Use:

In order protect the grass and keep school clean, we've been closing the field at breaks and lunchtimes over the past few weeks. Children can use the Forest Area though if they bring wellies/ walking boots alongside their usual school shoes to change into.



Community support:

We know a few of our families are feeling the pinch with the increased cost of living. We are working with EPIC dad to support our school community with provisions.

Our first 'Wellbeing Store' will be on **Monday 27th February between 9am-11am**. Any school parents /carers are welcome to come and fill up a basket of essentials to help them during this time just for a suggested **todanion** of £5. Thank you to EPIC Dad for their continued support for families in our village.

RAF STEM Workshop:

Children in Y5/6 will be taking part in a STEM (Science, technology, engineering and maths) workshop led remotely by the RAF on Wednesday 1st February. This event will be reproduced at a later date for Firefly Class who will miss this on the day due to the strike action.



Family Wellbeing Store

Fill a Bag for a Fiver!

Fourth Monday of the Month at 9am to 11am

School Assembly Hall (access through the side entrance)

A monthly drop-in especially for Lakenheath Primary School parents and carers to collect food essentials and other practical items to support family life (eg food, household items, toiletries, baby supplies, toys, games, books, clothes, etc.)

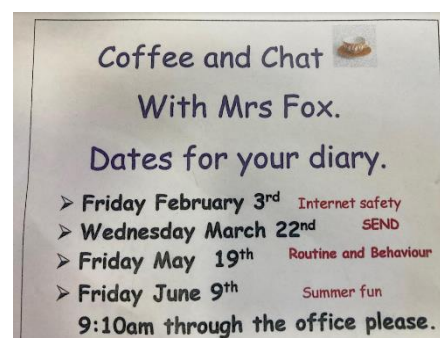
Recommended contribution of £5 to fill a large bag or storage trolley with various family items. (Bags and trolleys are provided). There will also be a café area with free refreshments and support and information available from our local NHS Social Prescriber.

Forthcoming Dates:

Monday 27th February, Monday 27th March,
Monday 24th April, Monday 22nd May,
Monday 26th June, Monday 17th July

Coffee and Chat:

Any parents/ carers are welcome to come to our "Coffee and chat" group with Mrs Fox at school on the dates shown. These provide a nice chance to chat with other parents, share worries or parenting ideas, and to build a supportive **network** with other parents. Each session starts with a different theme albeit in a relaxed and informal way.



Attendance:

Our attendance in school this year (93.4%) is in line with the national picture (but below the national target). Clearly, there were a lot of absences with colds and flu before Christmas and this can't be helped. However, today, (30th January) we only have two children off in the whole school! Hopefully this is a sign that everyone is now building up immunity again and keeping healthy. Long may it continue!

As always, when a child's attendance drops below 90% (equivalent of 1 day off every two weeks), letters are generated to encourage better attendance and the School Attendance Support Officer team become involved (formerly EWO).

To help improve your child's attendance, please try and avoid booking appointments within the school day. If you can't avoid this, the registers are taken at 8:50am and 1-1:15pm. If your child has an appointment within the school day but they are in school for the registration points, this will not have an effect on their attendance.



A few dates for the diary:

- Wednesday 1st February - NEU Strike, as it stands Wombat, Ocelot, Fox and Firefly classes will be closed.
- 8th February - Author Visit. Published author and children's comedian, James Campbell, will visit school to inspire children in reading and writing. (Signed book sale after school)
- 13th - 17th February is half term (children return on Monday 20th February)
- Monday 20th February - Early Years trip to Hunstanton Sea-Life Centre
- Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day (Children are able to dress up as book characters)
- Tuesday 14th March - KS1 Trip to Mountfitchet Castle
- Friday 17th March - Comic Relief (Details to follow)
- Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April - Easter Holiday (children return on Monday 17th April)

Yours sincerely,

Michael Tingey

Pass your answers to me on the gate for a chance to win a prize:

January Newsletter Competition

Unscrambled words:

1) 2) 3) 4) 5)

Child's name:

Class: