



Message from the Chair, Teresa Chapman:

Wow, can't believe that another year has passed! FONS has had a fantastic year and raised money for so many wonderful opportunities for the children. We've provided refreshments at the annual Two Rivers Artists Christmas Fair, held two discos, the Christmas Fair, and an Easter Egg hunt for the children. We've also recently held our annual Summer BBQ which was a huge success, raising just under £500. And that fundraising has enabled us to contribute to the costs of trips, pay for minibuses, upgrade the school library and many other things.

But we couldn't do any of these things without your support, so we want to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has supported FONS throughout the year. We really appreciate it, and so do the children. When we come back in September, FONS is going to be looking to recruit some more members. Anyone is welcome to join, whether you are a parent, grandparent or carer. And it's a great way to contribute towards your child's school and make friends. So keep a look out for our next meeting and come along.

From FONS

"Thank you FONS for all you do", from all the staff

From the Chair of Governors:

"As the school year draws to a close, and the holidays beckon, can I say a huge thank you to staff, children - and of course parents - for all you have done through the year.

The results of this are demonstrated by the recent excellent Ofsted inspection, and this is down to the care, skill and dedication of all involved. So thank you again to everyone!"

Richard Barker

Music

Have you ever seen so many bugs, mini-beasts or insects crawling over our school field?

Our Ugly Bug Ball project was such an enormous success. The singing was fabulous, the reading clear and loud and it was obvious how much fun we were all having!

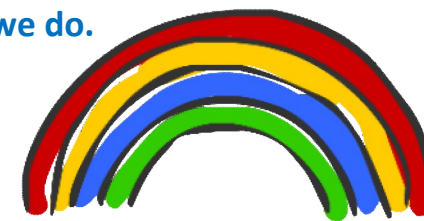
Thanks to the Come and Sing Company for two days of singing, laughter and action!



Neatishead VC C of E

Newsletter July 2018

Our school aims to be a happy and safe community where everyone shares a love of learning. Our Christian values of respect, responsibility, courage, trust, perseverance and compassion support all we do.



Dear Parents & Carers,

I cannot believe another year has drawn to a close.

It has been a long term but the children have kept up their stamina to the end. They have been so busy and achieved so much and grown further into lifelong learners.

A big thank you to all the staff – I see on a daily basis the passion and dedication they show and all of them go the extra mile – thank you' team Neatishead'!

Have a wonderful summer break and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes

Julie Church

Dates for Your Diary

- **Start of Autumn Term** – Thursday 6th September 2018
- **October Half Term** – 18th October – 26th October 2018
- **Break up for Christmas** – Tuesday 18th December 2018
- **Start of Spring Term** – Thursday 3rd January 2018

INSET DAYS 2018/19

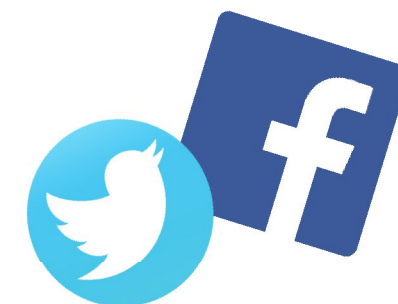
Just so you know for future reference our INSET days (days we come to school but the pupils don't have to!) are 4th and 5th September, 18th October and 19th December, our fifth day will be made up of a twilight session, which will not affect you.

We are Social!

Follow us on **Facebook**;

Our **website** has had 1,193 visits this month! Have you had a look recently?

www.neatisheadprimaryschool.co.uk



Getting to school on time...

Getting to school on time gives children the best possible start to the day. Learning

at Neatishead begins at 08.40; please can you do your best to make sure the children are here on time and ready to learn. The gate opens at 08.30.



Thank you very much!



Attendance Targets

Our school attendance this year is 96.6% (national average 96.1%) Our attendance has improved – thank you. If we excluded unauthorised holidays, our attendance is 97.4%.

Good attendance is linked to school achievement.

From September 2018-the school, in line with Broadland High School and other local primary schools will adopt Norfolk County Council's Fixed Penalty Notice Policy (more details to follow in September)

Year 6 End of Year National Curriculum Assessments

When children are entered in primary school, they are expected to take part in National Curriculum Assessments. These SATs feature throughout the children's school lives and prepare them for high school. We believe that the delivery of these assessments is key. To prepare, Year 6 have participated in weekly informal and formal testing. Every Friday, they have enjoyed small reading groups with an adult ratio 2:1. They have also completed arithmetic papers in an environment which encourages talking. This informal approach to test papers helps them overcome any fears - children enjoy asking, 'How did you find the answer?' This improves confidence levels, and combined with the children's work ethic, has produced incredible results. 100% of children met the expected standard in 100% of their SATs. They should be as proud of themselves as we are of them. Wonderful.

Red Skippers Class

The Red Skippers have worked extremely hard this year and everyone has made lots of progress. Our topics have been very exciting and we have enjoyed finding out new information, sharing fabulous stories and making books. Our Year Two pupils undertook Key Stage One tests and the results were very pleasing. Our Reception children have learnt achieved very well, with 86% achieving a good level of development in the final assessments.

We have enjoyed many musical experiences this year, from our wonderful Christmas production, the CASMA India fusion project with the Peacocks and the whole school celebration of The Ugly Bug Ball.

Our Forest School sessions have been a massive success. The development of our outdoor learning area has allowed us greater opportunities for using tools, making, dens, lighting fires and cooking some delicious food! All pupils have had the opportunity to take part in learning outside the classroom and we have seen the children become more independent, good at problem solving and keen to create and solve challenges.

Mrs Davies

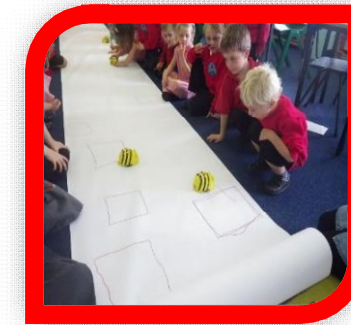
Technology

Why do children enjoy using technology? Is it because the use has the power to edit, retrieve and enhance their initial product?

Peacock Class and Red Skippers

Each day, 'Show & Tell' has become a firm favourite. It has become common place for children to bring photographs, sometimes digital images, which are beamed to our display screen using Apple TV. Learning at home is regularly shared in class. During presentations, children ask: 'What? Where? How? Why?'

questions which provide excitement, engagement and a love of sharing. Technology has created a platform for such discussion. Peacock Class have used Sphero Robots to create code. These robots use wireless technology (iPads) and allow the children to enhance their understanding of 3-dimensional objects, using maths tools (such as protractors) to program movement. Being able to follow an algorithm helped the class greatly when they made cars, smoothies and visited Pizza Express. Red Skippers have programmed Beebot Machines which are limited to 90 degree turns. The class have made predictions about which possible shapes can or cannot be made before coding a procedure.



2017-2018 Sports...What a busy sporting year! Sports day at the UEA, Broadland Cluster Sports Events, Netball and Premier Sports after school, it's all happening here at Neatishead Primary School. We were Plate Winners for Tag Rugby and even though we didn't come away with any medals from the Athletics at Broadland there were many 1st, 2nd and 3rd places won on the track events. We look forward to seeing those that weren't involved in this year's matches to show off their skills next year. Well done, everybody, in making Neatishead a school to be remembered on the playing field!

Uniform Reminder

Please ensure children are dressed in smart full uniform at the start of next term. A Uniform list is enclosed with this newsletter. It has come to our attention that the standard of pupil's PE kits have slipped. We will be much stricter about this in September. Thank you for your support.

A few words from our Year 6's

'I'm amazed how quickly the year passed compared to other years,'



Edward.

'At the beginning of the year, I felt nervous but when I completed the year I felt a sense of achievement,'



Amelia

'I feel happy because I've passed all of my SATs,'



Lacey

'I feel very happy and sad at the same time to leave my friends,'



Cody.

"Good luck and best wishes for your future"