

Neatishead Update

October 2023

Dear families,

It's now time for the children to enjoy a well-earned break before one of the most exciting half terms of the year – dare I say it.... Christmas half term! The (eco-friendly) glitter will soon be everywhere!

Thank you for the support you have given staff this half term. The academic year has got off to a great start and Neatishead is a happy ship where lots of learning takes place.

Enjoy some family time next week

Best wishes

Julie



Looking ahead

Children return to school Monday 30th October

Thursday 2nd November – Year 6 Height & Weight checks

Saturday 4th November – FONs jumble sale
Monday 6th November – Individual & sibling photos

Tuesday 14th November – Flu vaccinations – all year groups

Red Skippers Class

From writing our own rhyming poems about dinosaurs to matching dinosaur colours to designing and creating dinosaurs for our display to exploring harvest.....what a wonderful and exciting half term the Red Skippers have enjoyed. Walking to the church and singing our harvest songs to our friends and families was such a highlight. The learning has been fantastic and we are very proud of all our class. Thank you to Mrs Wall and Mrs Lamb for coming in to support our reading and to undertake cooking!



School rules

All children need to come to school in full school uniform. This includes PE kits on PE days. Shoes must be worn with uniform.

Children need to be at school ready for gates opening at 8.40am. There is no staff supervision until 8.40am – please don't leave your child unsupervised.

All children need a water bottle in school each day. Children are welcome to bring in healthy snacks for break time. Only water to be taken into the classroom.

Earring's are not permitted on swimming days. This is the decision of the swimming instructor. Hair should be tied back for swimming & p.e

False nails/nail varnish are not allowed in school

Children need to have a change of shoes in school if they want to play on the field.

Peacock Class

We enjoyed Dr Ken's presentation and workshop 'How to Save the Planet in 45 minutes.' A mixture of comedy and science encouraged the class to think carefully about micro plastic waste and the dangers of rotting waste! Please see the class page to see our slideshow.

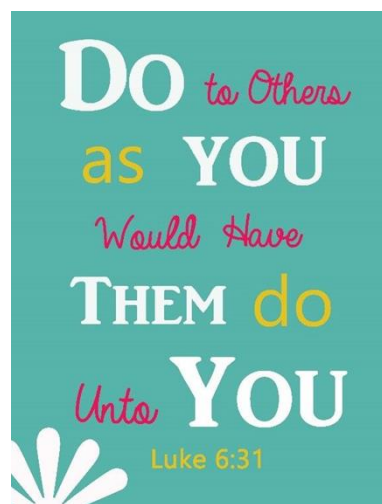


Gatekeepers

Wow! What an amazing start to the year we've had in Gatekeepers. We have been enjoying learning about dinosaurs and have had great fun creating a massive Stegosaurus, our own Jurassic style landscapes and making 3D dinosaurs. We have also used our VR headsets to travel back to the dinosaur age to inspire our writing.



Our core value
after half term is
respect



Attendance

Whole school

97%

557 minutes (11 pupils) of learning have been lost due to lateness. This is equal to 9 hours!

Any absence impacts learning

The Football Cluster team went to St John's School on Wednesday 18th October for the Broadland Cluster Event. After the first round we then went through to the knockouts, where the whole team worked tremendously hard and scored some fantastic goals as well as defended our end well. It came down to a final game against Salhouse where it went into extra-time and then penalties. We finally won our knockout after 7 penalties each side! A fantastic finish for the Neatishead team. Well done! - Mrs Ferrier





Choir will start on Wednesday 1st November at 8.15am. Please return slips to school if you have not already done so.

Thanks

Mrs Davies

Help with living costs

You may be struggling with living costs for a range of reasons. This leaflet tells you what support is available and how to get advice. You can also find this information on our website www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving. If you don't have access to the internet at home, you can go online at any of our Norfolk libraries.

There is also a cost of living hub provided by the government which contains useful information.



This can be found at www.gov.uk/cost-of-living. [Winter 2023/24](#)

Due to the fact that Barclays Bank in Wroxham will be closing, we will no longer be able to accept cash after half term. In future lunches, trip etc will need to be paid for directly into the bank account. Please contact the office if you require more information.



All about our "Chair of Governors"

I've been a governor now for nearly two years, and recently took on the role of Chair of Governors. My main interest in being a governor was to help make sure that the schools in the Federation were equipped with what they need to be brilliant places for our children to thrive. That includes making sure our staff teams are given the tools and resources - and support - they need to do their jobs to the best of their ability.

More selfishly, I wanted to feel closer to the community where I live, and to get to know more of the staff and pupils in the Federation. I play football with the pupils at Salhouse most Wednesday lunchtimes, and I pretend it's to be a visible governor, but it's mainly because it's great fun...

As Chair, my role to do a few key things, especially to support the Executive Headteacher to:

- ensure there is clarity of strategy and values across the Federation*
- ensure the educational performance of the schools is exceptional*
- oversee the financial management of the schools and make sure the (very limited!) money is well spent*

I don't do this alone, obviously. I've got a great board of staff and non-staff governors around me who do the day-to-day planning and monitoring of the Board's work. They do it for free, because they love it, and because they care about it. I'm extremely grateful to have such a talented and committed team around me.

We're currently recruiting for a new parent governor, so please get in touch if you've got an interest in joining us. We particularly need Neatishead parents!



Mr Graham Johnston