



Newsletter

Date: 30th September 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now entering the fourth week of the new academic year, and with October and there is certainly a chillier feel in the air. We are in the process of appointing our Head Boy and Girls for each school, and am looking forward to hearing their ideas for how we can make our schools better places. We will announce the successful candidates in the coming Celebration Assemblies.

Parent Consultations:

We will be holding our Autumn Parent Consultations during the week beginning 10th October (see diary page) and we all hope that you will take the opportunity to come in and meet with the class teacher to look at the fantastic work that is going on in school, and also discuss next steps for your child. To book an appointment with your child's teacher, please go onto Arbor and select the time that is convenient for you. If you are not able to make the appointments available, or have a problem booking it, please speak to the Office Manager and they will help you out.

Healthy Snacks:

In line with our Food and Active Lifestyle Policy, which can be viewed on the Consortium website, our aim is to promote the health and well-being of the whole school community. This includes snacks at break time. All of our schools participate in the

'School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme' which provides a free mid-morning snack to all of our Reception and Key Stage 1. Unfortunately this does not extend to our pupils in Key Stage 2 (unless we have a surplus which we share out) but they are able to bring in a snack from home- this snack should be a piece of fruit, vegetables or other healthy alternatives for a break time snack. We are noticing lately that there is an increase in sugary snacks and fizzy drinks coming into school and we respectfully ask that you try and find a healthier option instead. The policy is due for renewal later in the academic year and I am sure that Consortium will be

Staffing Update:

As you are aware we have been going through a recruitment process for Teaching Assistants in our schools. I am delighted to welcome Miss Rebecca Eagle, who has joined the Yoxford and Peasehall team this week having complete her CACHE Level 3 Teaching Assistant Qualification. On Monday we will be welcoming Mrs Kim Parker to the Middleton team. Kim is a qualified teacher who has taken some time out of teaching to spend time with her family, including her children who attend Yoxford and Peasehall. She is now looking to return into school environment and we look forward to working with her. We still have a vacancy at Southwold Primary School so if you are interested, or know someone who might like to join the team, please get in touch.



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Cost of Living

As a school, and as a Trust, we are fully aware of the ongoing challenges some of you may be facing with the increasing cost of living. We are constantly thinking of ways we can support this. We are trying to minimise the costs of any Educational visits and using our local areas as best we can, and only yesterday Spruce class had a fantastic World War Day experience in the village of Middleton. We are also mindful of the cost of school uniforms, and I know some of our PTAs have been collecting second hand uniform – if you are interesting in acquiring some uniform please speak to the Office Manager who can signpost you to the right person. I would also like to remind any parents who are still to redeem their voucher for the summer holidays, to do so before their 3-month expiry date. Once this voucher has expired, it cannot be reissued. There may also be families who are eligible for Free School Meals but not applied – not only will your child benefit but it does support the schools in getting additional funding too, so please look into it if you think you might be eligible ; www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals But our main message is that if you are really struggling financially, please come and see us, and we will do everything we can to help.

Middleton Office

Amber is now back at University and so there is no office cover on a Thursday, but her hours have been spread across the week so she is there longer on a Monday and Friday. If you wish to get hold of a member of staff when there is no-one in the office,

please leave a message on the answer machine and they will call you back at break and lunchtimes. They will also check the machine just before home time, so if you leave a message to say you are held up in traffic, or your car has broken down, don't worry, we will pick it up. Alternatively you can call either the Yoxford and Peasenhall, or the Southwold office and Julie or Maria will be able to help you.

Finally just a reminder to check the diary dates on the last page. Some of the Christmas dates are still to be confirmed but we will keep updating in every newsletter.

I realise that this newsletter has included a lot of information but I hope you have found it helpful. You can now turn over and enjoy seeing what is really important – what have you children been learning about?

Best wishes

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Ash Class

In Ash class we have been visited by an evil villain. He has eaten all our snacks and run amok in the classroom. So, within literacy we have been designing "Wanted" posters and learning about adjectives to write descriptions about him. The children's imagination has been greatly inspired by this fictitious character!



Spruce Class

Spruce Class enjoyed a wonderful afternoon finding out what life was like during WW2. They controlled fires, collected metal for recycling, tried on uniforms and looked at a whole host of artefacts. Many dressed up for the occasion and all were issued with their tags and identity cards ready for evacuation! A huge thanks goes to Rebecca and Chris Reynolds for their time and effort.



Southwold News

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PE with Astronauts



This term in PE Astronauts are working on spatial awareness, team games and ball skills. We worked with partners to develop our throwing, catching, rolling and bouncing skills.



Exploring Poetry

In Jupiter the children have been looking at poetry this term. We have had a particular focus on reading and reciting aloud in preparation for our harvest festival service later on in October. The children are growing in confidence and expression with this important skill and have been reading aloud to Mercury to gain experience. They have learnt to use the punctuation and shape of poems to guide their reading. They might even remember some of the lines if you ask them as they find it remarkably easy to memorise the lines. It is a joy to see how their pleasure in the rich vocabulary of poetry has burgeoned, and how it has enabled them to think deeply about certain subjects. For example the wonderful acrostic poem by our poet laureate Simon Armitage, Elizabeth II, Floral Tribute; definitely worth a read.



Mercury Class

In Mercury the children have settled quickly and we have been busy getting to know each other. In English we have been learning about non-chronological reports. We have loved writing about dragons and designing our own evil characters. In Maths we have been exploring number using lots of resources.



Understanding Gravity

Mars class have been investigating whether the material of a parachute affects the rate at which our astronaut falls. We had to make sure all our variables stayed the same, for example, the height at which he was dropped, the size of the material and the weight of the skydiver all had to remain the same and we changed the material. The children identified that gravity was the stronger force acting on our skydiver but we need to increase the amount of air resistance to slow him down.



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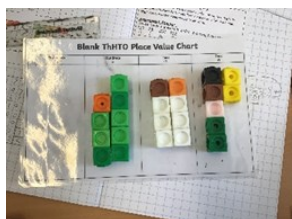
OAK CLASS

In Oak Class we have been learning all around number and place value. We have explored counting forwards and backwards, tens and ones and 1 more and 1 less. We have used a range of resources in order to fully embed this learning!



WILLOW CLASS

Willow Class have been exploring the place value of different numbers. They have been using a range of manipulatives to create different 3 digit numbers and then have begun ordering them from smallest to largest.



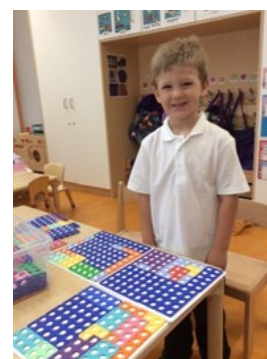
SILVER BIRCH CLASS

In Silver Birch, we have been beginning to look at forces, starting with air resistance and gravity. We began by seeing how various objects reacted when thrown on the school field, and discussed how gravity brought them down to earth. This lead us to consider how we might lessen the effect of gravity using parachutes, and we investigated what material might be the most suitable. This week, we



ELM CLASS

What a fantastic start to the term. I am so proud of Elm class. They have been so busy, making new friends, cooking, exploring resources, building, learning new songs, sharing traditional stories, starting



Squirrels and



much more.



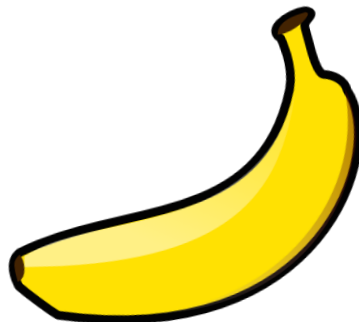
Yoxford & Peasenhall and Middleton School Scouting Sections

Yoxford & Peasenhall Beavers

Beavers at Yoxford and Peasenhall have been working towards their Health and Fitness badge. They have been looking at healthy eating and they baked bananas with chocolate and mini marshmallows on the fire.

The Beavers prepared the bananas for the fire and wrapped them in foil to be baked, enjoyed by all.

They are also looking at other ways to keep healthy and have been looking at different exercises.



Middleton Beavers

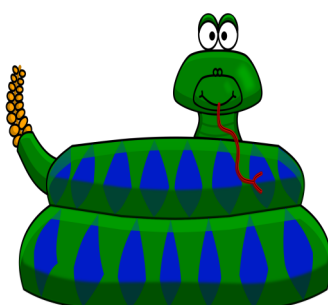
The Beavers have been working towards their Health and fitness badge they have explored a variety of sports and taken part in games and fitness activities.

The Beavers have also been looking at healthy eating and have enjoyed planning a balanced meal.

Middleton Cubs

On our walk to the field the children noticed a dead snake on the side of the road we photographed it and then identified it using a website.

The Cubs identified it as a grass snake and enjoyed learning about different snakes native to England and their habitats.





Dates for your Diary

Autumn/Winter Term	Event	Who
7th October at 8:45am	Yoxford and Peasehall Celebration Assembly	Y&P
12th-13th October 3:30pm-5:30pm	Parent Consolations- Please sign up on Arbor	All
14th October at 2:45pm	Southwold Celebration Assembly	SW
18th October 9am- 11:30am	Middleton Primary School Open Morning	Current & Prospective Parents
21st October at 2:45pm	Middleton Celebration Assembly	Mid
24th-28th October	Half Term	All
2nd November 9am- 11:30am	Southwold Primary School Open Morning	Current & Prospective Parents



Dairy Dates Continued...

Dates (TBC)	Please be aware the following dates & events are TBC and subject to change.	Who
Tuesday 6th December 2:30pm & 6pm	EYFS/KS1 Joint Christmas Play at Yoxford	EYES/KS1 from all sites
Wednesday 7th December at 6pm	EYFS/KS1 Joint Christmas Play at Middleton	EYES/KS1 from all sites
Thursday 8th December 2:30pm & 6pm	EYFS/KS1 Joint Christmas Play at Southwold	EYES/KS1 from all sites
Monday 13th December	Middleton KS2 Carol Service	MID KS2
Tuesday 13th December	Yoxford KS2 Carol Service	Y&P KS2
Tuesday 13th December	Middleton Christmas Dinner	MID All
Wednesday 14th December	Southwold KS2 Carol Service	SW KS2
Wednesday 14th December	Southwold Christmas Dinner @ Village Hall	SW All
Thursday 15th December	Yoxford Christmas Dinner	Y&P All