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LUDHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

MESSAGE FROM MRS GOREHAM

Author visit

What a wonderful few weeks we have had. Celebrations and events in school include inviting author Julia Edwards in to our school to hold workshops with our children to mark the annual World Book Day celebrations.

'Herstory'

The children and adults have been working hard on 'Herstory' week, to celebrate International Women's Day. The children presented their work during a whole school assembly to share what they had learned.

Fun with animals

As part of our burgeoning Forest School adventures, we were delighted to welcome sheep, chickens and goats into our outdoor area – much fun was had feeding, petting and watching the animals – Thank you to Cathy and her lovely team for bringing us such joy!



Wishing you an enjoyable weekend with loved ones.

STAR OF THE WEEK WINNERS

Kingfishers: Alfie, Hughie, Ethan, Bea, Avery

Marsh Harriers: Kaleb, Izaak, Ellis, Edith, Tilly, Gabriel, Theodore, Archie Logan, Paisley

Owls: Gabriel, Erin, Tommy H, Bertie, Tommy T, Olivia, Lottie, Lilliarna, Charlie, Harry

Hérons: Sonny, George C, Riley P, Bea, Lola, Grace, Luca, Brandon, Bea, Sonny

25 HOUSEPOINTS: Malia
50 HOUSEPOINTS (Silver): Gabriel, Erin H
75 HOUSEPOINTS (Gold): Martha

Well done to all of our wonderful winners!

RECEPTION CLASS TOURS

Is your child due to start school in September 2024?
If you would like to look around our wonderful school, please call or email the office to book a tour:

01692 678293 or ludhamoffice@ludham.norfolk.sch.uk

Thankyou to all of our prospective parents and children for coming to our open days which have been a huge success

ATTENDANCE

If you have any concerns or questions about whether your child should be in school, please contact the school office who will be happy to answer your question, or direct it to another member of staff who can help.

Please bear in mind that every school day really does count, for a multitude of reasons and we want your child to have the best possible experience to prepare them for life after Ludham Primary School and Nursery.

NOTE: If your child is off school because of illness, parents/carers must phone the absence line *daily* to report their absence. 01692 678293, option 1

Did You Know?

One full school year at 90% attendance is the equivalent of 4 weeks of learning missed!

Over 5 years of school, this adds up to half a school year missed.

This is known as persistent absence.



Why Is School Attendance Important?

Research has shown that children with good attendance are more than twice as likely to pass their English and Maths GCSEs compared to those whose attendance is below 90%. However if your child's attendance starts to slip the negative affect might increase because;

- It is hard for children to catch up on work missed. This quickly affects their learning and leaves gaps in their understanding.
- It gets in the way of building strong, positive friendships and makes them more at risk of spending time with bad influences.
- It affects exam results and this means they have less choice about further education and careers.
- They miss out on the structure and routines of school which are important practice for adult life.
- They're likely to be less active and not get into healthy habits important for physical and mental wellbeing.

CYCLES AND SCOOTERS

Please supervise children arriving at or leaving school on cycles and scooters. If your child is old enough to travel on their own, please complete the Walking home from school form (KS2) and remind them to be careful of people around them, as well as their own safety.

PARENT/CARER LIAISON

Do you need help with form filling? Advice? Do you need help to find out if your child is entitled to Free School Meals? Do you panic over eligibility codes or lose sleep over the apps that we use? Please come and visit us on the first Wednesday of each month and for completeness, on the below dates, where Mrs Kim Gilden is happy to offer friendly advice and support: LOCATION: Music/Intervention Room, straight after school drop off. Thank you for offering this help,
Mrs Gilden 😊

DIARY DATES **New or updated events**

2023-2024	
15th March 2024	Wear something red for Red Nose Day/ PE Day – whole school
22nd March 2024	Easter Fayre (run by PTA) – bake sale from 3:15pm
27th March	School-led Easter celebrations. Prizes provided by the PTA. Last day of term (EOT)
15th April	School and Nursery re-opens
16th April	Deadline for optional homework (poster campaign)
22nd April	Earth Day in school
26th April	Norwich Castle Museum Trip – Romans/Iceni - Owls
1st May	Parent/Carer Drop-in Clinic – with Mrs Gilden from 8:45 am
13th May	KS2 SATS English Grammar Punctuation and spelling papers
14th May	KS2 SATS reading
15th May	KS2 SATS Mathematics Paper 1 and 2
16th May	KS2 SATS Mathematics Paper 3
23rd May	Crucial Crew – The Space (Norwich) – Year 6
24th May	Last Day of Term
25th May to 2nd June	School and Nursery is closed to pupils
3rd June	First Day of Term
5th June	Parent/Carer Drop-in Clinic – with Mrs Gilden from 8:45 am
Week commencing 10th June	Phonics Check week Herons Bikeability Training
24th June	Herons performance – Midsummer Night's Dream@18:30 performance to parents/carers
3rd to 5th July	Hautbois Residential – KS2
3rd July	Parent/Carer Drop-in Clinic – with Mrs Gilden from 8:45 am
19th July	Leavers' Assembly – EOT – School closes at 1:30pm

ADVICE HUB: COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

As costs and prices go up, more and more of us are struggling with money. You may be able to get help to boost your income or cut your costs, but it can be hard to know where to start. At Norfolk Community Advice Network (NCAN), we have created this hub of free help and support:

[Help with the cost of living | Age UK](#)

[Get help with the cost of living - Citizens Advice](#)

[Help with living costs - Norfolk County Council](#)

[Support if money is affecting your Mental Health](#)

Get in touch

- Whether it's a feeling of isolation, advice on housing, benefits, disability rights, debt and money, legal help, homelessness or domestic abuse, the charities which make up the Norfolk Community Advice Network can help you.
- You can contact any of the network charities directly: [Directory of Advice and Support Organisations - Norfolk Community Advice Network \(ncan.co.uk\)](#) or call the Your Norfolk Advice Network for help.

A specially recruited team of staff will answer your calls and emails. The helpline number is 0333 996 8333 and the email is helpline@ncan.co.uk. The opening hours are 10am – 4pm Mon – Fri.

- If nobody is available to answer your call, or you phone outside these hours, you can leave a voicemail and someone will get back to you. <https://ncan.co.uk/winter-2023-advice-hub>

FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATION

To check if you are eligible for **free school meals (reception to year 6)** please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> or click [here](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Stay and Play – alternate Tuesdays @ Ludham Village Hall
at 10am for children and their parents aged 0-5

THANKYOUS

To our PTA members old and new for the seamless transition to the newly rebranded Friends of Ludham Primary school (FOLS). Thank you for all your hard work already, with plant gifts, Competition Prizes to look forward to and the Bake sale on 22nd March

