



LUDHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

2nd February 2024

MESSAGE FROM MRS GOREHAM

You may be aware that our much-beloved caretaker Naomi Sabine is leaving us at the end of this half term and that we have had some challenges with staffing in recent weeks, owing to long term sickness.

School Caretaker Appointment

After scouring East Anglia for local talent for the caretaking role, there is nothing quite like the realisation that what you seek may already be here, right at your door. I am delighted to be able to welcome Suzanne Hewitt to the team. Suzanne is a long-standing member of the Ludham Community and has held the role of governor for our school for many years. Suzanne will be joining us as our new caretaker after February half term. Her training has already started – Naomi Sabine is a tough Taskmaster and Suzanne is equally thorough and meticulous, so between them they put the much-prized 'care' into our caretaking role and are ensuring a seamless handover. Thank you both so much!

Early Years Appointment

We are delighted to welcome Joanne Funnell to the staff team, in her new role as Teaching Assistant. Joanne – who will be stationed in the Early Years, has held many and various teaching assistant roles in the recent past. Joanne is a qualified Higher Learning Teacher Assistant (HLTA) and is NPETCs trained (qualified to teach PE). With her breadth of skills, kindness, humour and positivity, she is a much-appreciated addition to the team. Welcome!

Admin Support

With our beloved Mrs Simons out of action at the moment (but very keen to return!), we have managed to secure a highly skilled School Secretary to begin cover in the School office. Claire Boughton will be seen as soon as Monday taking duties on for the School office, although the training induction process may mean some time out of school and therefore some occasions that the office remains only partially open. We appreciate your patience and understanding at this critical time, while we get ourselves back up to speed.

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As mentioned in the previous newsletter, please do try to attend the PTA AGM if you can, as we are currently talent-spotting for the next era of our journey from good to great! See diary dates below.

Our next parent/carer clinic is running on the 6th March, straight after drop off. Please come for practical advice and company with Mrs Kim Gilden (thank you Kim!), Location: Music/Intervention room.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend with loved ones.

STAR OF THE WEEK WINNERS

Kingfishers: Ryker, William, Henry

Marsh Harriers: Riley C, Gabriel, Ralph, Blake

Owls: Penny, Sophie, Tommy K, Violet, Milena, William

Hérons: Will, Brandon, Billy, Esme, Mollie, Austin

25 HOUSEPOINTS: George C, Tilly, Gabriel, Violet, Milena, Lenny

50 HOUSEPOINTS: Jonah, William, 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 amazing school, please call or email the office to book a tour:

01692 678293 or office@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.



MEASLES INFORMATION

- There have been recent localised outbreaks of measles centred around the West Midlands.
- Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations.
- The NHS has the following advice for parents on measles: Measles - NHS (www.nhs.uk)
- The DfE has published an [Education Hub Blog \(blog.gov.uk\)](http://blog.gov.uk) with guidance on measles and the MMR vaccine for parents, nurseries and schools.
- We hope you find the information useful, please do contact your GP if you believe anyone in your household has symptoms of measles.

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 following date (more dates TBC), where Mrs Kim Gilden is happy to offer friendly advice and support:

6th March. LOCATION: Music/Intervention Room, straight after school drop off.

DIARY DATES **New or updated events**

2023-2024	
2nd February	Number day (non-school uniform)
5th February	Children's Mental Health Week: Assembly with PC Johnson from Norfolk Constabulary
9th February	PTA AGM- 5pm
16th February	Last day of Term (EOT). School and Nursery closes
26th February	School and Nursery re-opens
Week commencing 26th February	Virtual parents/carers meetings
29th February	Author Visit/Writers Workshops prior to World Book Day – Julia Edwards
4th March	'Herstory' week for International Woman's Day
6th March (AM)	Parent/Carer Clinic-MUSIC room
7th March	World Book Day (Non-school uniform)
8th March	International Woman's Day Assembly and Exhibition
27th March	School-led Easter celebrations. Prizes provided by the PTA. Last day of term (EOT)
15th April	School and Nursery re-opens
22nd April	Earth Day in school
26th April	Norwich Castle Museum Trip – Romans/Iceni - Owls
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
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
19th July	Leavers' Assembly – EOT – School closes at 1:30pm

WINTER 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 click [here](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

THANKYOUS

- To the PTA for all their hard work in the last year as we say goodbye to them at the AGM on 9th February. We look forward to forging new friendships with our new PA members after the AGM.
- To all the children and adults at Ludham Primary School and Nursery for all your hard work and support this term so far!