



# **NEWSLETTER**

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I can't believe that it is October already and that on the news this morning we are being told to post our Christmas cards over the next three weeks! Where has the year gone?

We have had a very successful start to the school year, 19 clubs are underway, with high attendance and everyone having a good time.

I am very pleased to be able to say 'Well Done' to everyone for the excellent way our children look, wearing full uniform this term. A big thank you to parents for ensuring your children come to school each day properly equipped and looking very smart.

We have also noticed how standards of behaviour have risen. By this time last year we had had 54 Red card incidents compared to only 19 this year. We no longer keep pupils out for the whole lesson and have been successful in returning the majority to class after a short time out with myself or other senior teachers. This means that very little learning time is lost.

As yet only one person has put themselves forward for the PTA. If anyone else would like to give a little of their time, please contact school. Look out for some special parents events coming soon. Year 6 will be holding a "come and see us morning" details to follow.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE** – We have been informed by Suffolk County Catering that After half term the cost of school meals will be increasing to £2.00 per meal.

Finally I hope that the science club pupils going on Saturday to Minsmere will have a great day and the weather is kind to them. I look forward to hearing the news and seeing the pictures

### School Photographs

May I take this opportunity to remind you that Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October will be the final day that we can accept any orders and money for the school photographs.

## Report from Mr Becker

The school sets priorities each year and always looks at ways to improve both teaching and learning. This year, one of these priorities is to continue developing the use of the school VLE (Virtual Learning Environment). We have introduced a new lesson into Years 7 and 8 timetable called “Extended Learning” which is very much based on functional ICT skills and the use of the VLE. The students in these year groups will be working on different projects. For example, the Year 8 Humanities groups are starting a task on the Amazonian Rainforest. However, Years 5 and 6 can also access the VLE and use it to message teachers and each other.

It certainly means pupils should not be able to say they have no work to do as there are or will be links to other educational resources. These include SAM Learning which is a great revision site and YACAPACA where each student can complete set tasks and tests at any time.

If you are confused don't worry as we will shortly be offering three sessions for parents. I hope you will be able to persuade your “Digital Natives” to show you around the website and VLE, then, if you have any suggestions or questions, they should be able to help you.

### Plea from the knitting club

If anyone has any odd balls of brightly coloured knitting wool, double knit only, that they could donate we would be very grateful.

J Bowmaker  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day for school photograph orders
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 visit to Norwich Castle
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Parents Evening
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Whole school Parents Evening
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	PD day children not in school
Week Beginning 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term Holiday
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Weight and Measures