



News Sheet

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Starfish Preschool

No.15
Spring
Term

Coastal Together



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Another Fantastic Week - 'Growing Together'

Starfish Preschool

Wow! We have been so impressed with how well the children have come back to Starfish this week! The children have shown how collaborative, kind and helpful they can be. They have worked and played together, taking turns and sharing the resources. Our older children have been especially helpful, supporting the younger children to settle back into the routine.



It has been quite windy this week but the children grabbed their coats and have been making the most of our outside area. We created a 'sand tray' and the children chose which resources they would like in the tray. They chose cars to make tracks, turtles to swim around the rocks and spades and buckets to create sandcastles!

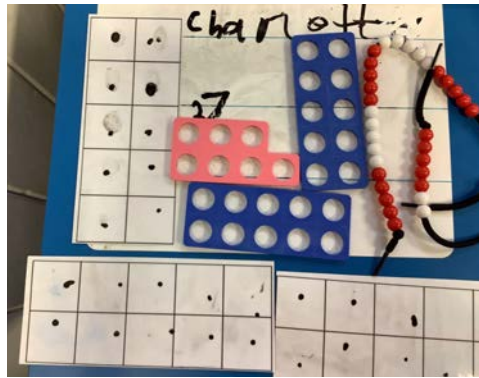
We have also been very lucky this week to receive some new Phonics resources, including all the Monster Phonics Character toys! The children have loved learning about each Monster by listening to the stories and have been keen to use the characters to act out their stories and teach each other the sounds they make. We can't wait to continue our Phonics learning this term!



In Maths we have begun looking at shapes. In our creative area, the children have been describing what they are making and have begun to name some of the shapes they are using.

Seahorse Class

We have had a lovely week settling back into routines and finding out what everyone has been up to over the holidays. Reception have been busy showing us which phonics sounds they can remember as well as how good they are at counting.



Meanwhile Year 1 and 2 have been reminding us why we need finger spaces, full stops and capital letters in our sentences. They have also been showing us how to use different manipulatives to represent numbers.



We are missing some spare kit that has been lent out. If you have any could you please return it as we are running short of spare clothes in class.

Dolphin Class

The class has settled back in well this week and have been working really hard after the winter break. In English, we have been planning and writing recounts of what we did over the winter break. The children have really enjoyed informing each other and writing about what they have been up to while away from school and it sounded like they did some lovely things.

In maths, we have moved on to multiplication and division, working this week on multiplying and dividing by 4. This was a bit tricky at first for some, but the work and effort has really paid off with the work they are producing.

The new topic was introduced on Wednesday, being Invaders and Settlers. The children all seem really excited about learning all about the Anglo-Saxons and especially the Vikings.

Shark Class

During this first week back after Christmas, Sharks have got right back into the swing of things. We have started looking at our new topic for this term - Invasions and Settlements. Over the course of the Spring Term, we will be learning all about the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings, and the children cannot wait to get started.

In English, we have started our new topic of Non-Chronological reports. The class were very good at remembering these from previous years at school, and we have started to produce a draft copy of a report all about Anglo-Saxon life.

It was fantastic to hear that everyone had a wonderful Christmas, and we look forward to seeing the children's work this term.

Bacton Current - Handwriting

We will be starting our next 'Bacton Current' rapid improvement initiative on Monday 16th January @2:00 with our parent/carer launch event. We will be focusing on improving handwriting both in school and launching weekly handwriting homework. If you are unable to join us for the launch event please keep an eye open for further updates.

Launch Event Coming Soon!



Attendance/Safeguarding

Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%

Current updated Bacton Primary School attendance this year to date 93.87%



Come on Bacton!

The class with the highest attendance this week was Dolphins with 99.17%

Well Done Dolphins Class

Reminders

School Lunches

Please check the school website for the Autumn/Winter Menu



PE Days

On the day your child has PE please ensure they come to school wearing their PE kit. If they are taking part in sports club and it is not their PE day they should come to school in their uniform and bring kit to change into.

Seahorse Class - Years R, 1 and 2	Tuesday/Thursday
Dolphin and Shark Class - Years 3, 5 and 6	Thursday
Dolphin Year 4 - Swimming	Thursday - Come to school in uniform with swimming kit please

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
12/01/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 4 Swimming - Victory Leisure Centre
12/01/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club led by Premier Sport - Archery - New Permission Required
16/01/2023	2:15-3:00	Bacton Current Handwriting Focus - Parent Launch Event
19/01/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 4 Swimming - Victory Leisure Centre
19/01/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club led by Premier Sport - Archery
24/01/2023	8:45-3:30	Dolphin and Shark Visit to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village Suffolk
25/01/2023	9:00-3:00	Seahorse Class visit to Norwich Cathedral and Elm Hill
26/01/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 4 Swimming - Victory Leisure Centre cancelled Maths Mastery Visitors
26/01/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club led by Premier Sport - Archery
01/02/2023	10:30	Year 4 Hilltop Residential Visit - depart today
02/02/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 4 Swimming - Victory Leisure Centre cancelled due to Hilltop
02/02/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club led by Premier Sport - Archery
03/02/2023	2:30	Year 4 Hilltop Residential Visit - Return to school
09/02/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 4 Swimming - Victory Leisure Centre
09/02/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club led by Premier Sport - Archery
10/02/2023	3:10	Break up for February Half Term Holidays
20/02/2023	8:50	Return to school from February Half Term Holidays
21/02/2023	9:00	Next PTFA meeting in the staffroom - all welcome

Term Dates

Norfolk County Council		2022-2023		Norfolk Model Calendar	
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All in-term holiday requests will be classed as unauthorised absences. This will likely result in a fixed penalty notice being issued from Norfolk County Council.

In Norfolk, penalty notices are issued in accordance with the Norfolk Local Protocol. In all cases a penalty notice can only be issued if the pupil has accrued at least 9 sessions (4.5 school days) of unauthorised absence within the previous 6 school weeks. This would result in a fine of £60 per child per parent ie; for a family with 2 children this would total £240

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The link below has more information about fixed penalty notices.
[Fixed Penalty Notices](#)



Uniform
Order directly through Birds of Dereham (any time)

<https://www.birdsofdereham.com/>

Place your order on the School Money System.

Order Through School - Dates 2022/23:

- Order cut off 3 - Friday 10 March 2023 for delivery in April 2023
- Order cut off 4 - Friday 9 June 2023 for delivery in July 2023

Prices & Order Date information

Supplier	Sweatshirt	Cardigan	Fleece Jacket	Book bag	Delivery charge
Birds of Dereham direct order prices	£10.50	£11.00	£15.00	£7.00	£5.50
Order through school (10% discount)	£9.45	£9.90	£13.50	£6.30	Free

If you have any queries please contact your child's School Office