News Sheet

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Starfish Preschool

No.26 Spring Term

Coastal Together

31.03.23

Another Fantastic Week - 'Growing Together'

Starfish Preschool



Starfish have had an amazing last week of term. We have been really busy getting ready for our Easter Holidays and talking about all things Easter.

At the beginning of the week we made Easter Chocolate Bark. The children watched as we melted the milk chocolate, talking about how it changed from a solid to a liquid. They then got very excited to add all the different toppings, including buttons, crushed mini eggs and Haribo Eggs. Starfish were brilliant at not licking their fingers whilst touching the chocolate after we had spoken about making sure our hands need to be kept clean whilst handling food. All the children had big smiles on their faces when the chocolate was put in their bags to take home as an Easter treat!



In the classroom, the children have continued to work on their number skills and have been using the Reward chart to help. When they have moved their name up the chart, the children have been keen to say which number they are on and how many more they need to get to the Colourful Starfish.



Outside, the children have been working on their communication and social skills, working together to share the resources and extend their play.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter Holidays and we look forward to seeing you back at Starfish on **Monday 17th April!**

Seahorse Class



This week we have enjoyed lots of different things happening in school. On Tuesday Reception looked at Tangrams and the story of the Tangram Cat and found they could make lots of objects using just 7 shapes. It was great to see them using their Jonk skills to try and fit the pieces back in the box correctly. On Wednesday we all got very emotional when we said goodbye to Miss Peck as we realised she has known a lot of us for a long time and some of us since we were born. Then on Friday we had lovely time doing the Easter Egg hunt and making some spring crafts in the afternoon.

Dolphin Class

This week has been a very busy week for Dolphin class, with lots of learning and a few tears.



We started the week investigating how circuits work and what materials are conductors and insulators in science. The children had great fun building the circuits and trialling a range of different materials to see if they allowed electricity to flow through them.

On Tuesday, we had a visit from Norfolk Music Hub. The musicians took us on a tour of the world playing for us a whole range of different instruments, many of which we had never heard of before.

On Wednesday, we had to say our farewells to Miss Peck, who put on a fabulous story cafe for us all. The children wrote Miss Peck lots of lovely notes and she will be strongly missed.

Shark Class

It's been a jam packed week this week for Sharks! We've written some very funny limericks in English and had many laughs as we shared them with the class. We've been looking at area and perimeter of compound shapes, culminating in a challenge to make quotes for various different carpets and skirting board. On Tuesday, we shared a wonderful afternoon with some musicians from the Norfolk Music Hub who took us on a musical journey around the world. We had an emotional Wednesday saying goodbye to Miss Peck, we will all miss her very much.

Have a restful Easter and come back ready and raring to go in the summer term!

Spring Craft Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who came despite the wet weather. It was lovely to see so many people sitting down and making some lovely spring decorations.

Also thank you for helping us raise £89.50 on our Humpty Dumpty wall.







Use of the field

Can you please send in a pair of wellies or old trainers for your child so we can go on the field even when it is a bit muddy. Ideally they will be named to avoid any mix ups. Please be aware that the field is currently wet and muddy and children without a change of footwear will be limited to using the playground.

Attendance/Safeguarding

Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%

Current updated Bacton Primary School attendance this year to date 94.72%



Come on Bacton!

The class with the highest attendance this week was Dolphins with 97.55%

Well Done Sharks Class

Following our recent 'Keeping children safe online and pupil mobile phones' letter we promised updates to support parents and carers with information about Apps your child may be accessing on their devices. This week's poster focuses on Youtube which children often access but contains lots of inappropriate content.



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.

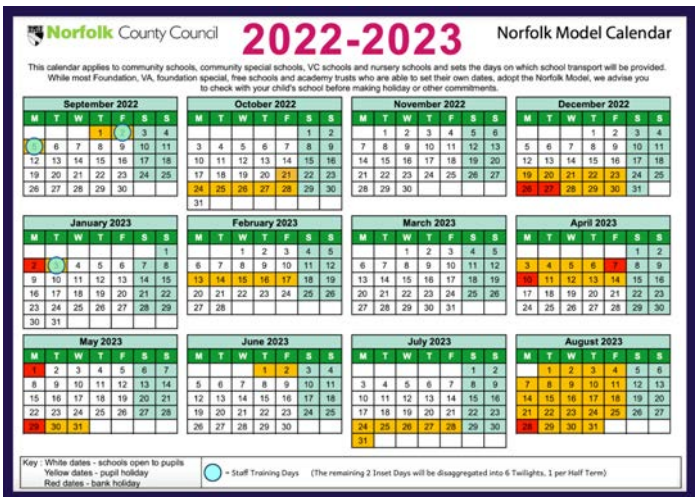
Seahorse Class - Years R, 1 and 2	**Monday/Thursday**
Dolphin and Shark Class - Years 3, 5 and 6	**Thursday**
Sharks Year 5 - Swimming	**Thursday - Come to school in uniform with swimming kit please**

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
31/03/2023	3:10	Break up for Easter holidays
17/04/2023	8:45	Return from Easter holidays
18/04/2023	10.00-12.00	Years 3 and 4 Bikeability training for those already booked.
20/04/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 5 Swimming - Victory Leisure Centre
21/04/2023	1:15-3:00	Seahorse, Dolphin and Shark class Squash taster session PE kit required
27/04/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 5 Swimming - Victory Leisure Centre
04/05/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 5 Swimming - Victory Leisure Centre
08/05/2023	All Day	School Closed - King Charles Coronation Bank Holiday Monday
09/05/2023 - 12/052023	8:00-9:45	Year 6 Breakfast club open all week - free to attend. Opportunity for some last minute revision
09/05/2023	9:00-12:00	Year 6 SATs tests - English Punctuation, Spelling and Grammar paper
10/05/2023	9:00-12:00	Year 6 SATs tests - English Reading paper
04/05/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 5 Swimming - Victory Leisure Centre
11/05/2023	9:00-12:00	Year 6 SATs tests - Maths arithmetic paper and Reasoning paper 1
11/05/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 5 Swimming - Victory Leisure Centre
12/05/2023	9:00-12:00	Year 6 SATs tests - Maths arithmetic paper Reasoning paper 2
18/05/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 5 Swimming - Victory Leisure Centre
09/06/2023	All Day	Non-school uniform day - Please bring a bottle to support the PTFA summer fair

16/06/2023	7:00pm-9:00pm	Quiz and chip evening - Adult only quiz team PTFA fundraiser
23/06/2023	All Day	Non-school uniform day - Please bring sweets to support the PTFA summer fair
28 & 29/06/2023	All Day	Years 5 and 6 Bikeability training for those already booked.
08/07/2023	12:00-3:00	PTFA summer fair

Term Dates





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

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 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

Big Norfolk Easter Holiday Activity scheme – Booking now open!

We're pleased to announce that booking is now open for Big Norfolk Holiday Fun. Activities will run across the Easter Holidays from 3 – 17 April. Families can now visit our **EveryMove activity finder** to search activities and make bookings.

Please support us by sharing Big Norfolk Holiday Fun information with eligible families.

Also please remember the scheme is also open to all vulnerable children regardless of their free school meal status. This includes for example young carers and refugees. Please refer any additional children that you'd like to recommend using the link here **Big Norfolk Holiday Fun: Information for Schools (activenorfolk.org).**

Helping you promote the scheme

Don't forget we have a range of free promotional marketing tools to help you get the message out to your free school meal eligible families.

Materials include

- Promotional playground banners and posters
- Printed or digital flyers to go home in book bags
- Newsletter copy and social media graphics

Download the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun toolkit or order printed copies here

Now that booking is open, please encourage families to book activities by doing the following:

- sending the Big Holiday Fun pdf to all eligible families (find this in the school promotional toolkit)
- working with families you know who may struggle to make the booking themselves
- promote the scheme in your weekly school newsletter using the copy provided
- promote the scheme on your Facebook page using the social media images provided (or share Norfolk County Council's Facebook posts)

This year we've extended our offer with even more providers and activities available which is great news. On top of that we've secured more specialist SEN providers for 2023 giving us an even wider range of inclusive activities.

If you have any questions, please email the team on **bnhf@norfolk.gov.uk**

Thanks in advance for all your continued support.

Best wishes

Tim Eyres
Assistant Director of Commissioning and Partnerships
Norfolk County Council Children's Services



Bacton FC are looking for new recruits to join their Under 7's football team for September 2023.

We are reaching out to gain an expression of interest and arrange open training for all abilities.

Our FA Qualified coaches will help develop your child's skills in a safe and fun environment.

School years: Current year 1.

Venue: North Walsham High School Gymnasium until 21/3/23 then Bacton Playground Field
When: Monday's 6 – 7 pm during term time

For any more info, please contact Dan Williamson on 07515 789 888

First session for any new recruits will be free as a taster. £2.50 per session thereafter payable via bank transfer or cash

The following has been shared by Norfolk Police – Safer schools

SOS+ Programme

Booking and enquiries:
sospluswebinars@stgilestrust.org.uk

For more information:
emily.roberts@stgilestrust.org.uk

Gangs and County Lines

Parents / Carer Webinar

Delivered by Rosanna

Our gang and county lines parents' session consists of ***speakers with lived experience*** within the criminal justice system to unpack and explore the ***realities and consequences*** of county lines, gang involvement, and serious youth violence.

Perspectives from previous perpetrators and runners/transporters, combined with relevant case studies, aid audiences in gaining an ***authentic and credible understanding*** of this complex and cross cutting issue.

Register here!

Click here!

The session will help parents and carers to identify the ***signs and triggers*** that a child or young person might be involved in county lines and gain an understanding of ***how to appropriately respond*** to such indicators.

Norfolk

18:30 - 20:00

28.03.2023

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SOS Project

What to do

Learn how to challenge – you need to be able to stay calm, ask questions and listen to answers without losing control. Don't be afraid of confrontations, but try and stay away from accusations.

If your child is in trouble with the Police or at school – be ready to challenge obvious signs of unacceptable behaviour – one idea is to make an agreement and have set consequences for misbehaviour.

Listen and be supportive - If a young person is involved, they may not want to talk about it or be scared. Ultimately, you want to be the person your child can confide in and is honest with.

This means you need to be prepared to listen to your worst fears without the situation escalating or becoming abusive. It's important that they know you want to listen, support them and work with them to find solutions.

Don't be afraid to get help - You are not alone and there is always support out there to help you. In addition to the information in this leaflet, your local council or the Citizens' Advice Bureau have specific groups who can assist you.

But you could start by talking to the school, teachers, faith groups and even other parents. On the back page of this leaflet are organisations that can give you more information and access support.

SOS Project

Get help

If you're concerned about the issues raised in this leaflet, these organisations and resources are available to help:

The SOS+ Service
T: 020 7708 8000
W: stgilestrust.org.uk

Victim Support
National charity helping people affected by crime
W: victimsupport.org

NSPCC
A 24hr helpline providing advice and guidance
T: 0808 800 5000

Family Lives
For advice on all aspects of parenting roles
T: 0808 800 2222

Childline
T: 0800 1111
W: childline.org.uk

Missing People
W: missingpeople.org.uk

Kooth
Online mental wellbeing community
W: kooth.com

Norfolk Children's Advice and Duty
T: 0344 800 8020

Norfolk Police
T: 101 and ask for Norfolk police

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Combating violent crime

Warning signs, practical advice and support for concerned parents and carers.



St Giles
SOS+ Programme

Practical advice and support for parents

Sometimes it feels like crime is getting more serious all the time. We see images of youth violence, stabbings and exploitation all the time. No-one would blame you as a parent or caregiver for worrying about what happens to your child, or asking what they could do to stop their child becoming another victim. Here is some guidance to consider, put together by our experienced SOS+ Service team.

Don't blame yourself - Even with good parental support, young people can be attracted into negative associations or habits despite your best efforts.

Have those conversations – Young people frequently tell us that if they were in trouble they would not go to an adult for help. Be that a teacher, parent or someone in authority. Why not? Because they fear they would be judged, that adults wouldn't understand or worse they would receive the punishment. To get around this you are going to have to build real trusted conversations your young person. You need to talk about what you will to do if they ask you for help. You need to reassure them that you will not judge them and that you will believe them and do whatever it takes to help them. Then when they approach you, take time out and listen.

It's not just boys that get involved - Many girls may believe that what they're being pressured or coerced to do is 'normal' and acceptable. They might not realise what's happening to them is wrong. They may be afraid of what might happen if they tell anyone and they may believe no one will believe or protect them.

Check out their space – this includes physical spaces such as bedroom and where they hang out but don't forget about the online space. **It's wise to know what social media platforms (TikTok, WhatsApp, Instagram, Twitter, Snap Chat &c.) they use and dependant on age and maturity you should have access to their activity. You don't always need the app to have an account - Google search the logins.**

Be aware that chat rooms and texts can be used to bully and exploit young people to participate in negative behaviour. Monitor sites and games for inappropriate content – maybe even play the games with them!

Signs and indicators:

Behaviour - Most young people go through a rebellious phase, what's essential is that it does not prolong and that healthy boundaries are maintained and challenged.

Your child's friends – Friends fall out sometimes and children change their interests, but who are your child's friends? When your child goes out, who are they with and what are they doing?

Gang names – Does your child's group of friends have a 'name' and if so, how do they see themselves?

Truancy – Do you check on attendance, are you speaking to teachers, have tutors noticed anything? If kids are not in school the question is, where are they? Some gangs exploit young people by sending them to other areas.

If your child starts to go missing, make sure you challenge them over their whereabouts and if they go missing for periods of 24hrs or more ensure that it is reported and that you get help. If you're in doubt as to what your children are doing in their spare time, ask. If necessary, monitor their activities.

Post codes and unsafe areas - Harder to spot, but some young people align themselves to post codes and therefore have 'no-go' areas. If your child shows reluctance going to any specific areas, ask why, and be ready to ask again.

Unexplained cash or possessions – Has your child bought things they normally couldn't afford? Look out for possession of relatively large sums of money or for expensive items brought home. Be ready to challenge excuses, too.

Signs of bullying/physical injuries – Your child may experience bullying and pressure to join a group. They may have injuries which indicate violence from others or self-harming. Either way, they'll need your support. Make time to listen and encourage them to trust you.



Understanding the music - this can be a bit of a minefield because although music associated with gangs can be threatening, violent and glamourise the myth surrounding the culture it does not guarantee involvement. I

t makes sense to know what your child is listening to and what the music is about, and so to have those versations about what the lyrics mean before you take any action.

EVERYONE IS EXCITED!

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STAGE 1



ENTRY REQUIREMENT - AGE 4YRS+ (AT SCHOOL), AIMED AT BEGINNERS

TUESDAY 4TH APRIL 10:00-10:30
WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL 10:00-10:30
THURSDAY 6TH APRIL 09:00-09:30
FRIDAY 7TH APRIL 09:00-09:30



STAGE 3

ENTRY REQUIREMENT -AGE 5YRS+, CONFIDENT UNDERWATER, CAN SWIM 5M FRONT & BACK UNAIDED

TUESDAY 4TH APRIL 10:30-11:00
WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL 10:30-11:00
THURSDAY 6TH APRIL 09:30-10:00
FRIDAY 7TH APRIL 09:30-10:00

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