



## Mrs Wheeler News

### End of Spring 1 2016

A whole half term has passed by and it is hard to believe that I have only been here just 6 weeks. It has been wonderful to meet so many people—both children, parents and people from the local community. I have been made to feel welcome and am eager to work further with those I haven't yet had the opportunity to meet. The school is going through some changes, and as set out before, we must continue to evolve and develop to make sure the children are safe and get the best quality first teaching they can. For the 7 years they come to us, we can shape and nurture them further into being the best they can be, no matter what that may be. Is it wrong to have high expectations for our children? As someone said to me, we are teaching children for jobs that may not have been invented yet. How can we do this? By believing that anything is possible; by tackling the challenges in the right way; by asking for help; by expecting the best from ourselves and others, and by listening to others contributions. Most importantly, we treat others in a way that we would like to be treated.

#### Communications and update from DNEAT

The Trustees and Local Governing Body monitor a number of incidents and allegations that are made regarding individual academics, on a regular basis. Following the implementation of the Trust e-safety policy, then comments or reports made on social media are also monitored and taken very seriously. Where malicious and unfounded comments are made regarding DNEAT staff members, practice or policy, then the Trust will inform and work with the following external agencies to have those comments removed and the individual responsible for posting them, investigated;

- DNEAT safeguarding & health and safety lead officer
- Police
- Archdeacon of Norwich Jan McFarlane
- ICT network team

There is a legitimate process to follow should a parent/guardian have a concern or complaint and DNEAT would ask this is followed at all times. It is important that the safety, welfare and wellbeing of our pupils and staff are our priority, along with ensuring the best possible learning environment is provided. This, combined with a mutual respect for all those who are part of this process should be the spirit of partnership and openness as we all move forward at St Peter and St Paul Carbrooke Church of England Primary Academy.

#### The Carbrooke Code

**Treat others in a way that you would like to be treated**

Move sensibly around school

Listen to others

Let an adult know if you are worried about something

Look after the school building and everything in it

Remember the right time to use an inside voice

Be kind to animals

Try your best and keep on smiling

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During next half term we have some planned staff absences. Mr Bates continues to be away from school for family health reasons. Mrs Spaul is the point of contact for parents with children within the Year 4 class.

Mrs Jackson also has a planned absence, for health reasons, during March. Mr Tobin will be working with Year 6 during this time, and I know that he is a very happy addition to our staffing team. With this in mind, Mrs Jackson will run her termly learning conferences for children and their parents/carers on 1st and 2nd March. This will be instead of the ones published overleaf (rest of the school—Year R-5). A half-yearly report will come home after half term to all families, and this will be the basis of discussion at the conferences. We would like all families to attend, so please note the date of these early.

During next half term we will also be recruiting a new parent governor. Information around this will be available to anyone who is interested in applying. Give your application some consideration—it is an opportunity to be involved with the strategic directional future of the school. We are actively looking for people with a background in finance, or data analysis.

We continue to await news of the launch of the new St Peter & St Paul website. Almost all the pages are complete, but we now wait for the technical bits to be done.

We are looking for volunteers to come and work with individual children, or small groups of children, under guidance from class teachers. If you have a hobby, skill, talent or a gentle nature we would welcome any time you have to join us—for a quick game of snakes and ladders, teaching us how to knit or skip, or listening to us read.



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Following a discussion at the Parish Council meeting, it was asked that Mrs Wheeler inform parents about their concerns of parking outside school. Please do not block our neighbours driveways, or put children at risk by driving dangerously through our narrow streets.

Please take the time over half term to check over school uniform and PE kit to make sure it is named and suitable for use.

We have also had several outbreaks of nits. For the continued efforts of many please regularly check your child's hair and treat accordingly. Advice can be sought from the pharmacist, but equally 8 nights of shampoo, conditioner and a nit comb works just as well as any chemical treatment.

### Dates for your diary:

- 13/02 – 21/02 HALF TERM
- 22/02 – School starts
- 29/02 – 04/03 Book Week
- 03/03 – Author visit
- 04/03 – Individual Photographs
- 07/03 – Half Yearly School Reports home
- 14/03 & 15/03 Termly Learning Conference
- 16/03 – Reception, Year 1 & 2 Cluster Multi-skills
- 17/03 – Class Photographs
- 24/03 – Easter experience day
- 24/03 – End of Term

Congratulations to the sporting efforts of our upper key stage 2 teams! The Norfolk tag rugby finals saw some tough competition for our boys and girls. They played incredibly well, despite the very cold conditions. They didn't place in the top group, but what an achievement to reach so far in the competition!

The quick sticks hockey cluster event took place on Thursday afternoon, with 14 teams entering from our Wayland group. With lots of energy, enthusiasm and dedicated team work we got through to the finals against Great Hockham (clearly, a tough call for Mrs Wheeler here). However, Carbrooke pulled it out of the bag and came home with medals and a trophy as the winners of the 2015/16 cluster hockey event. Well done to Tazio, Kai, Katerina, Tara, Freddie and James who represented us, and came back with a win (and a broken ball!)



**MOVE OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE.**

you can only grow if you are willing to feel awkward and uncomfortable when you try something NEW.

Last week we had the second draw of the golden box for the fortnightly attendance award, which was won (for a second time) by Cody Blockwell. Congratulations to the many children who had 100% attendance during this half term.

During collective worship today Mrs Wheeler presented almost 100 certificates for 100% attendance since Christmas. We also completed another golden box draw and the winner of the Amazon voucher was Joshua Donaldson. Well done to all who have worked hard to improve their attendance at school. With the positive improvements here, we see positive improvements with the children's learning and attitude towards school.

Our on-site woodland area is almost complete! Mrs Aspinwall has done an amazing job with planning and overseeing the work with this big project, that has been in the pipeline for a year or more.

The youngest children have already been in to have a look around, and are identifying things that they can do to make it a happy nature area, as well as learning area. Do you have a passion for outdoor learning? Please let Mrs Aspinwall know.

Please remember that staff in school do have regular commitments and may not always be able to see or speak to you instantly. We try to accommodate your requests as quickly as possible. For class-based issues and concerns, the class teacher is the first port of call. The next steps for any concerns is via the flow chart in the concerns and complaints procedures.