

Thank you to the parents who joined our vision meeting on Wednesday 31st January.

During the time we had together we explored questions such as 'By the time my child reaches Year 6 I would like them to', 'No matter what new education initiatives are recommended, I would not want this to change about our school...' and 'In a year's time I would like to read the following celebratory newspaper statement about our school ...'

From Monday 19th February until Friday 23rd February, we shall display the feedback we received on the notice boards in each of the school foyers as we are keen to hear ideas from more people. Please feel free to add your own ideas to the list we put on display.

On the board we shall also display a collection of words which have been taken from the current vision statement. We asked the parents at the meeting to vote for the three which they felt were the most important. This was very tricky as so many words on the list were equally as strong as the others. You are also invited to contribute to this 'vote'. The words will be on display in the foyer, along with a pile of green stickers. Please use three stickers to cast your vote - either giving one word all three stickers, two for one and one for another or spreading the three over three words.

The children, staff and members of the governing board are also taking part in discussions about our schools. Once everyone has had time to do this we shall correlate the ideas and create a further display in the foyer. From this we shall pull together a renewed vision statement.

We really hope that through this process, everyone who is connected with the school will be clear about what we are aiming to achieve over time, the vision will inform our decision making, be evident to all who work with us or visit and through our PR and will become our unique 'selling point'.



Dates for the Diary:

Surlingham

1st March – World Book Day Lunch

28th March – 10am Easter Church Service

April 18th – PM Tempest Class Photos

Rockland St Mary

27th March – Easter Service at the church at 10am

11th June – class photos

School Dress

Because of our uniform policy, we are proud to say that our children are smart and well-presented daily.

As we have young and impressionable children who we wish to set good examples to, we would like to remind all parents/carers that we expect anyone coming onto the school premises to be appropriately dressed too.

We thank you for your continued support over this.

You are invited to an

ONLINE SAFETY SESSION FOR PARENTS

Create, share, connect, respect.

at 2.30pm on Friday 23rd February in the Margaret Mack Room with Miss Forster.

Come along for discussions on how to keep your children safe on social media and websites.

*Wanted

Surlingham. We have a list of books that we would like to add to our library. Please see page 3

Current News from the classes at Surlingham

Chestnut

This week the children have had a fantastic opportunity to share their pop up fairytale books with both Sunbeams and adults of their choice. The adults were invited by the children themselves who have been busy learning about how to write an invitation. We worked on, and discussed qualities of a good reader when reading to an audience, and the children developed very clear, confident, loud speaking voices. We have also researched into mythical wolf creatures after discussing that wolves are often given a nasty, dangerous character. The children created their own mythical wolf and described their features and characteristics. The reception class have been busy solving problems to help the fairytale characters, including sharing out the bricks for the three little pigs and fixing leaks in the troll's bridge. They have all developed their problem solving skills through trial and error, often reaching a successful outcome. This has allowed for lots of discussion, linking to our PSHE topic of try, try and try again.

Hawthorn

In Hawthorns we have been finding out more about Stonehenge and trying to uncover some of its mysteries. We have researched how it was built, from the marking of the ditch and bank, to the placement of the final stones, more than 500 years on from when the building of the landmark began. We have constructed our own versions of Stonehenge using a range of interesting resources and have contemplated why such a structure was built. For homework, we took things one step further and planned our own monuments that we would want people to study, visit and marvel at in thousands of years to come. We are compiling all of our learning on this topic to present to everyone in our class assembly at the end of this half term.

Willow Firstly, a big thank you to all for supporting your children with learning their CASMA songs and attending the concert. It was an amazing experience for the children and they had lots of fun. This term, in Willows, we have been completing art and literacy projects inspired by our topic of rainforests. We have written letters to influential people to ask them to take action against deforestation and produced poems about the qualities and features of the rainforests. Furthermore, we have been growing box hedge plants in bottles in order to recreate a rainforest atmosphere. Our literacy teaching has been further enhanced by having a visit from the author of the 'Scar Gatherer' series, Julia Edwards. She showed us her new series of books and explained her research and reasons for writing them. Meanwhile, in maths, we have begun to explore algebra and have had great fun in trialing Times Tables Rockstars. This is still in its early days, but has already started to improve our times table facts and is a huge hit with the children. Connected to our RE topic of Hinduism and mindfulness in PSHE, we have a yoga teacher visiting us on 8th February. She will help us understand how this practice relates to people's daily lives. Some of our children will also participate in a cluster tag rugby tournament in the last week of this term.

Current News from the classes at Rockland St Mary

Maple

Maple Class have enjoyed lots of traditional tales this half term from Rumpelstiltskin to the Three Little Pigs. In science they have made rafts for the Billy Goats Gruff and parachutes for Jack to escape down the beanstalk as they explored different materials. The class were all very proud of their art work inspired by Paul Klee's Castle in the Sun which are now on display in the classroom. This week the children are finishing off this topic by writing their own tale. There are some interesting bad characters and settings being developed. Next half term we are off into the jungle....see you there.

Birnam Oaks

This half term we have been busy learning about the Stone Age. We explored and created some cave painting style artwork; we have made a Stone Age house and created an information poster about the hunter-gatherers and what Stone Age people would have eaten. We have also written an information leaflet about Skara Brae – a Stone Age settlement. We are really enjoying learning about this interesting period of history and will continue with our learning after half term.

In maths we have developed our skills in multiplying and dividing and we have been calculating with perimeter and area. Our problem solving skills are improving and we are becoming more resilient when tackling problems.

We (Mrs Norris and Mrs Sinclair) are really pleased with how the class have settled and how hard they are working. We are looking forward to another successful half-term's work after the holiday.

Redwood

I would like to start by saying a huge 'well done' to all of the children who went to the CASMA event on Monday at OPEN in Norwich. You all performed fantastically and were, as ever, a credit to the school - so thank you so much.

The children have worked extremely well this half term across the whole curriculum. The children have learned about the skills and techniques necessary to write a biography and successfully wrote biographies about famous astronauts.

In Inquiry, the children have been on a virtual journey around the UK; learning about different coastal towns, studying the physical and human geography of places such as: Newquay, Whitby, the Gower Peninsula and Oban. The children researched in groups and created presentations about their location including 3D models of towns, PowerPoint presentations and detailed hand-drawn diagrams and posters.

WANTED

Books for our School Library



Do you have any of these books that you no longer need?

Surlingham School Wish List.

David Walliams JK Rowling James Dashner

Arthur Ransome Roald Dahl Graphic Novels

Jacqueline Wilson Phillip Pullman Any Poetry

Rick Riordan Julia Donaldson Non Fiction

The Jungle Book, Illustrated classic for KS1

Darren Shan Anthony Horowitz Eva Ibbotson

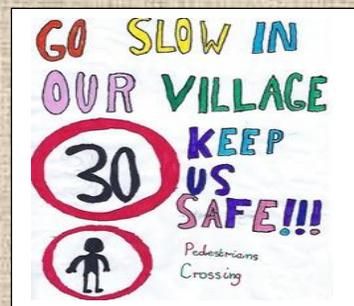
Tom Gates (L Pichon) Charlie Higson (Young Bond Series)

Terry Pratchett (Tiffany Aching Series)

Thank you. Surlingham School

School Council**ROAD SAFETY COMPETITION**

In recent weeks, School Council have been running a road safety competition. The Surlingham Parish Council, in conjunction with Norfolk County Council Have agreed to erect two road safety signs in the village. All children submitted one sign each, done in the form of a poster with School Council deciding upon one winner for KS1 and one for KS2. Congratulations to the winning entries from Elspeth Wright in year 2 and Daisy Alvarez in year 5. You'll soon be seeing your posters turned into road safety signs

**Time off for Medical Appointments**

We appreciate that from time to time children need to attend medical/dental appointments. Where possible, please try to arrange these out of school hours in order to minimise disruption to the school day. However, we understand that on occasion it is not possible to do this and children will have to attend appointments during school hours.

If an appointment is at 9am we would expect your child to return to school immediately after the appointment. If there is a mid-morning appointment, please send your child to school prior to the appointment and return them to school following the appointment. If an afternoon appointment, we would expect your child to be in school in the morning.

Wherever possible please can the office see a copy of appointment letters from the Hospital, and Dentist or Doctors Surgery appointment cards, so we can keep a copy on file.

Obviously, all circumstances are different so please speak to the school office regarding your appointment arrangements.

Thank you

Rockland St Mary and Surlingham now offer a choice for getting school uniform. You can still use School Trends, but can now also use Tesco to supply any uniform you need. This means you can get clubcard points and the school gets 5% of each order. There is a link on the school website to take you straight to the right page.

Sharing Assembly

We are delighted so many people attend sharing assembly, but, can we ask those attending with small children to encourage them to be quiet. Not everyone finds it easy to stand up in front of an audience to speak and distractions can be quite nerve wracking, also it makes it difficult for other visitors to hear what is being said.

Thank you

World Book Day March 1st

YOUR FUNDRAISING CHANGES LIVES

THANK YOU

In 2017, you helped raise £135,000 on World Book Day. That's enough to send 67,500 books to readers around the world!

In 2018, we hope that you will join in the fundraising fun once again, and help us send even more books to children who would otherwise have only a few old books to read.

DONATE £1* AND DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER



This year, dressing up will be easier than ever before. As well as our budget-beating dressing up and simple prop ideas using everyday items to bring a whole host of favourite book characters to life, you can also get inspiration from our brand new series of how-to videos and simple face painting ideas.

We now have over 40 fantastic costume ideas available, including *The BFG*, *Charlie and Lola*, *Aliens Love Underpants*, *Gangsta Granny*, *Hetty Feather* and *The Gruffalo*.

Find the full range of costumes, props, face painting ideas and how-to videos at www.bookaid.org/world-book-day-dress-up

Please share the link with the pupils and parents at your school for inspiration

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Engaging Fathers in Safeguarding

Target Staff: This workshop is for multi-agency staff and is relevant for all practitioners and managers who are involved in child protection work.

Attendees: Maximum number of attendees - 20

Frequency of Course: These workshops are only available in March 2018

Course Duration: Half day 09:00 - 13:00

NB: There will be the opportunity between 13:00 and 14:00 to participate in practitioner action learning to explore ways of developing work with fathers within their own practice.

Aim of the workshop:

To provide managers and frontline staff with confidence and knowledge to develop and deliver practical strategies to work with fathers and father figures in order to protect children more effectively through strengthened safeguarding practices and improved risk management.

Learning outcomes: By the end of the workshop participants will have:

- Greater knowledge of the research evidence and legal framework concerning engagement with fathers
- Identified barriers to working with fathers and discussed strategies to improve practice
- Enhanced confidence and knowledge to support their work with fathers
- Increased understanding of the benefits of father inclusive practice.

Training Dates:

- 7th March – 9am to 1pm – Children and Young People’s Health Services Business Centre, Cringleford, Norwich
- 8th March – 9am to 1pm – Breydon Clinic, Northgate Hospital, Great Yarmouth
- 13th March – 9am to 1pm – North Walsham Health Centre
- 15th March – 9am to 1pm – Town Hall, Great Yarmouth
- 20th March – 9am to 1pm – Vancouver House, Kings Lynn
- 22nd March – 9am to 1pm – Sewell Room, County Hall, Norwich

(Please note: There is no parking available at County Hall so delegates must be able to sort their own transport arrangements.)

This training is being delivered free of charge and funded by the Public Health Directorate. You can book your place via our online booking system: <http://www.norfolkisb.org/people-working-with-children/nscb-training/>

EASTER BONNET PARADE ON THE 28TH MARCH

Create your masterpiece at home and enter our competition at school for the best hat.

Easter Service at Surlingham Church on the 28th at 10am

Easter Service at Rockland Church on the 27th at 10am



KS2 children across both of our schools were given the fantastic opportunity to meet author, Julia Edwards. She gave an engaging and lively talk about her 'Scar Gatherer' series of books and read some excerpts. She gave us an insight into some exciting periods in history, some of which we were familiar with due to the curriculum, others we were hearing about for the very first time. She took the time to answer our questions and explained what the life of an author is like. We also found out that whilst at school, Julia did not consider herself a keen writer, it was a passion and skill that developed over time as she got older. Many children bought signed copies of her books on the day and have been seen enjoying them during quiet reading time in class.



Redwood analysing persuasive advertisements

Governors Corner

Over the last few weeks governors have been busy in school and out at meetings, including:

- Meeting with parents to discuss their vision for the schools going forward, thank you to those who came along.
- Meeting with Surlingham Village Hall committee to ensure the school's interests are heard
- Monitoring the breakfast clubs as part of the School Development Plan
- Speaking with staff about how funding for sports provision is spent

Safer Internet Day (6th February 2018):

Rockland St Mary

On Tuesday the whole school took part in Safer Internet Day, sharing our understanding about how to stay safe online but also looking at the wonders of the World Wide Web and how we can be positive online and be a good friend online. Throughout the day, a variety of activities took place across the school from drama and circle time, to writing and calculating the average time we spend looking at screens in a day, a week and a year!

After School Activity Clubs

Surlingham Primary School:

AEM HAI Martial Arts – Every Tuesday between 3:30pm-4:30pm

Pro Coach – Monday KS2 and Friday KS1 3:30pm-4:30pm

Choir – Wednesday 3.45 to 4.35pm

Spanish Club – Will restart in the summer term

Rockland St Mary Primary School:

Hip Hop Dance Club – Mondays 3.30 - 4.20pm starting 19th Feb MMR

AEM HAI Martial Arts – Every Tuesday between 3:30pm-4:30pm

Choir - Wednesdays at Surlingham 3.45-4.35pm

Multi Sports- Thursdays starts 22nd Feb 3.30 to 4.30pm

Spanish Club – Will restart in the summer term

Federation Dates for the Diary:

Swimming every Wednesday 1.30-2.30pm starting with Year 3 and 4.

23rd February – Online Safety meeting

Margaret Mack Room 2.30pm

1st March – World book day

8th March – Hawthorn and Birnam Oaks at Gressenhall

28th March – Easter Celebration Day. Easter Bonnet parade PM and Church Service.

3rd May – BIG SING years 3 and 4

12th June Fencing taster day all years.

13th/15th June – Year 5/6 residential Holt Hall

Our Safeguarding Statement

Each individual child's welfare is of paramount importance. Our Federation will establish and maintain an ethos where pupils feel secure, are encouraged to talk, are listened to and are safe. Children at both our schools in the Federation will be able to talk freely to any member of staff at either school if they are worried or concerned about something.

There is a copy of the safeguarding policy on the school websites.

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please do speak to the Safeguarding designated professionals and these are:

Mrs Humphrey, Executive Head Teacher.

Mrs Bayliss, Senior Teacher, Surlingham Primary based.

Thank you for working together with us towards this, and striving to ensure a safe environment for all members of our school communities.



Attendance for both schools for (18/1/2018 to 7/2/2018)

Surlingham

Chestnut: 95.76%

Hawthorn: 98.82%

Willow: 89.22%

School Total 94.7%

Rockland

Maple: 95.17%

Birnam Oak: 93.89%

Redwood: 97.59%

School Total 95.54%

April 9th 1906. From School Report. Both rooms are crowded. In the main room the desks are so close together that the teachers cannot get between them After heavy rain water stands in the girls yard and even overflows into the school. Means should be taken at once to remedy this. School Inspector Emily . Hewitt. (On register 96).