



# Happy New Year to Everyone

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Surlingham

**23<sup>rd</sup> January** – Over 60's school lunch  
**28<sup>th</sup> January** – year 4 seat belt training  
**12<sup>th</sup> February** – 1-4.30pm year 3 and 4 girls UEA Athletics Final  
**26<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 5 off road cycle training  
**5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 6 cycle proficiency  
**7<sup>th</sup> March** – Ollie Day Safety Show 10.30-11.30am 1-6

### Rockland St Mary

**22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> January** – Cycling Proficiency.  
**7<sup>th</sup> March** – Ollie Day Safety Show 1.45pm

Surlingham and Rockland are very sad to see Mrs Southerby leave, but we wish her well in her new position and with her degree studies.

## Walking Home.

For those parents who would like their children in years 5 and 6 to walk home on their own, please can you make sure the office is informed in writing so that we know they have permission to leave the school premises without an adult. In these incidences we would expect the child to have access to the house and to have an adult waiting at home for the safety of the child.

In all other incidences please make sure the child is collected within the school gates. Pupils will not be allowed to leave the grounds without a nominated adult present



## FEDERATION

### Dates for the Diary:

Swimming every Wednesday 1.30-2. year 3 and year 4  
**24<sup>th</sup> January** – Castle Museum – EYFS  
**25<sup>th</sup> January** – Olympic Athlete Day  
**25<sup>th</sup> January** – Comprehension and Language Session RSM 2pm  
**7<sup>th</sup> February** Maths Café 9am  
**15<sup>th</sup> February** – Hawthorn and Oaks Assembly  
**7<sup>th</sup> March** World Book Day  
**7<sup>th</sup> March** – Reading Café 9am  
**14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> March**. Year 5 /6 residential Trip  
**24<sup>th</sup> May** – year 3 and 4 Horrible Histories, Theatre Royal.

# Winter Outdoor Learning Photography Competition

Please e-mail entries to the school office by 25<sup>th</sup> Feb

Prize is an enlarged professionally printed copy of your photograph

Borrow a phone, use your own camera or borrow a school ipad to take a wintery shot. Anything goes a zoomed in shot of frozen plant, the scenery on a walk etc...

## Celebration Assembly

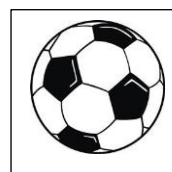
The first 'Celebration Assembly' took place on Friday 7th January. Participants included Ethan F who shared his love and affection for his pet dog. Ethan took a 'safe risk' to stand in front of his peers and talk about his dog. Well done Ethan for challenging yourself! Rileigh demonstrated a well-rehearsed routine of magic tricks. He carefully concentrated to perform his routine with determination and confidence. It was a pleasure to watch, and very mystical too! Madison shared the many ways in which she has raised money for charity. Madison has volunteered a lot of her personal time to take part in different activities such as Pageantry participation for Brain Tumour Research, donating items for the homeless and donating her hair to the Little Princess Trust. We were astounded to learn about her significant contributions to charity in her personal time, raising and donating £507 and learn the importance of kindness to others. Celebration Assembly, designed to celebrate learning, interests and achievement outside of school, at Rockland St Mary, will take place on the first Friday of every month. The next Celebration Assembly will be held on Friday 1st February.

## PE Kits – important.

Now winter is here, please also include jogging bottoms and a hoodie, either plain red or federation, or a spare sweatshirt for outside and a pair of outdoor trainers.

Children at Surlingham will be unable to play football on the field if they do not have a change of clothes as they will get muddy.

Children at Rockland will still need to bring a spare pair of trainers for outside.



## Current News from the classes at Surlingham

### Chestnuts

Happy new year and welcome to 2019 from everybody in chestnut class. I would just like to say how appreciative I am of all the lovely goodies we received for Christmas and I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas. This half term we have kick started with our topic theme 'Fantasy'. We had a mysterious creature enter our classroom, making an awful mess and leaving behind some large footprints. We have explored who or what this could have been whilst learning a text called 'On the Way Home'. The children have loved describing and learning specific vocabulary about a range of fantasy creatures. In Science this week, through the children's interest, we begun to record and look at weather reports. The children helped to create our very own rain catcher, wind director and thermometer. They are recording results daily and were given the opportunity to record themselves giving a live weather report. They especially enjoyed using posh voices to do this.

### Hawthorn

In Hawthorn's class, we've started our new topic of rainforests and are using the book 'The Vanishing Forest' as a stimulus for writing a journey story. We have looked at the lives of indigenous Amazon rainforest communities and the destruction of the rainforest through logging. We've included the effects of this in our stories, which centre on a girl's journey through the rainforest, where she discovers many of the trees the community uses for medicine have been destroyed. We've linked this topic with our science learning, which focuses on living things and their habitats. To start this unit of work we've investigated the seven life processes of living things. In the next few weeks we'll be looking at persuasive writing and learn techniques for encouraging people to preserve and look after the rainforest. We'll also be finding out more about animal classifications.

### Willow

Firstly, a heartfelt thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts this Christmas. I was overwhelmed by your generosity. I hope you all had a good break and have a happy and healthy 2019.

For the Spring Term, our theme is 'Brilliant Britain' which has already sparked debate across a range of current affairs! The topic is entwined across our whole curriculum and ties in beautifully with our residential trip to London, later in the term. Further details can be found on the Willow Class curriculum map, on the school website. In maths, we will extend our knowledge of decimals, fractions and percentages in addition to practising daily times tables, mental maths and reasoning activities. These activities are received in the spirit of a 'fun' challenge, but also help prepare children for those ever-looming SATs. Meanwhile, in PSHE, we will be focusing on our dreams and goals whilst developing our tri golf and gymnastics skills, in PE. In short, we are looking forward to another busy term! Thank you all for your continued support.

## Current News from the classes at Rockland St Mary

### Maple

Maple Class have been learning how to keep themselves safe online. We have been talking about safe ways to use technology such as i-pads, laptops and tablets. We have learnt what personal data means and what our personal data is. We have learnt to keep our personal data private and use nicknames, if we ever needed to, instead. We have learnt about who we can talk to if we have a worry about online safety- including the mention of every member of staff in our school. We are all here to help keep everybody safe. Maple class will continue to learn how to keep themselves safe in our computing, online safety sessions.

### Oak

Happy New Year!

Oak class have had a super start to 2019 – we have started our new inquiry topic based on the rainforest. In Talk for Writing we are learning how to write a journey story based on the book **'The Vanishing Rainforest'**.

In maths we have continued our learning about multiplication and division which has been quite challenging. We have started to use a Stem Sentence in maths – this is a sentence that helps us to explain what we are learning. Ask your child what our current Stem Sentence is and see if they can explain it to you!

We have also started a new science topic about living things and their habitats and in music we are listening to music from different famous composers, starting with The Nutcracker - Waltz of the Flowers and Russian Dance by Tchaikovsky.

We really enjoyed our trip to Framingham Earl High School on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January, where we took part in an indoor athletics event. We all tried something new and learnt some new skills.

### Redwood

In Redwood, we have really been enjoying our time in PE where we have been exploring dance. So far the children have been looking at 'mirroring' movements with a partner and creating movements through 'cause and reaction' movements. The children have been extremely creative and have all worked extremely hard so far. I can't wait for all of their creative ideas to come together in one great big group dance by the end of half term.



Well done to Oaks and Hawthorns for competing in the Indoor Athletics Event at Framingham Earl High School. We are delighted to say that Surlingham Girls managed to get through in first place, to the final, in February, at the UEA Sportsark



## Governors Corner

In December two new governors joined the Local Governing Body

**Julie Brown**, who many of you will know as the secretary at Rockland Primary, has joined us as the new staff governor.

**Sarah Wollerton**, an Art, Design and Technology teacher at Notre Dame High School, has joined us as a parent governor. She has two boys, one of which is at Surlingham Primary.

This half term Governors are focusing on monitoring activities within the school. This includes the outdoor learning, how funding for sports is spent and looking at children's reading records.



# Build your own Scribblebot

**Scribblebots are amazing robots that draw by themselves.** Join us to get hands on with batteries and motors. A great first experience of robotics. Best for children aged 7-11.



**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 3.30-5.00pm  
at Poringland Library**

Find more events and book at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/digifest](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/digifest)  
Or speak to library staff. Spaces are limited, so book now

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**After School Activity Clubs**

**Surlingham Primary School:**

**AEM HAI Martial Arts** – Every Tuesday between 3:30pm-5.30pm. Rockland Pupils welcome.

**Art and Craft Club** - Every Friday 3.15 to 4.15pm

**Pro Coach** – Monday KS2 and Friday KS1 3:15pm-4:15pm

**Rockland St Mary Primary School:**

**AEM HAI Martial Arts** – Every Tuesday between 3:30pm-5.30pm. at Surlingham. Rockland Pupils welcome

**Gymnastics – Monday 3.15 to 4.15pm**

**Multi Sports-** Thursdays 3.15 to 4.15pm

**Wanted.**

**Figure toys, dragons, knights, fantasy for Chestnut class please.**

**Maple Class would like: spaghetti, cardboard boxes, junk modelling and pegs.**



**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.

Mrs Norris and Mrs Marsden, Senior Teacher, Rockland St Mary 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 (6/9/2018 to 17/1/19)**



**Surlingham**

**Rockland**

Chestnut:	97.98%	Maple:	97.33%
Hawthorn:	97.74%	Oaks:	94.24%
Willow:	97.96%	Redwood:	96.33%
<b>School Total</b>	<b>97.89%</b>	<b>School Total</b>	<b>95.98%</b>

July 5<sup>th</sup> 1962 - The Managers decided the Parish Council can have the use of the school for the overflow of their animal show if needed. Chairman of the Managers Mr E A Ellis ( Wheatfen)