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Welcome Back!

Every year I am sure I am not the only person who finds that during the 6 weeks over the summer, time really does fly! This is one Summer break when we did not have any building work done in the school, just some tree removal on the boundary. I hope that you all had a great break with your children – chances to spend time with family are so precious, and I'm sure you were all able to share quality time together! This week, I know that there were many mixed emotions: excitement about seeing new friends, anxiety about new things and changes, simple pleasures putting on new uniform or shoes – we were all feeling like that!!!! But as I type the school sounds its normal busy self and everyone is back into their own routines!

School Development and Improvement Priorities:

We will continue working on the School Improvement Priorities which look at a number of key areas relating to communication skills and approaches across the whole school, continuing to use the "Learning Without Limits" approaches. This is where children play an important part in determining their own level of challenge and ensuring that we continue to allow the children in all stages to continue to make their own expected or better progress.

Learning from the National Curriculum tests 2016:

A great deal has been published about the new end of Key Stage 2 tests which the Year 6 children undertook in May 2016 – we were delighted that the children in our school coped well with the increased level of learning as only 4 children took the tests the information about the school which will be published will be quite limited, as the results are not supposed to be able to identify individual children.

We will continue to work on language knowledge and use, as well as reading higher level texts at all stages in school – as well as continuing with the previous maths approaches, mental maths and daily calculations which allow the children to be confident about the changed testing arrangements for Year 2 and Year 6. Spelling and phonics remains a focus in all year groups.

Curriculum:

Each class/English Maths group teacher will be sending home a “curriculum newsletter” for their class, which will tell you more about the learning taking place in all the subject areas, in your child’s class and include information, such as when PE sessions are, any planned visits and suggestions for how you may wish to support your child’s learning in topic areas, as well as homework or reading/maths support. All of the newsletters and curriculum information can be found on the school website: www.fleggburgh.norfolk.sch.uk along with any other useful policies.

Attendance:

I am very lucky that I am surrounded by excellent staff, who work incredibly hard to build an exciting curriculum for children to immerse themselves within and make terrific strides in their learning. To make sure that learning opportunities are taken advantage of, children need excellent attendance in school. We would love every child to attend 100% of the time, but children can be unwell at times, or there are times within any family, such as illness or bereavement which mean that children are unable to come to school. Please let us know if we can help in any of these situations.

Absence after illness – if your child is sick due to a sickness “bug” we would ask you to consider keeping your child off school for at least 24 hours; if your child is sick for any other reason, eg coughing too much, please speak to office staff for about If your child needs some simple medical support, such as Calpol, to help them get through a day, or administer antibiotics once a child is getting better, again we can support this – please ask in the office for a permission form.

You may have seen some information on Social Media sites, about seeking clarity from Norfolk County Council, about in-term leave of absence (holidays) and criteria for fixed penalty notices relating to poor attendance. At present, if you do need time off school, the school is able to authorise absence where the reason is deemed “**exceptional**” – meaning that there is no opportunity for time to be taken during the school holiday period, or that this is a one off event, not likely to be repeated; we may also authorise where a family/child requires time away from school following trauma or upset. Again, please do speak to the school about any absence – our priority is working together to keep children safe.

Friends of Fleggburgh Primary School:

The Friends are a group of parents and carers that organise fund raising and special events for the school. They will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 5th October at 3.15pm to discuss plans for the coming year. Come along for a cup of tea, piece of cake and find out more. New members would be especially welcome.

Music Lessons:

The Rock & Pop foundation are now offering guitar and keyboard lessons at school. Students get a chance to develop skills across a range of playing styles with all genres and disciplines, including classical, catered for. Working from the fully accredited syllabus enables students to not only learn skills on a specific instrument but also in music theory and performance skills. They will also get the opportunity to take an exam in their chosen instruments with ABRSM, Trinity Guildhall and Rockschool.

Lessons are available for students from Year 3 upwards, either in groups or on a one-to-one basis. Group guitar lessons are £7.59 and keyboard lessons are £7.99 per week. For more

information please pick up an enrolment form from the school office or visit www.rockandpopfoundation.com.

After School Club:

Mrs Rounce and Mrs Glover will be leading a running club this half term. It will be on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3.15 to 3.45pm. This is a club for children that want to practice and improve their longer distance running. The club will be charged at 50p per day. Please complete and return the slip below along with payment.

Dates for your diary:

- Friday 30th September Rev Graham leaving service 2pm in church followed by tea at school
 - Wednesday 5th October Friends Welcome Meeting 3.15pm
 - Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th October Parents Evenings (details will follow)
 - Monday 17th October Diamond Class to Cathedral
 - Friday 21st October – Break up for Half Term
 - Monday 31st October – Children return to school
 - Thursday 1st December Diamond Class to Norwich Castle for Anglo Saxon Day.
 - Wednesday 7th December Christmas Production (1.30 and 6pm)
 - Thursday 15th December – Christingle 2pm in Church
 - Friday 16th December 2016 – Break up for Christmas Holiday
 - Wednesday 4th January – Staff training day – staff in school (no children)
 - Thursday 5th January 2017 – School reopens for Children
 - Wed 25th to Fri 27th Jan Yr 5/6 Residential – details to follow
 - Friday 10th February 2017 – Break up for Half Term
 - Monday 20th February 2017 – School re-opens
 - Tuesday 21st/Wednesday 22nd February – Parents Evening (details to follow)
 - Friday 31st March 2017 – Break up Easter
 - Tuesday 18th April 2017 – School re-opens for children
 - Monday 1st May 2017 – May Bank Holiday – school closed
 - Monday 8th May – Thursday 11th May – SATS week Year 6 – to be confirmed
 - Friday 26th May 2017 – Break up for half term
 - Monday 5th June 2017 – School re-opens
 - Friday 21st July – School closes for Summer Holiday
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I would like my child to take part in the running club on a

Monday
Wednesday
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Signed

