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Dear Parent/Carer,

I must have been having fun this half term as the time has certainly flown. We're into our last full week of the term and teachers are looking forward to seeing many of you at the parents' evening appointments this week.

We have the first appointments in the first half term in response to feedback from parents of our younger children especially that having an early opportunity to meet class teachers to discuss how children have settled (back) into the school year is appreciated. Teachers have a lot of appointments to get through so if you would like to discuss something at more length than the 10-minute appointments allow, you can arrange a longer appointment at another time.

Thanks to you all for going 'old school' and completing the slips requesting your slots. We're working on getting the online appointments working again ready for the next bookings in the Spring term.

Have a fantastic week.

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

Notices

- If you or someone you know has a child due to start reception next September, please come along to our **open morning on Friday 6th November at 11am** (flyer attached). You are welcome even if you already have a child in school. If you cannot make this date, contact the school office (office@worstead.norfolk.sch.uk) to book a tour on another day.
- I have had conversations with a few different parents about **uniform**. For the avoidance of any doubt, when we covert from an LA maintained school to a St Benet's academy, nothing will change about the uniform. In time, new items with the school logo will have a new school logo saying 'academy' rather than school, but the **colours will not change** and old uniform with the current school logo on will still be permitted in school.
- One of our esteemed alumni, and sister to current pupils Autumn and Ezra, Gracie Nicholson is organising a **Beetle drive** (basically like playing the game build a beetle) at our church, Stalham Baptist Church, on **Wednesday 28th October 2-4pm**. It is a free event, perfect for families looking for a free, fun activity during half term. Gracie is raising money for 'Transforming Lives for Good (TLG)' which work with churches and schools to support children with their emotional and mental wellbeing. There will be hotdogs, teas, coffees etc and cake kindly provided. It is a free event for all but donations for the charity would be much appreciated.
- A reminder to everyone to **please drive and park respectfully and carefully in and around the school**. As I always say, the road network around school was not designed for the level of pupils in our thriving school so we all need to drive slowly and take care when parking. We'd much rather wait a few minutes for your children while you park up and get everyone into the building in one piece. Thanks in advance for your support with this.

Out of school success:

Congratulations to...

- Alex S who was named MVP on Saturday when his team took part in the NYBL at UEA! Well done, Alex! So proud of him!
- Chloe who has been selected as swimmer of the month for September. Her instructor chose Chloe as she always comes to every lesson, always gives 100% and tries her very best each week. It's been brilliant to see her confidence grow and watch her achieve her swimming goals. Well done, Chloe!



Gold Book (09.10.26)

Curiosity

Robins – Ezra, for always being curious about the different topics that we discuss as a class and being keen to share his ideas with others.

Swifts – Jenson for being curious when we have been learning about Sir David Attenborough and climate change. He has been asking interesting questions.

Hérons – Oscar, for displaying an incredibly keen interest in the variety of real-life fossils we observed during science, and for bringing a wealth of fossils knowledge to our lesson.

Kestrels – Zara, for asking questions to secure her understanding of a task.

Compassion

Robins – Leo D, you are always thinking of how others feel, sharing the toys with them and making sure that they have a turn.

Swifts – Lyra for always asking if she can sit, comfort and cheer up a friend if they are upset.

Hérons – Willow B, for always being kind and thinking of others; thank you for being so caring and empathetic.

Kestrels – Ivy B, for showing care for our classroom environment: tidying up the bookshelves, encouraging others to keep their desks tidy and even reminding Mr G where he has left his stuff and what he needs to do!

Perfect Presentation

Robins – Barney, for trying hard to keep letters the same size and to form them correctly.

Swifts – Avery for listening carefully on how to improve his writing. He is working hard to ensure his letters sit on the line. I am impressed with his progress.

Hérons – Jackson, for making incredible progress with the quality of his handwriting since September; the extra practise at home is really paying off!

Kestrels – Cosmo for a massive improvement in presentation, particularly in maths. Writing one digit per square.

Sports Star

Robins – Faith, for watching her partner carefully to see what jump he did, and then copying the same jump into the hoop.

Swifts – Grace, for trying hard to keep her ball under control when dribbling, even though she found it quite difficult.

Hérons – Bruce, for marking his opponents brilliantly so that they cannot find space to receive the ball from their teammates.

Kestrels – Kyla, nominated by Mrs Plane, for performing a lovely pencil jump into the water.

Tackling Tables

100%: Hannah F, Henry

Forest School

Groot goes to Eleanor for her super effort apple printing and making her wooden car.

Bowtruckle goes to Coco for her kindness to Deyan whilst following recipes, playing in the mud kitchen.

Diary Dates

OCTOBER		
Tues 13 th Oct	3.30-5.30	Parents' evening
Thurs 15 th Oct	3.30 – 7.00	Parents' evening
Monday 19 th Oct	Am	Yr6 at crucial crew (Gresham Prep School)
Tuesday 20 th Oct		Measurement programme for Reception & Yr 6 pupils
Tuesday 20 th Oct	2.30	Harvest festival at the Church
Wed 21 st Oct		Herons church visit
Wed 21 st Oct		Final day of half term
NOVEMBER		
Monday 2nd Nov		Pupils return to school
Friday 6 th Nov	11am	Open morning for Reception 2027
Monday 9 th Nov		M & M Pantomime in school for all
Thursday 12 th Nov	2-3pm	Herons' family café. (Please arrive for 1:50 for refreshments, ready to start for 2pm)
Friday 13 th Nov		School photographer for all pupils
Thursday 19 th November	2-3pm	Kestrels' family café. (Please arrive for 1:50 for refreshments, ready to start for 2pm)
Thursday 26 th Nov		Community Café
Thursday 26 th Nov	2-3pm	Robins' family café. (Please arrive for 1:50 for refreshments, ready to start for 2pm)
DECEMBER		
Thursday 3 rd Dec	2-3pm	Swifts' family café. (Please arrive for 1:50 for refreshments, ready to start for 2pm)
Monday 7 th December		Christmas performance (Time TBC)
Tuesday 15 th December	2.00	Christingle service at the Church
Thursday 17 th December		Christmas dinner
Friday 18 th Dec		Last day of Autumn term
Tuesday 5 th January		Pupils return to school