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Dear Parent/Carer,

The warmest of welcomes to our new school year. I hope that you and yours enjoyed the long summer break and that your children are rested, recharged and raring to go for this new school year. It was lovely to see them all again (and to meet our newest students) last week – schools are meant to have children in them, and it was lovely to have them fill our school with smiles and laughter once again.

Over the coming days and weeks, we will be populating class pages on our website with each class's timetables and curriculum coverage for the coming half term, as well as our diary dates for the term, including parents' evenings, learning cafes, church services, trips and more.

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

FOWS (Friends of Worstead School) Quiz Night

Attached is a flyer for the FOWS Quiz Night later this month – 27th September at the White Lady. Do get along if you can – the committee work tirelessly to raise funds and every penny raised directly benefits the children in school, through trips, goldbook prizes, forest school and more. Please contact FOWS either on Facebook or email - FOWScharity@gmail.com to book tickets.

Volunteers

'It takes a village to raise a child' is an old African proverb that remains as true today as it was whenever it was first coined. Over the years, the children have benefitted greatly from members of our school community giving up their time to listen to readers, help organise our library, be extra adults on class trips, support the FOWS' events and so much more. If you are able to support us in any of these ways or more, even if you only have 30 mins a week, please contact the school office - we can use your time to the benefit of the children.

Summer Reading Challenge

If any of your children have been taking part in the summer reading challenge run by Norfolk Library Service, they have until this Saturday 13th September to finish their six books and claim their certificate and medal. Well done to all of those taking part – I *adore* reading and the summer holidays afforded me the time to get through nearly two books, for which I was very grateful.

Clubs

As usual, we will have a variety of clubs running after school this half term – music, cookery, netball, basketball and choir. I will send a letter tomorrow (Tuesday) with full details of these and how you can sign your children up. All clubs will start next week – w/c 15th September.

Victory – Adopt a School

You don't need to be too keen-eyed to have seen the banner by the school gate – our school has been adopted by Victory! This will be officially launched to the children during assembly on Wednesday, but benefits will include parent access to a two-week membership for free, and free swimming for all Worstead pupils for a month! I attach a flyer and will send on any more details we get at the launch on Wednesday.

Instrument Lessons

Most Tuesdays throughout the year, Kit Cecconi from the Norfolk Music Service is in school delivering lessons to classes, leading our singing assembly and after school music club and delivering 1:1 or small group lessons on a variety of instruments. Please find details below of the lessons available together with their cost and contact the office if your child is interested.

- Guitar lessons- held weekly during school time. £9.50 per session
- Keyboard lessons – held weekly during school time - £14.00 per session
- Instruments are provided for free by the music service

Out of school success

A reminder as we start the new school year that I love to hear about and share the children's success outside of school. That could be a swimming hat, karate belt, brownie badge or a litter pick – anything that they have done outside of school that we can celebrate and make them feel proud!

Gold Book Prize-Winners

For the parents new to our school, every Friday sees our celebration assembly in school, with children nominated to appear in the gold book. Typically, we have nominees from each class for:

- Demonstrating one of our five school values (kindness, respect, ambition, curiosity, resilience)
- Demonstrating our worship value (which is compassion this half term)
- Earning a reading prize or a certificate/star for their times tables work
- Excellent handwriting or general presentation
- Sporting prowess in school
- Fantastic work in forest school

A golden ticket and prize from our prize table, following excellence in class

Diary dates

SEPTEMBER		
Tuesday 9 TH September	PM	Swimming for Kestrels class, weekly until half term
Monday 22 nd September		Flu vaccinations for all pupils
Wednesday 24 th September	16.30-18.30 19.00-21.00	Open Evening at Aylsham High for year 6 pupils and parents -to book
Thursday 25 th September	17.30-20.30	Open Evening at North Walsham High for year 6 pupils and parents- no need to book
Tuesday 30 th September	18.00	Open evening at Broadland High for year 6 pupils and parents (plus two open mornings in October 7 th and 8 th - to book)
OCTOBER		

Thursday 23 rd October	PM	Harvest Festival in the Church
Friday 24 th October		Last day of term
NOVEMBER		
Monday 3 rd November		Pupils return to school
Monday 10 th November	AM	Beauty and the Beast Panto
Friday 14 th November		School photos for all pupils
DECEMBER		
Thursday 18 th December	PM	Christingle at the Church
Friday 19 th December		Last day of term