

SIDESTRAND HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

19th October 2017

Welcome to our latest Newsletter



Message from the Head Teacher

Welcome back to a new school year and a special welcome to new pupils and parents. As in the previous few years we start the school year with even more pupils. Currently 173! We really are running out of space. As the school grows then so does the staffing increase, we welcome Mr Hamilton to Birch Class, Miss Copeman to Sixth Form, Miss Lloyd to Acorns, Mr Chadwick to science, Mr Smith to PE, Mrs Lees to Bay, Mrs Flowerday to Oak, Mr Pagan to Willow and after half term Mr Taylor and Miss Neale both going to Acorns. We also wish Mrs Smith from Acorns all the very best as she starts her maternity leave.

I also want to say a big thank you to our premises team and our regular firms that support us with our premises development, DS Building Services, Cromer Electrical and 24/7 Plumbing as they worked really hard over the holidays to refurbish 3 sets of toilets. The Salon and Residential areas were also decorated and a refurbished dining room thanks to HFT Decorating and Crown Supplies.

Unfortunately I will be having hip replacement surgery and so will be away from school for 6 weeks. I will, of course, be keeping in touch with the School but in my absence Miss Rand will be Acting Head Teacher.

Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the new school year well underway, and with staff and pupils working hard, this is just to let you know that the Governing Body has met and assigned members to Committees, with individual Governors linking to staff and school developmental priorities. We are pleased to say that we have a full board, with 2 new Governors in place this term, both with experience in being a school Governor. All details can be found on the school website and we can be contacted via the school office. We look forward to meeting you at school events.

Angela Wrighton — Chair of Governors.

Enrichment

This week, in Enrichment, the ukulele group composed their own tunes, practised and then performed them on different instruments. The musicians played a game to find notes to create their own compositions. Callum and Isaac on xylophone, Harry on ukulele and Ryan playing electric piano. The different tunes created made some very interesting sounds.



Year 10 & 11

Cromer & District Gardening Society presented the school with a beautiful white bark birch tree for coming 1st in their gardening competition this year. Congratulations to Year 10 and 11 students who worked hard to achieve first prize. A group of Year 10 students, Mrs Young and the Gardening Society took part in preparing the ground and planting the tree.

Wanted – topsoil, unwanted grass turf and compost to fill our new raised beds. If you are able to help please contact the school. Contributions gratefully received. Thank you, Mrs Cousens.



History Trip

Year 10 had a very long day visiting West Stow Anglo Saxon Village near Bury St Edmunds. We were so lucky with the weather – it was beautiful. The children achieved lots of brilliant work for their AQA examination portfolio with their study of how Anglo-Saxons lived. They were a joy to take out and we are looking forward to taking them on other curriculum based visits and excursions.



Family Voice Family Chat

Are you the parent of a child with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)? Join us for coffee at our new-style information and feedback sessions.

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For our first series, we've invited Norfolk SEND Partnership Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) so you can Find out more about SEN Support and EHCP assessments Tell us about your own experiences of support for your child with SEN

Ask questions in a relaxed setting
Share ideas with other parent carers

If you can come, please email us at events@familyvoice.org.uk or call/text on 07535 895748.

Tuesday 7 November 2017 10.30am – 12.30pm Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Norwich, NR7 8TR
Thursday 9 November 2017 10.30pm – 12.30pm Icen Centre, The Campingland, Swaffham, PE37 7RB
Tuesday 14 November 2017 10.30am – 12.30pm Attleborough Community Hub, Station Road, Attleborough, NR17 2AT
Thursday 23 November 2017 10.30am – 12.30pm Kings Centre, Queen Anne Road, Great Yarmouth NR31 0LE.

Beech Class

In art lessons we have been using clay to make containers using our hands and various tools.

We have also used autumnal items from our woodland walks to create photographic montages and jigsaws.

We have been using various tools in the workshop mobile to assemble nuts, bolts and screws showing great technique and skill.

In literacy we have been reading Oliver Twist. We have used PECS, books, cartoon and film to understand the narrative and characterisation.

Food tech has been excellent as well, making a number of recipes including fruit salad, Greek salad, pizza with emphasis on knife skill and presentation.

Fridays have always finished off with music time with Mr Hamilton and rebound therapy with Miss Hall.

We're having a great time in Beech Class.



The MacMillan Cake Sale in 6th Form Friday 29th September 2017

On Wednesday 27th September 2017, the whole of Sixth Form were baking cakes. We had four cooking groups. In Pioneer class, John was baking cheese scones, cheese straws and sausage rolls with his group of students. In Discovery room, they were making chocolate cakes and lots of iced buns. In Endeavour class, we had two groups; one making coffee cakes and lemon drizzle cakes, the other making chocolate tray bakes and flap-jacks. We seemed to be making cakes everywhere. On the Friday, we held the sale in 6th Form and it was extremely busy. Everyone did very well and we had a lot of customers which included the rest of the school and sixth formers were allowed to buy some cakes as well.

MacMillan Cancer support is one of the largest British charities and providers of specialist health care, information and financial support to people affected by cancer. We made £166.33!

Tommy, Discovery Class.



Birch Class

This term we were learning about Diwali, the festival of light. We read and watched the story of Rama and Sita and produced some super work in their books. The children made some diyas out of clay in their R.E. lesson. There are some intricate designs created with simple tools in the classroom.



Bay Class

This half term Bay class have been out and about spotting signs of Autumn. We have been learning how to dress so that we stay warm and dry. We have collected a variety of leaves of different colours, shapes and sizes for our collages and paintings.



In science, Bay class are learning about solids, liquids and gases wind and the effects of air resistance. This week we have focused on gases and explored how they make things move and float. We had lots of fun finding out how helicopters fly and parachutes fall. We have been learning to fly kites on the school field. Thankfully it was a windy day! We looked very carefully at the kites so that we could design and make our own kites back in class. We have had lots of fun doing this.

School Uniform

School uniform can be ordered online at www.tesco.com/ues



Please send in any school uniform you no longer require for use as spares for our pupils

Contact Details

Please remember to inform the school office of any changes to your contact information, mobile /home numbers, addresses, emergency contacts etc.



Please could we ask that all money sent into school is in a named envelope or purse

Poorly Children
If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, please remember they need to stay at home for 48 hours after the last episode

Strands VI Form

6th Form visit and work at Edfords Care Farm every week. This last week has been very special as Penelope, one of our Gloucester Old Spot sows had 9 piglets and they were soon out exploring. On the farm we learn how to feed and care for many animals, from sheep and pigs to chickens and rabbits, as well as maintain our own allotments growing vegetables, fruit and herbs.



Fieldtrip

Year 11 were their usual fabulous selves when we completed our river fieldwork. They completed all the tasks and no one fell in! We also found Colin the Crayfish at Coltishall. Thanks to the pupils and staff for such a fun day! Mrs Gilman



Dates for your diary:

Thurs 19th Oct	Last day of half term
Fri 20th - Fri 27th Oct	Half term
Mon 30th Oct	Back to school
Mon 13th Nov	Friendship Week
Wed 13th Dec	Christmas Dinner
Thurs 14th Dec	Christmas Carol Service
Fri 15th Dec	Christmas fete Christmas Crafts
Tue 19th Dec -	Last day of term 1pm finish
Thurs 4th Jan -	Back to school Spring term
Fri 9th Feb -	Last day of half term
Mon 19th Feb -	Back to school
Wed 28th Mar -	Last day of term 1pm finish
Mon 16th Apr -	Back to school Summer term
Fri 25th May -	Last day of half term
Mon 4th June -	Back to school
Tue 24th July -	Last day of term 1pm Finish

Please help us raise funds for Strands Charity when shopping on line. If you login to the following email, it will take you to the Easy Fundraising site for our school and a percentage of anything you spend will be donated to us. This is a good way of raising funds with very little effort!

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causessidestrandhallsch

Have a good half term break

See you back at school on Monday 30th October