



Weeting School Newsletter

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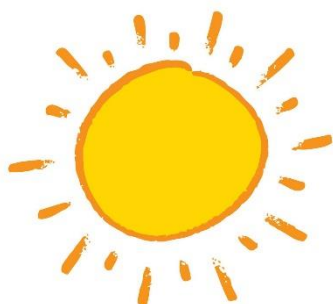


Dear Parents / Carers and children,

This is the hardest term for children in school year, it is the term when the weather beckons us to be outside but it is the term when Year 6 and 2 SATs occur, our little year 1 children are tested on their phonics and we need to finish all those last parts of the curriculum we haven't managed to get to. However, the wonderful Weeting staff are very good at balancing these tricky demands. They will ensure the children are ready for their respective assessments and will carve as many opportunities for the children to be outside, to enjoy learning in different ways and to develop other learning beyond those needed to sit assessments.

I must thank the Friends of Weeting for their amazing work in revitalising our library and as a result the children's interest in books. The library is beautiful and has transformed a rather sad space in the school.

This is the time of year where staff must let me know if they are not planning on returning next year. Mrs Twydell and Mrs Yates have announced they will retire at the end of this academic year. We wish them well as they learn to live without the confines of work, we thank them for their service. We are currently interviewing for staff for the posts vacant in September and will as soon as possible be informing you of the arrangements.



What a busy start to the summer term we have already had! It was lovely to start the term with some sunshine, however brief it was. Let's hope it was just a taste of what is soon to come. With that in mind can I remind you all how important it is to make sure your child is protected from the sun by bringing a suitable sun hat and making sure that sun screen is applied and/or brought to school to be applied by your child during the day if needed? Both of these should be clearly named.

Please ensure that your child can apply their own sun screen effectively.
Please also ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school.

Northwold Football Tournament We also enjoyed (a very soggy) Northwold football tournament where Icen Academy took the win – Congratulations to them.



Pupil Asset Lunch Ordering System. Thank you all for your patience with the Pupil Asset App. We realise there have been many problems for you ordering, and mainly, paying for your child's dinners. We are as frustrated as you and have been liaising with Pupil asset to try and get the problems sorted. If you are still having problems on the app please try using the desktop site which, while not as convenient as from your phone, does seem to be working better. Just go to <http://parents.pupilasset.com/> and click on the **web portal** link under the pupil asset title. Here you can book and pay for your child's lunches. Please let us know if you have any trouble and we will try our best to get any problems sorted. Please also be aware that you may pay by cash or cheque for any dinners at the school office.

School Dinners

Can we please remind you that you must book a school dinner for your child if they require one. We have had many cases, recently, of children coming to school expecting a hot dinner without a school dinner being booked. While we would always try to provide a meal if one is needed please be aware that only the required number of dinners are prepared to cut down on waste. If you have had problems booking a dinner please speak to reception and they will gladly book your child's dinner for you.

Weeting Primary School Library Grand Opening, Friday 20th April 2018.

Over the Easter holidays, the school library underwent a magnificent transformation from a tired, somewhat dated layout to a beautiful, bright and comfortable learning environment. The project was only made possible due to the efforts and contributions of the local community. In particular...

Dean Floyd of Chigwell Construction - £6000 donation

Tesco plc & Groundworks - £4000 donation

T. Waring Painting & Decorating – giving up his time and energy to decorate the library for free

Johnstone's Decorating Centre – donating all of the paint

The Friends of Weeting School – (PTA) who gave up a huge amount of time and energy to fundraise, empty and clean the library, then restock it. They covered the remaining balance of over £1000.



On Friday, every child visited the library and saw the transformation for the first time. There was a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm. In particular, it was lovely to see some of our children who are resistant to reading, pick up a book and enjoy it.





Late to school – We have noticed quite an alarming number of children are persistently coming into school late. We know that sometimes getting to school on time when you have a busy household can be tricky, but regular lateness does have an effect on the learning of the child who is late, as well as disrupting the whole class. **Did you know that by being just 5 minutes late every day adds up to your child missing 3 days of school each year.** We are keeping a very close eye on this problem.

Head lice We have had case of head lice in school recently. Please make sure you check your child's hair regularly and treat immediately if found. You can visit your pharmacist or see NHS guidance page (below) if you need any further help/advice. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Vacancies We have vacancies for a Bank MSA across the Trinity Partnership. Please email business@trinitypartnership.norfolk.sch.uk or call on 01366 728241 if interested and would like more information.

Reminders

- Please ensure that **all** correspondence, letters, reply slips, documents or any other paperwork is posted through the school post box and not left in your children's book bags as important information can be missed.
- Please could we ask any Ks1 children's bag be checked regularly for correspondence to make sure nothing is missed.
- PE kits should be brought into school on Monday mornings and left at school all week then go home on Fridays to be washed.
- All medication should be dropped into the school office and the appropriate form filled out.
Under no circumstances should medication ever be sent into school with your child.
- We would like to remind all parents and carers that all children must have 48 hours off school after THE LAST bout of sickness or diarrhoea to stop the spread of illnesses to other children & staff.
- And finally, please be mindful when dropping off and collecting your children. Do not use the staff car park or the Sure Start centre to park your vehicles.

Diary Dates

Monday 14 th May – Thursday 17 th May 2018	SAT Week	Year 6
Wednesday 21 st May 2018	Cluster Outdoor Athletics – participation tbc, 9.30am – 1pm	Ks1 & Ks2
Wednesday 23 rd May 2018	Year 6 Icen Day	Year 6
Thursday 24 th May 2018	Cluster Cricket	KS2
Friday 25 th May 2018	Breckland Golf finals	KS1 & KS2
Friday 25 th May 2018	Last day of term	
Monday 4 th June	Return to school	
Tuesday 5 th June 2018	Year 6 Icen Day	Year 6
Friday 8 th June 2018	Elm Bake Sale	15.15
Thursday 12 th June 2018	Year 6 Icen Day	
Thursday 14 th June	Sports Day	1.30 start
Friday 15 th June – 21 st June 2018	Book fair	3.30 – 4.00
Friday 15 th June 2018	Father's day crafts	TBC
Tuesday 19 th June 2018	Reserve Sports Day	1.30 start
Wednesday 27 th June 2018	Cluster Rounders – participation tbc	Ks1 & Ks2
Friday 13 th July 2018	Level 2 cycling - On the road - Year 5/6 - Road safety	am
Friday 13 th July 2018	Summer BBQ	12.15 – 13.15 Parents invited TBC
Friday 13 th July 2018	Year 6 leavers Disco	KS1 & KS2 TBC
Tuesday 17 th July – Thursday 19 th July 2018	Iceni Academy & IES Breckland Year 6 transition days	Year 6
Tuesday 24 th July 2018	Music Concert & Fate	Parents welcome TBC
Tuesday 24 th July	Last Day of School Year	All Children