



# Weeting School Newsletter

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018



Dear All

We are coming to the end of the academic year, a time of sadness and joy when we say good bye to our oldest children and look to the next year. Mrs Collet has joined Mrs Yates and Mrs Twydell in hanging up their pencil cases and looking to the next step in their life journey. We thank Mrs Collet for her years of dedication and service to the school, parents and most importantly the children, and wish her well as she finds a little time for herself, she will be missed. Mr. Payne is also leaving us, we thank him for his time in the school and wish him well in his next post. Mrs Yates is putting behind her many years of service for which we thank her and trust she will enjoy her many interests. Equally, we thank Mrs. Twydell for her time at Weeting and trust she will have an enjoyable next phase in her life.

I too am moving on and wish to thank the staff, parents and the lovely children, for my time at Weeting School. It is always poignant when a person moves on as there are many sweet and joyous experiences to remember and cherish. I am delighted that a new Executive Head Teacher will join the school in September. Mr. Andrew Stratton comes with an excellent background and a desire to continue to move the school forward. He will be ably supported by Mark King, who is well-known in Weeting, and for whom I have the utmost esteem. I have done what I can to the best of my ability, and I now pass the baton on to them to continue the mission. I urge you to support Mr. Stratton wholeheartedly. I also want you to understand and appreciate the external pressures he will face (as I have done) to maintain the school and preserve this much-loved village asset. I wish him and the staff team around him every success. I am confident he will treasure the school, nurture the children and lead the school with confidence. His job will be made less difficult if you offer to support him.

Furthermore, as I look at the fabulous team I'm leaving at Weeting (and my other schools) I see a strong team full of thoughtful and talented individuals who, despite all the external challenges, continue to have bold ambitions for the children, the schools and themselves. Try to remember that the real threat is from outside in the form of austerity, a lack of resources and burgeoning bureaucracy. Remember that "a house divided against itself cannot stand" (St. Mark's gospel, chapter 3). Remember too your neighbour schools in Methwold and Northwold; don't be overly parochial- you need to support one another so that you can *all* thrive.

I leave you all with many treasured memories and my thanks for the support given.

Kindest of regards

Mrs. Carole Reich

### Late to school

We know that sometimes getting to school on time when you have a busy household can be tricky, but did you know that for children who arrive to school after the whistle; their school day is sometimes really hard. They feel embarrassed and awkward when they are late and this can affect their behaviour in school, which can have a negative effect on their work. Please try to arrive in school by 8:40am. Since the start of this academic year a total of 2535 minutes has been lost through lateness. It is important that your child attends promptly to begin their learning with the rest of the class. Thank you.



Class	Attended	Authorised	Unauthorised	Minutes Late
Acorn	89.59%	8.68%	1.73%	587
Willow	95.77%	2.73%	1.5%	902
Beech	95.14%	3.36%	1.5%	2208
Ash	94.89%	4.43%	0.77%	797
Elm	96.33%	3.08%	0.06%	1285
Oak	96.24%	2.65%	1.11%	389
<b>Whole School Total</b>	<b>94.71%</b>	<b>4.11%</b>	<b>1.18%</b>	<b>6168</b>

### Acorn Class

This term the children have been learning about mini-beasts. They have made some lovely mini-beast models using mod roc (some of which are on display in the foyer) as well as phonic spider webs and number bond ladybirds. The children have also produced some lovely writing which we are putting into a class information book.

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June Mrs Scrafield came into class and talked about her bee hives and what an important job bees do for us. The children were fascinated and asked lots of really great questions which are on our display board in class. We also tried some of the honey fresh from the honeycomb, it was really tasty.

Acorn class are really looking forward to their trip to Lakenheath Fen next month, it should be very exciting.

### Willow Class

A big well done to all the children in Willow Class and a group of children from Beech Class who have completed their national Phonics Screening Check this week. They read a mixture of real words and "alien" words with great confidence and made excellent use of their blending and segmenting skills. A very big thank you to all the parents who attended our information evening and for playing the games shared with you.



### Sport's Day

Congratulations to Red House Team for coming first place. Well done to all children and staff for all your team work ☺ and parents/carers for supporting the children. ☺

### Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to Sean Preston for the donations of the pens and pencils and to the Friends of Weeting for all their hard work they put in raising money for the school.

What bullying is and how to recognise it

**Is it Bullying?**

When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once.  
**That's RUDE**

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once.  
**That's MEAN**

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset.  
**That's BULLYING**

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Please ensure your child/ren do not use their bikes or scooters on the school premises.



No pets are allowed on the school premises. Thank you

Diary Dates		
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Acorn Class school trip RSPB Lakenheath	All day
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Willow & beech Class Trip Banham Zoo	All day
12 <sup>th</sup> July PM TBC	Year 6 Leavers Play	14.15
13 <sup>th</sup> July AM	Level 2 cycling – on the Road YR5/6. Road safety	AM
13 <sup>th</sup> July - 12.15 – 1.15	Summer BBQ Parents invited	12.15 – 13.15
13 <sup>th</sup> July pm	Year 6 Leavers assembly	TBC
16 <sup>th</sup> July AM	Level 2 Cycling - test on road- Year 5/6 - Road safety	AM
17 <sup>th</sup> July AM	Level 1 cycling - Year 4 - On the playgroup - Road safety	AM
17 <sup>th</sup> July – 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Icen Academy & IES transitions	Year 6
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Wet & Wild	Whole school
24 <sup>th</sup> July 13.30	Music Festival & Summer Fate	Whole school 13.30
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of term	Whole school