



06 September 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome!

It is so good to be back at school and to see everyone again. We hope you enjoyed your holidays and are ready to start a busy term back at school. The first day back went really well and everyone settled back into routines quickly – even with our first wet playtime in a long time and with a new lunch provider. It was lovely to see so many happy faces around the school! A newsletter with dates confirmed will follow this letter.

### Our Classes

We have 105 children in school now which is wonderful. Our Reception are in Willow class taught by Jo Moore, Jan Adcock, Helen Barnes-Hooker and Danielle Rodrigues. Years One and Two are in Oak class with Claire Dack, Katie Howells, Anne-Marie Wing and Helen Barnes-Hooker. Years Three and Four are in Ash class with Catherine Clemente and Becky Gardner. Years Five and Six are in Birch class with Clare Enters, Cerrie Smith and Nicky Scott, with Katie Howells teaching on a Wednesday afternoon.

### Lunchtime Co

Our new lunch contractors have started well and dinners are looking tasty. Menus can be found on our website so please take a look. We are keen to reduce the paper we use and help our planet so will not be sending the menu home unless directly requested. We sent our attendance policy by email this week to you all – we will only print a hard copy if you directly request it

### Curriculum

We are developing a wonderful new curriculum called the knowledge-rich curriculum. We have written this ourselves, following guidance from other schools on this journey, and is exciting all our staff! We had some fabulous inset training on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept to learn more about the values of learning more knowledge and how this is relevant to our children's present needs as well as their future aspirations. Our learning has been planned by staff week by week, lesson by lesson and is carefully sequenced so that it builds upon what our children already know and will provide them with the knowledge and skills required to meet end of year expectations. We will be using knowledge organisers which will be shared with you via our website. They provide an overview of the key facts and information that our

children need to have a sound understanding of each subject and are organised into easy-to-digest chunks. The plans include units about the Human Body, Ancient Greece, Baghdad in 900CE, Life Cycles, Modernist and Rococco art and so much more. To ensure each child gets the most out of this wonderful curriculum and because our classes are made up of two year groups, we are teaching History, Science, Geography and Art/DT on a two-year rolling rota. For example, if your child is in Ash class we are using the Year 3 curriculum to teach Year 3 and 4 objectives. We are using books for Year 1 to 6 to help us develop what we know and these are written by Civitas who developed the Knowledge- Rich principles. If you or your child love facts then browse these on line – they are great!

[www.coreknowledge.org.uk](http://www.coreknowledge.org.uk)

### **Behaviour**

This year we are building good behaviour recognition boards around the schools so children continue to learn how to show fabulous learning behaviour at Snettisham Primary. In the hall there is a fantastic 'Recognition Board' in the making which displays the words underpinning the behaviour values we will be promoting; these include: kindness, respect, resilience, pride and patience. Each week we will focus on one of these values so that all the children are clear about our expectations. We will also be handing out 'Over and Above' thank you cards to pupils who demonstrate behaviours which go over and above the norm.

### **Refurbishments**

Over the coming months, we will be developing the school space, both within and out. We love our beautiful building but wish to refresh some of the furniture, playground features and corridor designs. We want to create child-friendly and inspiring areas that encourage you to come and sit and chat for a while with your children. We also have lots of lovely new playground equipment and an art trolley to provide the children with lots of great activities at playtimes.

### **Forest School**

Teachers will be leading forest-school style sessions over the course of the year, making use of all the wonderful skills we learnt from Emily. Individual teachers will let you know as and when children need to bring in appropriate clothing!

### **Attendance Letter**

You should now have all received our attendance letter explaining statutory laws and expectations around attendance. We take advice from Norfolk County Council and our Trust so we can promote good attendance. Please support us.

We are all really looking forward to the year ahead and hope you are too!

Yours sincerely,

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