



3rd May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Horstead

A group of children from Year 3 and Year 4 had a fantastic time away this week at Horstead residential centre. We enjoyed lots of activities including rock climbing, raft building, canoeing and zip lining. All of the children really challenged themselves to overcome their fears and the staff were certainly impressed with their independence and resilience. We laughed a lot and made some amazing memories which we know will last a lifetime - well done to all of you!



School Closure

Just a reminder to all that the academy will be **CLOSED** on Monday 6th May 2024 as it is a Bank Holiday. We hope you have an enjoyable long weekend and look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 7th May.



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Attendance

There has been a lot of information lately in the media regarding school attendance and the changes by the Department for Education which will see an increase to the cost of fines for school non-attendance this September. Pupil attendance is extremely important and children that are persistently absent do achieve lower educational outcomes than those with high attendance. As an academy, we will always endeavour to work with parents to overcome any barriers and encourage pupils through use of attendance rewards. The use of fines has always been a last resort. The main changes for next year are the increase in cost of the fines and the fact that the academy and Norfolk County will no longer have as much discretion over whether to issue a fine. In the vast majority of situations, we will have no choice but to fine parents if they meet the criteria –

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

We also sent home a Norfolk County Council flyer yesterday, 02/05/2024, which summarises the changes being made to Penalty Notice Fines - <https://edwardworlledgeoa.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/sites/59/2024/05/School-Attendance-Penalty-Notice.pdf>



Bronze	Silver	Gold
No awards for this week	No awards for this week	Year 5 Skye Ge Tommy G

Platinum Award
No new awards this week

Fundraising

Year 3&4 – Art Show, Bake Sale and Fashion Show!
Thank you to our parents for your amazing support – we managed to raise £60.60 – which will be used towards our end of year trip!

Reception would also like to thank all of you who contributed to the daffodil fundraiser at Easter. The children have enjoyed filling the planters and planting up herbs and bedding plants. Now we just need to remember to water! A big thank you to Tesco too who donated the daffodils.



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