

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all, I hope you all had a good break.

Just a couple of reminders for this term:

PE kits - Please can you ensure your child has both an indoor and outdoor PE kit. The outdoor PE kit should consist of a long sleeved top and bottoms and a pair of trainers. *This needs to be separate from their forest school kit.*

Outdoor play - Ideally each child should have wellies in school but they all certainly need a coat with a hood. A number of children are still coming to school without this basic kit and are getting wet and cold at playtime.

Please make sure everything is named - we had a large number of unnamed school jumpers/coats/t shirts and shoes left last term.

Power of Reading - during this year we are taking part in an initiative called the Power of Reading. This approach to English teaching involves getting immersed in a book as a class and then using it as a stimulus for writing, drama etc. We hope your child comes home enthused by it but if you want to know more please look on the class blogs or the curriculum tab on the website [here](#).

Dates - please check the school website for dates of assemblies and learning cafes this term. We look forward to seeing you there and hope you find them enjoyable as well as informative.

Sponsored event - Your child will come home today with a sponsorship form for an Inspired Through Sport event taking place on Thursday 10th January. Your child will be taking part in a fun 30 minute circuit session with the athlete on this day. We are very aware that we are holding a sponsored event very close to Christmas so please do not feel pressure to raise lots of funds, especially so soon after you gave generously to our fund raising at the end of term. However if everyone just gives £1 we will make £445 for this worthy cause and provide extra funds for our school PE provision. **Please hand both the form and money (in a sealed envelope) to either the class**

teacher, school office or place in one of the red internal postboxes by Thursday 17th January. All cheques should be made payable to "Inspired Through Sport" and not the school.

Thank you again for your support and enthusiasm for all we are providing in school to ensure the children have a broad and balanced curriculum.

Kind regards

Mrs Bev Theobald

Headteacher

General News

1) Don't forget you now have until Friday (midday) each week to order lunches on Wisepay for the following week. If you have any problems with Wisepay or have a query about lunches please contact the school office asap so it can be sorted out prior to the day/lunchtime.

2) **Absence** - it is a legal requirement for you to make sure your child attends school and we are required by Norfolk County Council to account for any child who is not in school and to provide a reason for this. Please make sure you notify the school office of any planned absences **prior to the absence** by completing this [form](#) and returning it to the office (paper copies available upon request). This does not apply to medical appointments, in this instance please email office@mulbartonprimary.norfolk.sch.uk or ring 570326 to inform us of these. If your child is unwell please make sure you telephone 01508 570326 and press option 1 to report this (as early as possible). You need to do this each day your child is off ill, unless you have spoken to a member of the office staff and agreed otherwise. Please do not send emails about your child being off ill as these are not always picked up prior to morning registration.

3) Please check our [website](#) for up to date information, [dates](#), [letters](#) and [news](#)! Our term dates are on there too so please refer to those when booking holidays!

4) **Contact details** - If you have moved house recently or changed mobile numbers please make sure you email office@mulbartonprimary.norfolk.sch.uk to let us know so we can update our records. We have had a few cases recently where we couldn't get hold of parents when their child was poorly as the details we had weren't up to date.