

WISEPAY - Please remember to order your child's lunch (whether you have to pay or not) by 12 noon each Friday for the following week.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back everyone to our new year. We particularly welcome all new children and staff who have joined us this term. An up to date staff list can be found on our website [here](#).

This week we have been very impressed with the children's behaviour and enthusiasm for learning.

We have already set a number of dates for the school year which can be found under the Diary Dates section of our website [here](#). PLEASE make a note of these so you can hopefully join your child, if appropriate, on these days. Our website is up to date and the best place to check and note dates, so please look on there if you need to throughout the year.

Over the summer, we have had a number of improvements made to the school. The PTA have paid for the installation of a large new sand pit in the upper school field. We are very pleased with the quality of the build which was completed by Sam Sturgis. In addition, we have completely refurbished the upper school library. I would like to thank Mr Body, our Site Manager for his hard work in preparing the space for the library and for all the other work he has completed during the summer break.

Today in assembly we told the children about a new initiative to celebrate their learning outside of school. We intend to display certificates and photographs of children's achievements such as: swimming, music or sporting certificates, etc. With this in mind, if your child achieves any certificates outside of school, please send them in for us to celebrate. Equally, if your child is involved in an out of school activity for which they don't get a certificate but they wish to tell us

about, we would be very interested to hear so please let us know.

Along the same lines, we are attempting as a school, to ensure that all children leave us having completed the National Trust Challenge of 50 things to do before you are 11 $\frac{3}{4}$, so each class from Year 2 have been given 10 challenges to complete this year. These will be included in the home learning books. To find out more information about this, please click [here](#).

Please can I remind everyone that all children should have a waterproof jacket/coat and wellies in school **at all times** so they can go outside whatever the weather. Can you also please ensure that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name as we will accumulate a lot of lost property over the term!

Thank you to all of you who adhere to our school guidelines for uniform. Please note that we have changed our PE t-shirts (email sent at the end of last year) and information relating to this, along with the rest of the school uniform requirements can be found on our website [here](#).

We also ask that long hair is tied up *regardless of gender* (so it's fair for all children) as this has enabled us to almost eradicate the incidents of head lice in school. During PE and Science lessons it is a legal requirement that childrens' hair is tied up to ensure their safety. We will be providing every class with a small amount of hairbands in case any child loses their own.

It is lovely to see the children enjoying our grounds but please can I ask that you vacate the site as quickly as possible, especially in the morning after drop off. We take very seriously the safety of your children and need to lock the gates as close to 9am as possible. Likewise, after school please refrain from using the upper school adventure playground as this is not suitable for younger children.

School photos - individual and sibling photos will be taken on Wednesday and Friday mornings next week.

After School Club have a Nintendo Wii for sale if anyone wishes to buy it! £20.

If you have any letters or forms to hand into the office please use either the class trays or red post boxes as it gets very busy in the foyer. Both the trays and post boxes are checked regularly and saves you having to wait around in the foyer! The post boxes are on the wall just inside the main door to the office/entrance (left hand side) and on the wall of lower school by the reception classes/site managers office.

MSA - we currently have a lunchtime post available, if you are interested in that or to be on our bank staff for occasional cover, please email the office office@mulbartonprimary.norfolk.sch.uk

Violin lessons (Year 2 - 6) - Mr Gary Ames from the Norfolk Music Service teaches violin in school on Thursdays and he has spaces available this term. If your child is interested in learning to play the violin please contact the school office.

Woodwind lessons (Year 3 - 6) - if your child is interested in these please see letter [here](#) or ask at the office.

Do you shop at Aldi? This September, Aldi's kit for schools promotion is giving 20 Primary Schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick start a healthy eating legacy for their school. Every school that enters will also receive an exclusive school sports kit. To be in with a chance we are asking everyone who shops at Aldi (family, friends, neighbours!) to pick up their Team GB sticker whenever they spend £30 in any Aldi store and bring them into school. We will have collection boxes in lower and upper school or you can send them into the office.