



Mulbarton Primary School

'Helping each other to learn and grow'

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Dear Parent/Carer,

What a superb start to the new half term. We have had much to celebrate.

Firstly, we have been able to hold an outdoor assembly to appoint our new year 6 prefects, house captains and head boy and head girl. I am pleased to inform you that all the children wrote excellent application letters, and we were able to give all of them a prefect post. The house captains are: Florence Jenkinson and Dawson Appleton in Oak; Tobias Harrowven-Brooks and Georgia Blanch in Maple; Sonny Mabee and Victoria Thompson in Birch and Meghan Phelan and Henry Player in Sycamore. We have appointed Annabelle Griffiths as head girl and Albert Lorne as head boy. Choosing these two roles was very difficult as all the children who applied would have been suitable. Thank you to all the children who applied. We have recorded this event and hope to be able to send a link out to it through our private YouTube channel very soon.

Secondly, we have announced that our house winners from last half term are Sycamore. The children from Sycamore can come in non-uniform next Friday (12th). Well done Sycamore!

Thirdly, the PTA have met to arrange an outdoor Christmas Market for the 3rd December. More details will follow but advance warning that we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 19th December for donations of bottle, sweets, chocolates or gifts to the tombola. This does coincide with Children in Need Day so please donate a minimum of £1 to this amazing charity if you can. More information about how to give will be sent out next week.

Finally, our COVID cases have declined very significantly. Thank you for your support with this.

COVID - All Norfolk Schools have received further guidance from the Local Authority this week which states that we know our own school and should make any arrangements we feel suitable to address any situation we find ourselves in. They have also explained that if you or your child have COVID, this will be picked up by a PCR test for 90 days after infection. It is therefore recommended that you use lateral flow tests for any subsequent concerns as this detects infection in a different way. Please continue to test your child if you have any concerns at all.

Flu Immunisation - A nursing team will be in school on the afternoon of Wednesday 15th December to give the nasal spray to everyone in Year 5 and Lions class, plus anyone who was absent on the previous date (Friday 15th October). There is no need to complete another consent form however, if you didn't give consent before, and you would now like your child to have the immunisation, please email the office and a form will be sent home with your child.

Poppies - Next week the year 6 children will be selling poppies for Remembrance Day during playtimes. If your child would like to purchase a poppy, please send a silver coin or two for them to do so.

The book fair will be held in school the week commencing 15th November. Further information will be sent out next week.

We currently have 3 **vacancies** in school. To apply, please click the following links. [After School Club Play Worker](#), [Cleaner](#), [Midday Supervisory Assistant](#).

Squid Games - We have been made aware that several of the children are accessing this latest craze via YouTube. Please be aware that this is a very disturbing video game and is not at all suitable for primary aged children. We, like you, are concerned for the mental health and wellbeing of our children and are aware of the damage such graphic material can have on them at this age.

Lost property - We have a large pile of lost property already. This is all unnamed so is difficult to return to the owner. We have shown it to the children but have not had much claimed. It will be outside school tonight for you to collect if you believe it belongs to your child. The larger sizes will be on the upper school and the smaller sizes on lower school. Anything unclaimed will go into the charity bin in the school carpark. Please ensure all clothing is clearly named with your child's name.

Vehicular entrance - Please use the pedestrian entrance at the front of school and not the vehicular ones as we want to keep everyone safe.

Parking - Please be respectful of our neighbours when parking around school and avoid house entrances. Thank you.

Packed lunch items - MSA's have reported they are seeing a lot of sweets and chocolate bars in lunch boxes recently. These are not suitable for packed lunches however biscuit bars are acceptable.

Norfolk Wildlife Trust have an exciting new project running in South Norfolk called Wilder Connections. They are running a series of Making the Connection events where members of the local community can book their place to find out all about the project and how they can get involved in making their local countryside better for wildlife. Please see invitation [here](#).

The Festive HAF scheme is due to run during the Christmas holidays from 20 - 23rd December, for children aged 5-16 who are eligible for free school meals. The scheme will combine lots of fun activities to help keep children and young people busy before Christmas. Parents will be able to book places from 8th November at [Big Norfolk Holiday Fun - Active Norfolk](#) using code **HAF240**. Remember that there are also activities available for families not eligible for free places.

Have a lovely weekend.

Bev Theobald