



Aslacton Primary School - Newsletter Friday 9th September 2022

Message from Mrs Haines

First of all, welcome back! I hope you all had a good summer break; we certainly got some incredible summer weather in which to enjoy the outdoors. My grass, probably like yours however is yet to recover. I have been very impressed with how all the children have returned to school. Apart from the lovely shiny new shoes and uniforms I have enjoyed seeing their happy and smiling faces ready to see their friends and ready to learn.

I will be looking for a date to host the first 'coffee with the Head Teacher' and will let you know this ASAP.

Now, I would like to say.....

Dear Parent/Carer,



I sure you are all aware by now of the sad announcement of the death of Her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. As a community, our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this difficult time.

We would like to remind you that we will remain open where directed throughout the period of public mourning, it is likely that the day of the Queen's funeral will be a public holiday and therefore schools will be closed on that day, once we know more we will write to you again.

We also wanted to share that we will talk with the children about the death of her late Majesty, addressing the news, answering any questions children may have and providing support. This will be done in an age-appropriate way.

As we all come to terms with what happened, we know that some children will be affected by this in particular. We will keep the school routine as normal as possible today as well as allowing the children opportunities to talk to if they want to.

If you need any further advice on how to support your child, you may wish to access one of the bereavement charities such as [Winston's Wish - giving hope to grieving children \(winstonswish.org\)](http://Winston's Wish - giving hope to grieving children (winstonswish.org)), Child Bereavement UK or [Nelson's Journey | Child Bereavement Help for Norfolk \(nelsonsjourney.org.uk\)](http://Nelson's Journey | Child Bereavement Help for Norfolk (nelsonsjourney.org.uk)). If your child needs extra support, please let us know.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Heather Haines

Dates for your diary:

Reception start full time:
Monday 12th September 2022

Eagle swimming starts:
Monday 12th September 2022

Cake Friday resumes:
Friday 16th September 2022
see page 3 for more details

Learn more about phonics and how we teach reading for all parents
Tuesday 20th September 2022
9am in the school hall (approx. 30 mins)

Eagle class Forest Schools
Tuesday 27th September 2022

Harvest Festival in church
(pupils and staff only) Friday
30th September 2022

Family Friday

Following our trial of one class per week last term we will be continuing with this approach to enable parents to spend quality time in class on a Friday morning from 9-9.15 without racing between classes to see siblings.

The dates for this half term are as follows:

Friday 16th Sept :EAGLE

Friday 23rd Sept :KESTREL

Friday 7th Oct: OWL

Friday 21st Oct 2.45pm ALL CLASSES—a chance to see

work from the term



Communication

Our main form of communication with you will be either in person or via the Class Dojo app. Invites to join Dojo have been sent to all new parents today and to existing pupils who have not yet registered. The newsletter will be changing to a less frequent form of communication as dojo enables us to communicate more 'in the moment' with you. If you have only signed up one of your children you will receive an invite for any further children today too, as each child needs to be linked to your account to enable you to get messages from the class teachers as well as the main school postings. Any difficulties, please see Mrs Turk next Friday at 9am at the main office.

Updating your child's details

If you need to update any of your contact details (new mobile number for emergency contact, address etc), medical updates or permissions please do this in writing to the school office either by letter or email to office@aslacton.norfolk.sch.uk

Please do not provide this information directly to the class teacher as it has to be centrally updated. Updates can be made at any point during the school year in this manner.

Breakfast club invoices

Breakfast Club invoices for July attendance were emailed out this week. These invoices can not be paid through the app at present, so payment should be made by BACS as detailed on the invoice. Please state the invoice number when processing the payment to enable us to trace the payment and allocate it to you. If you have any queries, please contact the office.

Headteacher's Award

Each week a child in each class is selected to receive the Headteacher's Award.

This could be for an outstanding piece of work, attitudes to learning or showing excellent behaviours around school. The winners receive a certificate and sticker in our celebration collective worship.

The winners of the award this week are listed below:

Headteacher's Award

Eagle: Jack for a fantastic Year 6 learning attitude. A great start.

Kestrel: Lola for starting the year with lots of positivity, enthusiasm and a big smile.

Owl: Willow for her fantastic effort in maths and great answers to questions.

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Paying for School Meals

Please remember that all school meals are chargeable from Year 3 to Year 6 unless you are registered for Free School Meals.

We are now running a cashless system at school we are asking parents to pay for school meals and school trips via the Pupil Asset Parent app. Many parents have signed up already and are making regular payments.

Emails have been sent out this week to parents in years 1-6 who have not yet registered, inviting them to download the App. Once using the App you will be able to view the outstanding dinner money owed for your child and make payments. Reception parents will be invited over the next few weeks.

You are not invoiced for school meals, any balance outstanding will show on your account on the app.

All meals should be purchased in advance from the Pupil Asset 'shop' and then you can keep track of the reducing balance as meals are taken.

If you have not received an email (years 1-6) and need to register, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

Cake Friday



Cake Friday will start again next Friday. Entry to the raffle is 50p per ticket. Please send cash in named envelopes to be passed to the class teacher on a Friday morning. The winner of the cake will then be responsible for providing the cake the following week (shop bought or home made as preferred). This should be dropped at the school office on the following Friday morning.

House Points

Our system of house point rewards has restarted this week and everyone is working as a team to try to get their colours on the house cup at the end of each term. All our new children have been allocated a house and the totals for this week are as follows:

	Holkham	Winterton	Brancaster	Mundesley
This week:	72	80	81	115
This term so far:	72	80	81	115

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