



Friday 5th November 2021

Dear Parents and Families,

It is lovely to have the children back in school and we hope that you all enjoyed a rest over half term.

Can I just remind parents that since the weather has dropped considerably, children must bring a coat to school to keep warm while outdoors.

This week you will all have seen an advert for governors for The Trinity Partnership. You can also see these details on the back page of this newsletter. We would urge you to consider this hugely rewarding role and have a chance to be directly involved with our school community and really have a say in the way our schools are changing & evolving. If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact your school office to make an appointment with the headteacher.

Kind regards,
Mrs Anna Fisher
Headteacher

In & Around School

Lots to tell you about in schools with children very busy after the half term break.

In Robins class at The Norman they have been looking at the text *The*



Colour Monster. They have been talking about the different emotions they feel and how to express themselves when they feel like this. They made a spider diagram of all the different feelings they may have. Tristan, Eleanor and Evie put in lots of effort to write their own words to describe how they were feeling 'calm,



spotty, mad, silly, crazy'

Robins Class also participated in the Big Soup Share. They made tomato and red lentil soup using carrots, tomatoes, sweet potato, and red lentils which they peeled and chopped themselves. Then they shared the soup with the school community and sent some home for families to enjoy with a piece of bread or a cracker. Mrs Pearce said "it was delicious", Miss Williams said "it was lovely" and Ms Smith said "I loved the taste of this because I love tomato soup".



Over at Duchy of Lancaster the children Rabbits Class have been reading '*The Gruffalo*' by Julia Donaldson. All the children enjoyed reading the book and created their own Gruffalo's complete with orange eyes and purple prickles!

'A cord of three strands is not easily broken' Ecclesiastes 4:12



Over at Weeting Primary School Chestnut Class have been building on their knowledge of pumpkins. After listening to the story “Pumpkin Soup” they followed a recipe to create their class version and made some delicious soup. The children have decided to sell their soup to their families and use the money raised to purchase some new equipment for their mud kitchen – one of their favourite spaces outdoors!



Attendance

We will be monitoring attendance very closely this year and contacting parents of those children whose attendance is slipping, absence is persistent or attendance is low. This may be in the form of letters, meetings in school and in extreme cases fixed penalty notices.

This does not include COVID absences or time off to take a PCR test which is not counted as a possible session and therefore does not contribute to attendance reporting.

We would like to remind parents that children are expected to attend school regularly. At The Trinity Partnership our aim is to work with parents to ensure that all our pupils receive the most from their education and reach their full potential. Please also be aware that, being late can be a disruptive way for children to start their school day as well leading to lost learning time.

Although term time holidays are not considered to be exceptional circumstances, any request for a planned leave of absence must be completed in advance in all circumstances, including holidays.

If the school does not receive a request for leave, we will be unable to consider your individual circumstances and the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. We are aware that sometimes an emergency medical appointment cannot be avoided but we do ask that any routine medical appointments are made after school or in the school holidays.

This week the following classes won their school’s Attendance Award:

The Norman CE Primary School	• Nightingales Class With 92.81 %
Duchy of Lancaster CE Primary School	• Rabbits Class with 98.36 %
Weeting CE Primary School	• Elm Class with 93.12 %

Term Dates 2021/2022

Autumn Term 2021

Monday 6th September – Thursday 21st October

Half term: Friday 22nd October – Friday 29th October

Monday 1st November- Friday 17th December

Christmas holiday: 20th December – Tuesday 4th January

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5th January - Friday 11th February

Half-term holiday: 14th February - Friday 18th February

Monday 21st February – Friday 1st April

Easter holiday: Monday 4th April – Tuesday 19th April

Summer Term 2022

Wednesday 20th April - Friday 27th May 2022

(Monday 2nd May Bank Holiday)

Half-term: 30th May – 6th June 2022

(Monday 6th June, bank holiday in lieu)

Tuesday 7th June - Friday 22nd July 2022

Summer holiday: Monday 25th July – September 2022

Dates for your diary

Weeting Primary School

Wednesday 3rd November - Flu Immunisations

Friday 19th November - Children in Need. Children can wear something yellow, spotty or 'Pudsey themed' to school for a contribution which can be made through Parent Pay.

Tuesday 7th December - Nativity performances (Years R – 4)

Friday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

Thursday 16th December - Carols by Candlelight after school led by Years 5/6 but all welcome.

The Norman Primary School

Thursday 21st October - Non School Uniform PTFA Fundraiser

Monday 15th November - Odd Socks Day to kick off Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 19th November - Children in Need (details to follow)

Friday 26th November - Flu Immunisations

Wednesday 15th December - Posada, Carol & Christingle Service @ St Andrews Church Northwold.

Nativity - Details to follow

Duchy of Lancaster Primary School

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Friday 19th November - Children in Need (details to follow)

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The Trinity Partnership

(Part of the Diocese of Ely Multi-Academy Trust)

is seeking to appoint

School Governors

This is a voluntary role

DEMAT and The Trinity Partnership are looking to appoint Governors, to the Local Governing Body, covering the three schools in the Partnership (Duchy of Lancaster C of E Primary School, the Norman C of E Primary School and Weeting C of E Primary School).

Whilst the Headteachers are responsible for the day-to-day leadership and management of the schools, the Local Governing Body is involved in overseeing the curriculum, pupil welfare, premises, personnel, and school finances at a strategic level. They monitor and evaluate the school's effectiveness and hold the school to account for the standards achieved and quality of education.

The Trinity Partnership are fortunate to have a dedicated and highly skilled team of Governors who are actively involved in the life of the school and make regular visits to see and support the work of the school but are looking to increase their number. The Local Governing Body is made up of representatives of parents, the Local Authority, the local community, the Church, and school staff.

The successful applicant will be:

- Highly organised and able to set clear priorities in managing their workload
- Able to work calmly under pressure
- Able to show a 'can-do' attitude and seek solutions to problems
- A strong team player.
- A person who demonstrates excellent initiative.

We can offer you:

- Excellent support from DEMAT's Governance Team and the dedicated team of staff at the school
- Strong links with the community and local church groups
- A school committed to staff well-being

For more information and an informal chat please contact: DEMAT Governance Officer on governance@demat.org.uk

Or contact the school for a chat with the Headteacher.

We would like to advise if you have not heard from us by **15th December 2021** then on this occasion you have not been successful in securing an interview, and that due to the large volume of applications it will not be possible to respond to every applicant. We would like to thank you for your interest in working with us, and if you do not receive an interview this time please don't let this stop you applying for further posts advertised across DEMAT in the future.

The Diocese of Ely Multi Academy Trust (DEMAT) is committed to promoting equality of opportunity for all staff and job applicants. We aim to create a supportive and inclusive working environment in which all individuals can make best use of their skills, free from discrimination or harassment, and in which all decisions are based on merit. We do not discriminate against staff on the basis of age, race, nationality, ethnic origin, religious or political belief or affiliation, trade union membership, gender, gender reassignment, gender identity, marriage and civil partnership status, pregnancy and maternity, sexual orientation, disability, socio-economic background or any other inappropriate distinction or characteristic covered by the Equality Act 2010.

DEMAT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced *DBS check* and satisfactory references.