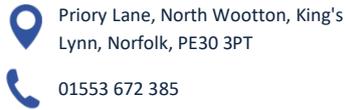


NEWSLETTER



New Newsletter Format

As you will have noticed, the format of the monthly newsletter has changed to a more standardized, trust-wide style. North Wootton Academy chose to join the Eastern-Multi Academy trust in 2017 as we looked for more locally-based support, rather than being under the local authority, which is more Norwich-based.

Within the Trust, there are now 11 primary and 1 secondary school(s) spread across Norfolk and into Suffolk. In many ways, each school is encouraged to have its own identity as we each serve very different communities. Therefore, it not always obvious that we are part of a wider family that has been hugely supportive of our continued journey towards becoming a great school, hence the change today.

Whole-School Audit

One of the benefits of being part of a trust is having a closer level of scrutiny and ongoing support. This week, the school has received its annual whole-school audit, whereby, three senior educational leaders from the trust, spend the day quality-assuring the key practices within the school: the education, behaviour, safeguarding, attendance, special needs provision etc. This took place last Wednesday and so your children may have mentioned some additional visitors who sat through their lessons, looked through their work or spoke with them about the school.

We are proud to say that the outcomes of the visit were hugely positive and validated our own opinion that we provide a consistently, great education for all of our pupils. This is an important and timely external mark for the school as we have re-entered an OFSTED window and we are excited to welcome them back to see the progression that we have made in the last four years.

Local Traffic Petition

As we have mentioned a number of times, there is increased focus upon the speed of traffic around the school site and we are grateful for the noticeable reduction in those exceeding the 30-mph limit. However, as is common around many school areas, a 20-mph zone within North Wootton is being sought by a number of parents through petitioning the local authority. We will be sending you a link to this by text next week and would appreciate any parents and family members who could add their support to this.

Parent Teacher Association

The PTA are busy getting ready for Easter and you should of all received your raffle tickets this week. If you need more, please do not hesitate to pop in to the office as there are plenty and the more we sell the more we raise. The prizes for the Easter raffle are £100, £75, £50 & £25; the PTA also award the class who sells the most tickets a prize of their choice. Last year's winners were Fir Class and they picked a game for the whole class to enjoy. The Raffle will take place in the Easter Assembly on Friday 22nd March 2024 and winners will be notified after this. We also have the annual Easter Egg Hunt, in which a few of the PTA members spend the day in school supervising egg hunts for all the children to enjoy and they will all receive a chocolate egg at the end of the day, this will be held on the Thursday 21st March 2024.

As you may have noticed the trim trail in the junior playground has undergone its repairs courtesy of the PTA funds and has been completed today.

Diary Dates

MARCH			
1st	Friday		National offer day for Secondary School places September 2024
4th	Monday	10:00 - 14:00	Y5/6 Quicksticks Hockey - Selected children
5th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Maple class - Additional PE session
5th	Tuesday	15:30 - 16:15	MTC Parent awareness session - Year 4 parents
7th	Thursday		World Book Day - Non-Uniform
11th	Monday	12:15 - 13:15	KS2 Girls Lunchtime Football
12th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Rowan class - Additional PE session
14th	Thursday	16:00 - 17:00	Y5/6 Girls Football Team - Lynnsport
15th	Friday		Red Nose Day - Non-Uniform
18th	Monday	18:00 - 18:30	RSHE Parent Awareness Drop in Session
18th	Monday		Y5/6 Dance Rehearsal
19th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Acorns class - Additional PE session
19th	Tuesday	9:00 - 12:00	KS2 Homework Project Morning
19th	Tuesday	18:00 - 20:30	Schools Make Music at the Corn Exchange - School band
21st	Thursday	KS2 - 9:15 EYFS/KS1 - 13:15	PTA Easter Egg Hunt
22nd	Friday		PTA Easter Raffle Assembly
22nd	Friday	9:00 - 12:00	Class Group Photos
25th	Monday		Y3/4 Dance Rehearsal
26th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Conkers class - Additional PE session
26th	Tuesday		Y1/2 Dance Rehearsal
27th	Wednesday	9:00 - 11:30	Reception Dance Rehearsal
27th	Wednesday		Whole school dance performance
27th	Wednesday		Last swimming lesson for Year 5 children
27th	Wednesday		Last day of term
APRIL			
1st - 12th			Easter Holidays
15th	Monday		Children return to school
16th	Tuesday		National offer day for Reception places September 2024
17th	Wednesday		First swimming lesson for Year 3 children
22nd	Monday	16:00	Activity Clubs Open for booking via Tucasi
22nd	Monday		Earth Day
25th	Thursday		Y5/6 Girls Football Team - Lynnsport
29th	Monday	9:30 - 11:30	Y6 Crucial Crew Event - Fire Station
29th	Monday	12:15 - 13:15	KS2 Girls Lunchtime Football