

October Head's Newsletter

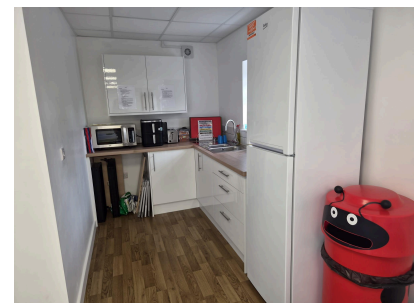
I'm really pleased to say that the first month of the school year has been really successful in both schools. The children have settled quickly and as I've been walking round classes, I have seen some super learning taking place. I have also noticed how hard lots of the children are trying with their handwriting - the regular practice that the children are getting really does make all the difference.

As some of you may know, as part of the Grace Schools Trust, we have a very supportive and knowledgeable central team who do lots of hard thinking behind the scenes about what each of the schools needs in order to move forward. As part of this, each school has a hub director and there is also a director of education who oversees all of the plans and implementation of new initiatives.

Just last week, we were lucky enough to have a visit from the director of education and our hub director so they could have a walk around our schools and see how the learning is taking shape. The feedback in both schools was very positive. One of the real outstanding notes was how well behaved our children are. Our visitors were amazed at how well our children organise themselves at break time to give out snack in an orderly manner and couldn't believe how polite the children were to each other while they waited. Our visitors were also very impressed with how attentive the children are to their learning, noting that behaviour in classes is good. The feedback that our staff have very good subject knowledge and our children in both schools are getting a very good start in life by coming to our schools.

We are pleased to give you an update about our wraparound care in both schools. Early Birds and after school club is fully set up and running at Tilney in the new purpose-built wraparound care building. There is a well-attended cooking club each Thursday, where the children get to make something super tasty to take home with them. We are also looking into organising an after-school club disco, which we think will be a hit with the children. More information about the disco will be coming your way very soon, so keep your eyes peeled for this!

At Anthony Curton, we have been watching as the foundations for the new wraparound care building have been going in. The foundations should be complete by the end of this week, and then the new building should start to take shape next week. We'll keep you updated with progress, but we currently have a completion date at the end of December. Until that point, both Early Birds and after school clubs will continue to take place in the hall. The next disco is Halloween themed on 22nd October, get your tickets on the app now!



As always, our wraparound clubs are here to support our families needs, so even if you need childcare at short notice, just book your child in on the MCAS app and we will do the rest!

For some of our new parents, you may not know that as a Church of England School, we have a set of values that we regularly discuss and use with the children. We think that by using these values, it helps to guide our children onto the right path for their future. Our values are: **Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Forgiveness, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control.** As children move through the school, you will probably hear that adults talk about these values regularly and our children get certificates for living out the values within school. We hope that you will support us by also talking about these values outside of school with your children.



A little request from us to you - We know that when your child is unwell, a quick message saying they are "poorly" can seem sufficient. However, to ensure our attendance records are accurate and meet Department for Education requirements, we do need a little more information about the reason for the absence. A brief explanation, such as a temperature, sickness bug, migraine, or upset stomach, is really helpful and means that the office team won't need to contact you for further details. Thank you for your understanding and support.

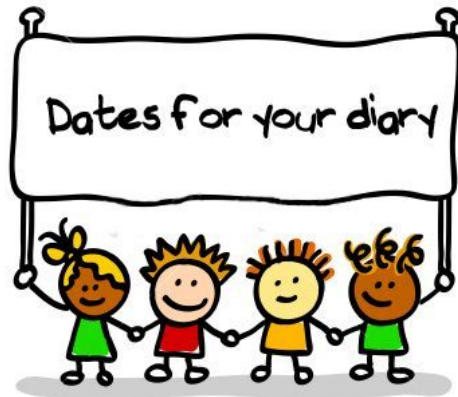


Please can we ask any parents who are dropping off or picking up children to close the schools gates each time you use them. We know that this small action is a bit of an inconvenience if you are in a hurry, but we really do need to keep the gates closed in order to keep our children in the safest environment that we can offer.

Also, please can we remind parents that in both schools there is a community car park for your use. By using this car park, we can help to keep neighbours happy and help to keep the roads clear, so that it is safer for the children.

We are very thankful to Kings Lynn Rotary Club who presented our Y4 children with Dictionaries at Tilney earlier this month. The children were very grateful to be given these gifts, and we hope that the children will use them as they move through their education.





Dates for your diary:

Anthony Curton

Thur 1st - Reception & Year 1 Phonics Workshop 3:45pm (held in Y6 Classroom)

Mon 19th - Difference and Diversity Week begins.

Mon 19th - Cross Country Event at Emneth Primary for Y3, 4, 5 & 6.

Mon 19th - Hilltop Parent information Event 3:45pm

Tues 20th - Y2 joint Farm Trip with Dolphin Class from Tilney All Saints

Tues 20th - Reception Class September 2027 New intake event 4 - 5pm

Thurs 22nd - Harvest Festival Church Service 1:30pm - All welcome

Thurs 22nd - After School Club Halloween themed disco.

Thurs 22nd - Break up for half term

Mon 2nd Nov - Children return to school

Early Warning November dates-

Tues 3rd - Y4 Learning Workshop 2:30pm

Thurs 12th - Y3 Learning Workshop 2:30pm

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Mon 9th - Tempest Portrait photos