FLOURISH FEDERATION

Interim Executive Headteacher: Carol Jeary

Newsletter: week beginning September 1st

Dear families,

Welcome back to all our existing Flourish families and a warm welcome to all our new families into reception and those that have joined classes throughout the schools. The children have started so beautifully and settled quickly back into school routines.

Staffing – We welcome our new Nursery Staff Nicola Philpot, Emma Hazelwood and Susanna Sparks.

Communication – At the start of this academic year, I thought it would be helpful to outline the communication we have with you so you know what to expect:

- Monthly newsletter from me with a list of key dates
- Termly curriculum newsletter from your child's teacher(s) with an overview of their learning.
- Parent Teacher meetings in the Autumn and Spring term and a full written report for your child during the Summer term.
- In the early years (nursery and reception) you will receive updates of your child's learning on Tapestry.
- Emails and texts from the office with important information (for example, dates for class photos or a menu change)
- DoJo will allow you to see any DoJo points your child has been awarded (however, please note we do not use the messaging facility on this)
- Website/Facebook/Twitter – details of your child(ren)'s learning can be found here.

If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please email via the office or book an appointment to speak with them.

DIARY DATES

Term dates - Autumn term

3rd September – 19th December.

(Half term 27th -31st October)

Parent Teacher Meetings – week beginning 29th September

(and again, week beginning 2nd March 2026)

Christmas Week

Week beginning 15th December - including productions and Christmas lunch and jumper day

New intake open afternoons/evenings (For Reception 2026)

5th November, North Elmham

6th November All Saints Stibbard

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Phones – Could I remind you that mobile phones are NOT allowed to be used anywhere on the school site.

Healthy School – Please can we have only water in water bottles and a healthy snack (fruit/veg) for breaktime. Reception, Y1 and Y2 are given a piece of fruit or vegetable for snack every morning break. Y3 – 6 need to bring their own please. Please ensure lunchboxes are also healthy with a range of food including something protein based (cheese, meat, eggs etc) No sweets, no nuts (including chocolate spread containing nuts) Thank you.

Y6 – In this terms Primary Times you will find information of High School open events so you and your child(ren) can make an informed decision on their choices for secondary education. These details can also be found on the individual high school websites.

Information – please let us know of any changes to contact details, emergency contacts and allergies.

Attendance and Punctuality – Attached is the Norfolk County Council's letter on attendance. Good attendance and punctuality are imperative for your child to succeed in school. Please ensure your child is at school unless they are very unwell or have a contagious illness. Please contact the office daily if your child is unwell.
Punctuality – it is very important your child is in school on time every day so they do not miss vital learning. At Stibbard school, our gates open at 8.30 and close at 8.45 am. At North Elmham school, our gates open at 8.45 and close at 9 am. If your child arrives after this time, please come and sign in at the front office. They will be marked as late which will impact on their attendance.

Parking – Thank you so much for those of you who drive and park so considerately around our school sites. In doing so, you are keeping our school community safe.

At Stibbard there is space for parking when we open the playground for parents at drop off and at collection. Please do not park in staff spaces in the car park and do not park on the left hand side of the slip road in front of school as this is where the school bus pulls up. Could I respectfully remind you that you are not allowed to park on the Zigzags outside of either school. Coaches and buses are struggling with turning and visibility when cars are parked here.

Letter from the Prime Minister – Schools in England have been asked to share a letter from the Prime Minister with all parents. Please follow this link: https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2025/09/prime-ministers-letter-to-parents-and-carers-on-best-start-in-life/?es_c=91E05C6E7B5AB315BE3B90DA98AA0056&es_cl=71C9A2D5AD3C3E8AE36E2D78BB80601B&es_id=ph7%c2%a3o1

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