



# Laying the foundations for a bright future

# Website link: <u>www.htpfederation.co.uk</u>

## A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

This term is really flying by and before we know it, Easter will be here and the spring term will be ending!

The children have had an exciting week with visits from the 'Mad Science' Team in readiness for British Science week next week. The children took part in a number of very exciting workshops and we received some wonderful feedback from 'Dr DNA' who mentioned how polite, well behaved and enthusiastic our children were!

It was lovely to see all of the children dressed up for World Book Day on Thursday and to see so many of you here for our 'share' session. We received some fantastic photos of children reading in 'unusual' places, winners were chosen from each year group, but huge congratulations to everyone who entered!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

### Warmest regards, Mrs FitzGerald



### SCHOOL MEAL PRICE INCREASE

After the Easter holidays the price of a school meal for children in Year 3 through to Year 6 will increase from £2.50 per day to £2.60. This increase is due to rising costs linked to food prices and our catering service. This change will take place from Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April when term starts.

Payments for lunches can be made using the following link:

http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/

This does not affect those of you whose child/ren have school meals through the government's universal free school meal' offer for children in Reception through to Year 2 or entitlement due to eligibility for Pupil Premium.

#### **REMINDER: PUPILS: ONLINE SAFETY & MOBILE PHONE USE**

We are aware a number of our pupils have internet access, be this through a personal mobile or other device. With their safety in mind we are taking this opportunity to strongly remind all parents to carefully monitor your child's phone / devices regularly to make sure the content of conversations is appropriate for 10-11 year old children and remind them to tell you if they receive anything inappropriate.

In school we educate the children about online safety and their online presence but the way devices are used outside of school is unfortunately beyond our control.

For example, the **minimum age requirement for 'WhatsApp' is 13 years old**, this changed just last week, prior to this it was 16. **Children who are under the age limit for these apps should not be using them unaccompanied and a trusted adult should carefully monitor the content of 'chat' to ensure that children are not using inappropriate language with one another and that the nature of the conversation is appropriate.** 

We do not need to tell you, I am sure, that our digital footprint is with us for life and that what is posted online, even within private messages, can have a detrimental impact.

#### Please be vigilant and monitor what your child is doing on the internet and their phones.

- Q) Does your child keep their phone on charge next to their bed? If so, is anyone messaging them through the night? Are they accessing inappropriate websites?
- Q) Are there specific times every day when phones are switched off to give them a break?
- Q) Are your home and phone internet filters and privacy settings robust?

Keeping our children safe, both physically and online, is of the up most importance and we must work together to ensure our children are using any online platforms appropriately and safely.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in this and ask that all families have an open and frank discussion about the use of social media platforms the children may be using, perhaps reconsider whether they are appropriate at this stage and if you need any support with setting parental controls or are worried about your child's activities online please come in and see school staff who will be happy to assist.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### The SPRING TERM 2024 continues...

#### Monday 11th March to Friday 15th March ~ British Science Week

Building on our visit from 'Mad Science' the children will be involved in lots of practical Science including investigating habitats, chemical reactions and rainbow bubble snakes! The children will also learn about new STEM influencers including Jane Goodall and Brian Cox.

#### Thursday $14^{\rm th}$ March ~ Red Nose Day at Hundon and Thurlow

So our youngest children don't miss out we will be hosting our Red Nose Day fundraising a day early and the children can choose to come to school in non-uniform with their red noses for the cost of £1 which will go to the Comic Relief Charity.

Tuesday 19th March ~ PARENT CONSULTATIONS for Butterflies Class & Bumblebees Class Wednesday 20th March ~ PARENT CONSULTATIONS for Otters Class & Hares Class

Find out how your child is doing in class with their academic targets.

#### Thursday 21st March ~ World Poetry Day

The children will be involved in poetry related learning throughout the day, being creative and expressive! At 2.30pm there is a 'share' session which parents and carers are invited to attend.

#### Wednesday 27th March ~ Easter Service

Join us at our church, St Peters, for our Easter Service at 2.15pm.

#### Thursday 28th March ~ LAST DAY OF THE SPRING TERM

