

Dear Parents and carers

Welcome back to our new Spring Term and we all hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

There are many wonderful things planned for this term, which is quite a short term. This letter is to bring these events to your attention. Please check emails from school during the term for any new events, updates and changes.

The children will be going to our school allotment on a weekly basis on Friday's with Mrs Watkinson. The children will be supported in their learning by Laurie Warren and Naomi John who have been doing a lot of planning and preparation over the winter months.

In Class 2, children in Years 3 and 4 will start their Forest School activities at Perlethorpe- teaching them to identify and manage risks while developing problem-solving strategies and teamwork. This will begin after half term break on Thursday 23rd February and will continue until 24th March 2023. The Perlethorpe minibus will transport the children during school hours (9 am to 12 pm). Please ensure they are at school on time.

In Class 3 children in Year 5 will begin their NICAS climbing Wall award at Mill Adventure Base after half term, which I know they will enjoy. Again, the children will travel by mini bus provided by the Mill Adventure base. The sessions are in the afternoon and children will return to school for 3.30pm.

Swimming at Dukeries Leisure Centre starts again on Monday 9th January and will continue until Monday 6th February. (Years 2, 3, 4, and 5 from Norwell will be going with Yr 3, 4 and 5 at St Matthews)

FONs will be putting a box outside the office for donations of unwanted Christmas presents, which they will use for tombola prizes throughout the year. If you have, any donations please feel free to donate them to FONs.

Winter Illnesses

There has been a lot of media coverage about winter illness over the holidays and I would just like to signpost you to an article that has information, which is useful for parents.

[Back to school - 5 things to do to help manage winter illness - UK Health Security Agency \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2022/12/20/back-to-school-5-things-to-do-to-help-manage-winter-illness-uk-health-security-agency/)

We will continue to remind children to wash hands and to use tissues to catch and bin sneezes as part of our daily practice.

Writing Café for Parents

The children are all using 'Dreams' as the focus for their writing in January and we would like to showcase their work at a Writing Café where you can look at the children's writing while having a coffee and refreshments. This will give you the opportunity to see how writing develops across all year groups and ask any questions you have about children's writing.

Sports Hall Athletic Event- Tuxford academy

A group of KS2 (Years 3-6) children will be participating in the Athletic event held by Tuxford Academy. This will take place on Thursday 26th January in school hours. More information to follow.

We look forward to seeing you at all the events we have organised. If you have any queries about any of the events noted in this newsletter, please get in touch with the office.

Best wishes

Mrs King

Executive Head Teacher

The Kite Primary Federation

St Matthews Church of England Primary

Norwell Church of England Primary

Dates for your diary

Sports Hall Athletics (KS2) Thursday 26th January. 1- 3 pm.

FONS meeting for all parents: Thursday 26th January. 7pm at Milestone Brewery, Cromwell

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 7th February

‘Dreams’ Writing Café: Wednesday 8th February. 8 am until 9am – all parents invited in to see their children’s writing.

Young Voices Concert: Thursday 9th February. Utilita Stadium Sheffield (for those children in Years 5 & 6 who signed up) Details to follow.

INSET Day: Friday 10th February.

Half Term Holidays: Monday 13th – Friday 17th February

Climbing Wall: Thursday 23rd February. Year 5 children. The Mill Adventure Base Mansfield. Details and permissions to follow.

Forest School: Thursday 23rd February for 5 weeks at Perlethorpe Outdoor Education centre. Year 3 and 4 children. Details and permissions to follow.

World Book Day: Wednesday 1st March (being held a day earlier than the official date due to children being out of school on the Thursday)

Parents Evening: Week commencing- Monday 13th March. Details to follow.

Red Nose Day: Friday 17th March

British Science Week: Monday 10th March - 19th March. Details to follow.

Easter Service: Monday 27th March. St Laurence Church Norwell. 9.30 am. Details to follow.

Easter holidays: Monday 3rd April- Friday 14th April

School reopens: Monday 17th April.