



# NEWSLETTER

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Thank you to everyone for bringing in such generous donations for harvest this week. Children in each class are working on a harvest/autumn themed piece of writing or artwork to help celebrate harvest. These will be shared on the website when they're complete.

Tom Singleton  
Head of School

## Elm Class

It has been really nice to see how well all of the children of Elm Class have settled down to the new routines of Year 1. I have been particularly impressed by how hard they are all working in lessons and by how encouraging they are with each other. This week, we have been exploring different strategies to add and subtract single digit numbers. We have been using playing cards, numicon, base 10, our fingers as well as number lines to help us improve our understanding of number and calculation and they are getting quicker at solving the problems each day. In English, we have been planning our own version of Jack and the beanstalk. By the end of the week, each child will have written their own beginning of their story and we will use these to create a class story together. In art, the children have been learning more about how to create colours, through our work with self-portraits, which we will be putting to the test on Friday with our harvest projects.

## Long Hair

If your child/ren have long hair, please ensure that it is securely tied back when they come to school. It is difficult for children to work when their hair constantly falls over their face. They are also more likely to spread/catch nits this way. Thank you.

## Harvest Festival

The children all enjoyed sharing Harvest Festival together via Zoom. Thank you so much for all your generous donations which will be shared between the Norwich Night Shelter and Stowmarket Food Bank.

## Bringing and Collecting Children from School

Please continue to drop off/collect children from their normal places. Thank you for continuing to socially distance from each other.

## Annual Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme

Please consent or decline on

<https://tinyurl.com/yed69oam>

They will **not** accept notes etc. sent into school it **must** be done via the link.

Please note the link closes on **Thursday 12 November 2020**

## Break-a-Rule Day Friday 23 October

Come to school in non-uniform, you can choose the rainbow colour for your year or just come dressed with as many different colours as you like. Please see FOMSA's letter on the school's website for more information.

## Term Dates 2020-2021

### Autumn Term

Monday 7 September  
Friday 18 December

**Half term week 26 October**  
**PD Day Friday 27 November**

### Spring Term

Tuesday 5 January  
Thursday 26 March

**Half term week 15 February**

### Summer Term

Monday 12 April  
Wednesday 21 July

**Half term week 31 May**

## Diary Dates

**Hazel class** - Parent consultations - Monday 19 October  
**Elm class** - Parent consultations - Tuesday 20 October  
**Chestnut Class** - Parent Telephone Consultations - Wednesday 21 October  
**Oak Class** - Parent Telephone Consultations - Thursday 22 October  
**Break a Rule Day** - Friday 23rd October  
**Photographer** - Wednesday 4 November  
**Flu Immunisation** - Thursday 19 November