

Dear parents / carers,

I am writing to warmly welcome you to this new academic year and trust that you have had a restful summer holiday. My name is Mrs Norris and I am the new Head of School at Rockland St Mary Primary School and Surlingham Primary School. I am very much looking forward to meeting you and to working alongside you as we continue to encourage and support our pupils to enjoy their childhoods and reach their full potential, as confident, inquisitive and successful learners and as fully rounded individuals.

I will be out on the school gate whenever possible so please do come and say hello and ask any questions that you might have. Alternatively you can arrange an appointment to come and meet with me by contacting the school office.

I have also taken on the role of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo) from Mrs Avenal. Mrs Avenal will continue to support our schools through her role as SEND lead for Sapientia Education Trust but I will be the lead within Rockland St Mary Primary School and Surlingham Primary School. If you need to contact me at all with regards to SEND please do contact me via the school office and we can arrange a meeting.

As a result of listening to parental feedback last year, we have changed our Friday assembly schedule. We have introduced class assemblies – so you child/ren's class will prepare for and perform one class assembly per term. Please find the dates below for the autumn term. We hope by giving you advance notice that as many parents as possible will be able to come and support the children.

Rockland St Mary Primary School:

Maple Class Assembly – Friday 18th October

Oak Class Assembly – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Redwood Class Assembly – Friday 27th September

Surlingham Primary School:

Chestnut Class Assembly - Friday 29th November

Hawthorn Class Assembly – Friday 4th October

Willow Class Assembly – Friday 6th December



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Surlingham

**26<sup>th</sup> September pm** – School Photos

**4<sup>th</sup> October** – Hawthorn Assembly

**12<sup>th</sup> November** – Flu prevention

**29<sup>th</sup> November** – Chestnut

**Assembly**

**6<sup>th</sup> December** – Willow Assembly

### Rockland St Mary

**27<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Redwood Assembly

**18<sup>th</sup> October** – Maple Assembly

**29<sup>th</sup> October** - Flu prevention

**1<sup>st</sup> November** – Oak Assembly

**11<sup>th</sup> November** – School Photos

## FEDERATION

### Dates for the Diary:

Swimming every Wednesday 1.30-2.30. Year 3 and 4 Autumn term

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sept – 9am** Parent phonics Session am

**30<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Parent Consultations 3.20- 6pm

**6<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Rec Hearing year 6 height and weight

**20<sup>th</sup> November 2pm** – Curriculum Café

**10<sup>th</sup> December** - 2pm Nativity

**11<sup>th</sup> December** – Nativity 6pm

**16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020** – Year 5 and 6 Residential



**Are you the parent of a child or young person with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)?**

Join us for coffee at an information and feedback session about

### **SEN Support and Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)**

We've invited Norfolk SEND Partnership Information, Advice and Support Service (**SENDIASS**) and a representative of the Local Offer to join us so you can:

- Find out more about SEN Support and EHCP assessments
- Tell us about your own experiences of support for your child with SEND
- Ask questions in a relaxed setting
- Share ideas with other parent carers



**Tuesday 17 September** 10.00am – 1.00pm  
Community Room, South Lynn Community Centre, 10 St. Michael's Road, King's Lynn, PE30 5HE

**Monday 23 September** 10.00am – 1.00pm  
The Suite, Dereham Football Club, Aldiss Park, Norwich Road, Dereham, NR20 3PX

**Tuesday 24 September** 10.00am – 1.00pm  
The Noble Hall, The Priory Centre, Priory Plain, Great Yarmouth, NR30 1NW

**Monday 30 September** 10.00am – 1.00pm  
The Colman Room, South Norfolk House, Cygnet Court, Long Stratton, NR15 2XE

**Wednesday 2 October** 10.00am – 1.00pm  
Main Hall, Aylsham Care Trust, St. Michael's Avenue, Aylsham, NR11 6YA

If you can come, please email us at [events@familyvoice.org.uk](mailto:events@familyvoice.org.uk) or call/text on 07535 895748.

**For information on online safety please follow the link to a really good website:**

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

The 2019-20 summary school development plan for parents can be found on each section of the website.

<https://surlingham.rocklandsurlingham.org.uk/school-improvement-and-development/>

<https://rocklands.rocklandsurlingham.org.uk/school-improvement-development/>

## Parent Forum feedback

Over the break, while sifting through a pile of paperwork, I re-discovered the minutes taken at a parent meeting in 2018. In the notes, as a group of parents representing the schools and local community, you had shared your desire in celebrating the following aspects in a year's time. Though we can never say 'the job is done' and there will always be much more we can do, seeing the list made me reflect at how much we have achieved thus far.

Here's what you wished to see which I believe we have made great strides to achieve -

- results 'on the up'
- nurture provision established  
sports, music, outdoor learning, trips and visitors provision which are new and different from before
- continuation of events such as sports days, fete's, sporting competitions and school plays
- staff who inspire a love of learning and creative approach to the curriculum
- pre-school success and conversations about joining with the school
- opportunities for children to interact between year groups and with other schools (cluster and SET)

In the next few weeks we shall share the school development plan summary for 2019-20 with you all with the hope that you will be able to identify how we plan to build on the success of the last two years, strengthen and stabilise our schools.

## **Governors Corner**

Thank you to everyone who responded to the recent consultation on changing the school age ranges. A full report of responses is available on the school website

- <https://rocklandsurlingham.org.uk>

Governors have taken the decision not to move ahead with changing year groups at this time, but will continue to work with Sunbeams to incorporate a pre-school offer at one of the schools. This is primarily so we can focus on preparing for Ofsted who will be visiting the schools later this year and in recognition of the concerns that people raised during the consultation.

## Pupil Premium and free school meals

**If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.**

### What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation.

It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

**We may be able to** get an extra £1,320 (for primary schools (figures are for the 2018/19 financial year) for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

- For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:
  - Additional educational provision through Teaching Assistant support
  - Educational resources
  - Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions such as COMPASS sessions.

### **Is my child eligible for free school meals?**

#### Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

### Universal infant free school meals

Currently, pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free schools meals and the pupil premium.

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.

### **Does my child have to eat the free school meals?**

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

**How do I register?**

Parents are required to complete a [Free School Meals Application Form](#) available from the school or direct from Children's Services. Parents are not required to provide evidence of the benefit they receive as checks will be made using data held by the Department for Work and Pensions, HM Revenue and Customs and the Home Office. Once agreed, children have a continuous entitlement to free school meals unless the family stops receiving a qualifying benefit. Parents are required to inform the school or Norfolk County Council of any changes but the team will also carry out regular checks and inform schools and parents of any cancelled claims.

From 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 there will be an online application service where you can check your entitlement.

[www.norfolk.gov.uk/neo](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/neo)

The Free School Meals Team can be contacted on 01603 222518 or by email at [admissions@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@norfolk.gov.uk) for further advice and guidance.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact Mrs Norris who is the designated lead for pupil premium.

**Please remember to bring healthy snacks to school**





Both schools will be collecting the Aldi Sports stickers.

Thank you



## NEW

Looking for the class round-up?

There is now a blog for each school on the website where you can see what your child's class is up to this week.

Surlingham:

<https://surlingham.rocklandsurlingham.org.uk/class-blog/>

Rockland;

<https://rocklands.rocklandsurlingham.org.uk/class-blogs/>

## SURLINGHAM AND ROCKLAND ST MARY PRIMARY SCHOOLS

# SCHOOL GAMES

We are delighted to announce that we, Surlingham and Rockland St Mary Primary Schools, have achieved the School Games Bronze Level Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in

2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

- Introduction of adventurous sports.
- Competing in a range of sporting experiences/competitions
- Creating a skill-based curriculum

With a total of young people competing in local inter-school

competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to:

- all the community clubs and parents suggestions for clubs
- parents for their continued support with trips
- staff for attending competitions
- the children for having and incredible sporting attitude

We look forward to applying once again in 2020!



**After School Activity Clubs**

**Surlingham Primary School:**

**Sports Club** – Monday – Sept to October - Tennis 3.15pm to 4.15pm

**AEM HAI Martial Arts** – Every Tuesday between 3:30pm-5.30pm. Rockland Pupils welcome.

**Engineering Club** – Every Thursday 3.20 to 4.20pm Oct to December

**Art and Craft Club** - Every Friday 3.15 to 4.15pm RSM pupils welcome enquiries to Surlingham office

**Pro Coach** – Multisport Friday . 3:15pm-4:15pm

**Rockland St Mary Primary School:**

**Gymnastics – Monday 3.15 to 4.15pm**

**AEM HAI Martial Arts** – Every Tuesday between 3:30pm-5.30pm. Held at Surlingham.

**Multisports** – Thursdays 3.15pm and 4.15pm

**Wanted.**

**Audio CD's Please**

**Dictionaries**

**Maple Class**

**Bricks, breeze blocks, flour and pasta**

**School Twitter:**

<https://twitter.com/RocklandSurlin1>

**Our Safeguarding Statement**

Each individual child's welfare is of paramount importance. Our Federation will establish and maintain an ethos where pupils feel secure, are encouraged to talk, are listened to and are safe. Children at both our schools in the Federation will be able to talk freely to any member of staff at either school if they are worried or concerned about something.

There is a copy of the safeguarding policy on the school websites.

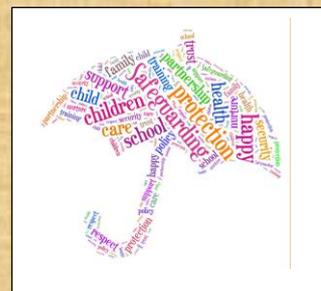
If you have any safeguarding concerns, please do speak to the Safeguarding designated professionals and these are:

Mrs Humphrey, Executive Head Teacher.

Mrs Bayliss, Senior Teacher, Surlingham Primary based.

Mrs Norris and Mrs Marsden, Senior Teacher, Rockland St Mary based

Thank you for working together with us towards this, and striving to ensure a safe environment for all members of our school communities.



**Attendance for both schools for (4/9/2019 to 10/9/2019)**



**Surlingham**

Chestnut: 100%  
 Hawthorn: 100%  
 Willow: 95.45%  
**School Total 98.47%**

**Rockland**

Maple: 96.19%  
 Oaks: 100%  
 Redwood: 94.44%  
**School Total 96.20%**

24<sup>th</sup> Jan 1907 – Sent boys to pond in playtime for sliding. Head Teacher Mrs Osborn