

Dear Parents,

Welcome back from the summer break. We trust that you have enjoyed the sunshine and found some time to get away or take a day trip (or two!) It is good to be back in school, to hear stories of people's summer and to meet all our new children. We extend a very warm welcome to the families of Willow, Alfie, Joshua, Finlay, Toby, Lydia, Mannix, Oran, Penny, Oliver, Laurence and Paul and also to Ms Fenning who has taken up the post of Year 5 and 6 teacher at Surlingham.

Last year you told us that it would be helpful if the first newsletter included a photograph and short description of each member of staff on site, their role and responsibilities. We have included this information in this letter. You can also 'meet the team' through the display in each school foyer.

- **Getting started**
- Over the next week your child should bring home -

• A copy of the class newsletter which will outline what they will be learning this term. Copies of these and class timetables will also appear on the class website pages.

• The Home School Agreement for Behaviour and Learning. We ask that you read through this, discuss it with your child and sign to say you agree to support us.

• A copy of the summary School Development Plan.

On the school website (by mid-September) you will also find copies of the plan for the spending of the Sports Premium Grant and the Pupil Premium Grant, plus the Homework Policy which was revised in July 2018.

The Norse catering page now displays the Autumn term Norse menus.

- **Getting involved**
- Over this term we plan to hold a number of informative sessions for parents which we hope you will attend and some to enjoy with your child. A calendar for all events between now and Christmas is attached. We would also like to hear from you if you would like to join our team of parent volunteers who come and hear readers, attend class trips and generally do various things to help us out. Please note - you will be required to complete safeguard training and undergo checks to ensure your suitability to work with children as per our safeguarding policy.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Surlingham

19th September 3.15pm Trust Meeting for parents with Kelly Stokes.

27th Sept - Harvest Lunch

16th October - Harvest Festival at the church.

5th Dec, Wed 2pm - EYFS Nativity

6th Dec at 6pm EYFS Nativity

11th December 2pm. Christmas Service at the church

Rockland St Mary

18th September 3.15pm Trust Meeting Church for parents with Kelly Stokes.

16th October - Harvest at the

5th Dec 6pm EYFS Nativity

6th Dec, Thur 2pm - EYFS Nativity.

11th December 10am - Christmas Service at the Church

FEDERATION

Dates for the Diary:

Swimming every Wednesday 1.30-2.30pm from 12th Sept year 3 and year 4

12th October Friday 2pm - parent Forum at RSM. Parents from both schools welcome.

19th October - Maths Café, straight after Sharing Assembly. Both schools

Week beginning 29th Oct - Parent Consultations Year 1-6. Separate letter with times to follow.

12th November Time and Tide trip Hawthorn and Birnam Oaks

Week beginning 19th November - Parent Consultations for EYFS children. Separate letter to follow.

Friday 30th November - Reading Café straight after assembly until playtime. All classes, both schools.

7th December - Talk for Write Open Morning 9-10 - come and look at your child's writing

12th December - Christmas Lunch

14th December - Circus Trip

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- Punctuality and attendance reminder -

It is very important for all children to arrive at school on time in the mornings to enable them to get the maximum time to learn and to start the day stress free. School gates open at 8.50am for children to go straight into the classroom. Learning starts at this point with children reviewing the feedback from yesterday's work or completion of short maths or English related tasks.

If your child is off sick please phone the office between 8.30 and 9am. Holidays are not to be taken in term time and will be passed over to the Penalty Team if 10 sessions or more are taken. We appreciate the difference in holiday costs but the children's learning will be affected as they will, inevitably, miss parts of the curriculum. Our attendance policy can be found on the school website and a copy of the statutory attendance letter is attached. Thank you for your co-operation

Uniform Reminder

Please make sure your child comes to school in the appropriate uniform.

Things to note:

- Long hair should be tied back
- Socks should be plain black, white or grey.
- All children should have shoes for PE, trainers for break time, and in early years, Wellington boots. Please do not send your child to school in trainers.
- PE kits should be at school all week and not just for days when your child has lessons, it is useful if clothes get dirty and on occasion, when we have extra PE.
- EVERYTHING NEEDS TO BE NAMED
- No Jewelry
- No nail varnish or hair dye.
- A coat/waterproof jacket should always come to school each day.

Surlingham School Council

Election Results:

Chair – Ed

Vice-Chair – Violet

Rec – Oliver

Yr 1 – Joshua

Yr 2 - Joe

Yr 3 – Henry C

Yr 4 – Barney

Yr 5 - Amber

Rockland St Mary
School Council to
follow in the Next
Newsletter

Current News from the classes at Surlingham

Chestnuts

Welcome back to Chestnut class! We have an exciting year ahead and have already warmly welcomed our new reception children into our school. This half term our topic is based on 'Famous People' to which we are focusing on Space to begin with. Thank you all for your kind congratulations for myself getting married in the summer. All the children across the school have done extremely well in calling me Mrs Barnes. So thank you again.



Mrs Barnes Chestnut Class Teacher, joined the staff in sept 2017. PE Lead

Welcome back to Hawthorns everyone! We've got a fun year of learning ahead of us in Hawthorn class. This term we will be learning all about the Romans. We will be finding out about Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius, which links really well with our science topic of Rocks. We'll also be constructing and exploding our own volcanoes! After half term we'll be finding out lots more about the Roman way of life and one of the most important Romans, Julius Caesar. We've already made a great start to the term and have written our class charter and created new dojo skills that we're working towards. We've also decided that if we fill our class pasta jar this term, we'll have a movie afternoon as our reward.



Mrs Bayliss Hawthorn Class Teacher, joined the staff in English and PSHE Lead

Willow -

My name is Ms Fenning and I am the class teacher for Willow (Y5/6). I joined the team this September and am very much looking forward to working with you all.



Ms Fenning Willow Class Teacher, joined the staff in Sept 2018

Current News from the classes at Rockland St Mary

Maple My name is Mrs Marsden and I am the teacher in Maple Class. I believe all children should enjoy an early education, filled with a variety of different experiences, which give them the opportunity to use their senses to explore, ask questions to investigate and be immersed in themes to learn new skills and imagine. In my spare time, I love spending time with my family, including my two children Ethan and Verity. Together, we go swimming, do gardening, go to concerts, read lots of stories and play lots of games! I look forwards to working with you and your child over this coming year



Mrs Marsden Maple Class Teacher, joined the staff in Jan 2014

Birnam Oaks



Mrs Norris - Y3/4 Class Teacher Monday & Tuesday, DSL, Maths Lead for Sapientia Education Trust - Wednesday. I am just starting my 13th year of teaching and feel like this will be my most exciting year yet! I have been at Rockland St Mary Primary since January 2018 and I really enjoy being part of such a lovely school. My favourite subject is maths as everyone knows! But I really do enjoy all aspects of the curriculum and I love that as part of my job I get to learn new things everyday. I am really looking forward to this coming year and to seeing all of the super learning that our pupils will be doing.



Mrs Burbage, Birnam Oaks joined the staff September 2017. Maths Lead

Redwood



Miss Forster, Redwood Class Teacher joined the staff in September 2016 ICT and Science Lead



Mrs Humphrey,
Executive Head
Teacher at
Surlingham And
Rockland St
Mary since Sept
2017 and Old
Buckenham
Primary School



Mrs Lane
Teaching
Assistant,
Nurture Lead
joined the staff
in Sept 2012
works across
both schools.



Mrs Lloyd, Higher
Level Teaching
Assistant, joined
the staff in April
2006. Works
across both
schools but
mainly in Willow
Class



Mrs Southerby,
Teaching
Assistant, joined
the staff in
November works
both in EYFS at
Surlingham and
Birnam Oaks in
Rockland



Mrs Carter,
Teaching
Assistant and
MSA, joined the
staff in July 2014,
mainly works in
Redwood
class



Miss Calvario,
teaching Assistant
joined the staff in
mainly in
Hawthorn Class ,
joined the staff in
June 2017



Mrs Karioki,
Teaching
Assistant,
joined the staff
in May 2018.
Works in
Chestnut class



Mrs Bell,
Teaching
Assistant in
Oaks and MSA,
joined the staff in
August 2014 as
Rockland St
Mary's Caretaker



Mrs Palmer,
teaching
Assistant and
MSA at Rockland
St Mary mainly
in Maple
class, joined the
staff in June 2017



Mrs Brown,
Secretary at
Rockland St
Mary, joined the
staff in June 2014



Mrs Wilson,
Secretarial
Assistant at
Surlingham since
March 2016,
joined the staff in
November 2004
as Admin
Assistant



Mrs Mason,
Teaching
Assistant in
EYFS and MSA
joined the
staff in Dec
2014



Mrs Wands,
Outdoor
Learning Lead
over both
schools, joined
the staff in April
2018. Also, MSA
at Surlingham



Mrs Spurgeon
part-time Class
Teacher in
Hawthorn Class,
currently on
maternity leave
until January



Mrs Avenal,
Sendco across
both schools,
joined the staff in
September 2017.



Mr Gildersleeve,
School Caretaker
and Cleaner at
both schools,
joined the staff in
September 2017



Mrs Stannard,
Norse School Cook
at Surlingham
since June 2018



Mrs Dye, Norse
School Cook at
Rockland St Mary
joined the staff in



Mrs Dolby,
Norse Kitchen
Assistant at
Surlingham,
joined the staff
in Sept 2013



Mrs Galter,
Norse Kitchen
Assistant at
Rockland St
Mary, joined
the staff in

ATTENDANCE

**A few minutes
won't affect their
chance to learn -
will it?**

But we're only 10 minutes late!

10 minutes once a week

More than one whole day in school each year

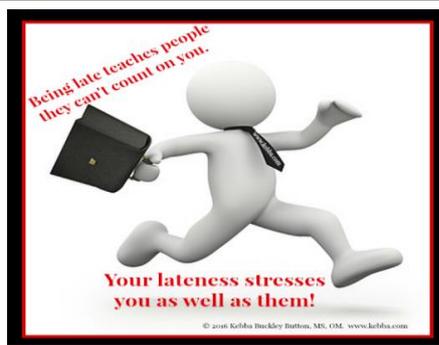
10 minutes twice a week

More than two and a half days in school each
year

10 minutes every day

More than one week and one day each year

That's nearly 14 weeks missed over your
child's school career



But we're only 5 minutes late!

5 minutes once a week

Over half a day in school each year

5 minutes twice a week

More than one day in school each year

5 minutes every day

Nearly 16 hours or 3 days at school
each year

That's nearly 7 weeks missed over your
child's school career

But we're only 20 minutes late!

20 minutes once a week

More than two and a half days each year

20 minutes twice a week

More than one whole week each year

20 minutes every day

More than two and a half weeks each year

After School Activity Clubs

Surlingham Primary School:

AEM HAI Martial Arts – Every Tuesday between 3:15pm-4:15pm

Science Club – Every Thursday 3.15 to 4.15pm up to half term

Art and Craft Club - Every Friday 3.15 to 4.15pm

Pro Coach – Monday KS2 and Friday KS1 3:15pm-4:15pm

Rockland St Mary Primary School:

Hip Hop Dance Club – Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm MMR

AEM HAI Martial Arts – Every Tuesday between 3:15pm-4:15pm

Multi Sports- Thursdays 3.15 to 4.15pm

Cookery Club – Selected pupils

Wanted.

Chestnuts require junk modelling items.

Christmas Craft materials.

Pea Gravel

The Updated Privacy policy is now available on the Website and the school parent board

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 (6/9/2018 to 13/9/2018)



Surlingham

Rockland

Chestnut:	96.41%	Maple:	94.59%
Hawthorn:	98.99%	Oaks:	96.67%
Willow:	98.99%	Redwood:	93.33%
School Total	98.14%	School Total	94.72%

November 1st 1877 Numbers rather small this week in consequence of children being away gathering acorns. Head Teacher. Hannah Barker (Acorns were used as Pig Feed and can also be roasted, once the tannins have been removed, and ground into flour)