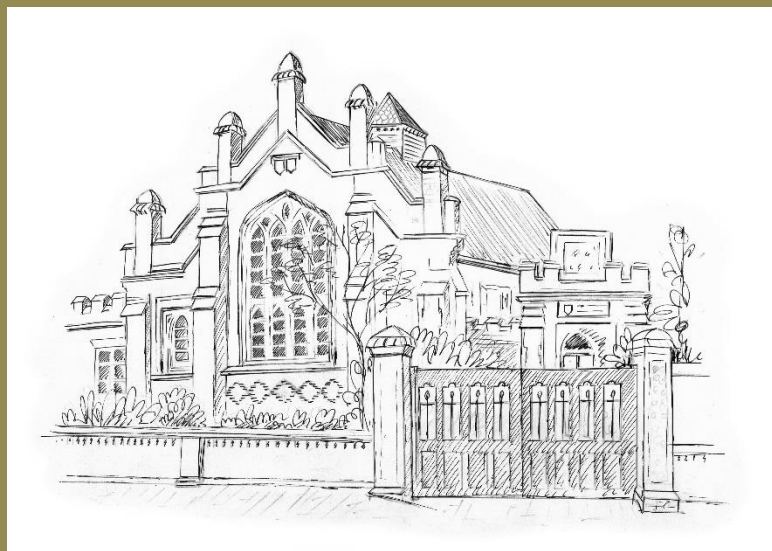




School Newsletter



School sketch for soon to released school anniversary Tea Towel

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End of Year events

The school calendar is packed with end-of-year events for both children and parents to enjoy. Next week, we have our Sports Week. This will include some sporting based assemblies, alongside sporting activities for the children to take part in. Hope fully my letter about Sports Day itself (next Friday) has explained how that will work this year. I'd like to clarify a couple of points about that day. Firstly, registration and walking down to the site. We would like all children Year 1 and above to be registered in school before we leave. We do have a legal need to know exactly who is in school each day, even if we are off site. For Reception age children you have the choice of walking down with all the other children or driving down and being registered there. If you are planning to walk down, parents supporting this by walking down with the children will be very helpful. If you are driving down, then you can meet me at the site and I will register the children there. If you have older children please drop them at school first and then head down. It would be ideal if all parents were there and in place for about 9.30am, so that events can start promptly. It will be essential that you know the race group letter for your children (A, B, C, D or E) so please ensure you know this prior to the event. It is on the final sheet of the letter I sent out recently.

We also have the school 180th anniversary on the 1st July to look forward to. I'd like to make a final plea for parents to volunteer on the Friends of Feoffment sign-up sheet. They just need some more help for the afternoon sessions.

We also have our two school plays to enjoy in the next few weeks. The Year 4s performance dates have slightly changes and are now on the 4th and 6th July (3.45pm on the 4th and 6pm on the 6th). Tickets for both are now on sale.

Office update

Please update the office with any changes of address or other contact details. It is vital that we have the means of contacting parents in the event of emergencies.

School reports

The school reports will be sent out to you on the 6th July.

Anniversary Tea Towel

The Friends of Feoffment will soon start taking orders for a school anniversary tea towel. It will feature the picture shared in this newsletter (drawn by the talented Mrs Rinaldi) and accompanied by the children's mini portraits.

Orders will be for delivery next term.

Next Year's classes

Details of your child's class for next year will be sent to you during the week of the 10th July, before the class will meet for the transition day on the 17th July.

Staff have been working very hard, over the last month or so, to try to get the classes thoughtfully put together for next year. We have been considering both existing friendships, new possible friendships, an even split of gender, ability, behaviour alongside issues raised during the year and a number of other considerations. It has been a long process, but one that should lead to successful classes for next year. Due to the complexity of setting these and the knock-on implications of switching children, these classes will not be subject to change. We have listened to parental requests during this process and incorporated these (where appropriate) in the creation of these classes.

RSE Policy Consultation

I'd like to remind you about the current consultation regarding the school's RSE policy. Papers about this were sent out with the last newsletter.

If you do have any feedback regarding this policy or simply want to discuss how the work is delivered then please email me on head@guildhalleoffment.suffolk.sch.uk at any time. What is taught and how is ultimately a decision for the school and consultation does not provide a parental veto on curriculum content as schools are legally required to teach the National Curriculum. The right to withdraw children from Sex Education lessons is explained in the draft Policy which accompanies this newsletter.

Class Photos update

We are aware that there have been some queries about the delivery option for the class photos this year. The only option for delivery last year was for direct home delivery (due to Covid), and this has remained on our system with Kiddle. We have spoken to them about the possibility of resuming the option of free school delivery and they will do this up to the 7th July. They should have now changed this on their website, so please use this option if you prefer.

Rounders and Cricket Competitions

A huge well done to the school's Year 5/6 Rounders and Cricket teams for taking part in the inter-school competitions over the past couple of weeks. All the children represented the school admirably and played with great sportsmanship and enthusiasm.

House Points Trophy

We must congratulate the Emeralds house for winning the final week's House point trophy for last half term. All houses have two trophies each so far this term.



Parent Governor Post

Please be aware that we have a position available for a Parent Governor at the school. The closing date for applications for this important role is 26th June. If you would like to find out more about this post then please come and speak to the school office.

Music provision update

We have been talking to Suffolk Music Service about the variety of requests made by parents for private instrument tuition next year. They have looked at the availability of their staff, and considered the age of the pupils requesting tuition and the Year 4s who will be learning an instrument anyway. They are clear that some instruments are not suitable for younger age groups to learn and they also feel that children in Year 4 should focus on their main instrument rather than add a second instrument. Sign-up has a commitment of a whole year, although payments can be made in two installments (September and January). Therefore, their offer for parents for next year is as follows:

- Year 3 Guitar – group of 4 @ £119 per year per child
- Year 5/6 Guitar – group of 4 @ £119 per year per child
- Year 3 Piano – group of 4 @ £119 per year per child
- Year 5/6 Piano – group of 4 @ £119 per year per child
- Year 5/6 Flute – group of 2 @ £238 per year per child

Booking details for this will be released soon.

First School Council

The newly established school council have started meeting, and have been focusing their attention on matters raised by the children in their pupil questionnaire about how they feel safe in school. We discussed a range of topics from swimming safety, to school equipment and crowded playgrounds. We have also explored their feelings about site security. I have been conscious since starting here that the low level fence around the front of the playground presents a potential weak spot in our site security, and I have raised this with the school governors. To improve this for next year, we are looking into fitting some additional fencing to the existing fence to add a few feet of height. This should improve the overall site security and help pupils feel safer during the school day.

Summer Reading Challenge

We've been having lots of reading assemblies lately allowing children and staff to celebrate books that they are currently enjoying. The Suffolk Library service have just released details of their Summer Reading Challenge, please see the flier opposite for details.

Upcoming diary dates

26 JUN, MON	● 3:15 – 4pm ● 3:30 – 4:30pm	Benjamin Britten Choir Hall Year 3-6 Basketball Club (Clarke Coaching)
27 JUN, TUE	● 9:30 – 11:30am	Yr 4 Violin Lessons
28 JUN, WED	● 3:15 – 4:15pm	Lego club Year 3/4
29 JUN, THU	● 11am – 12pm ● 3:30 – 5:30pm	Jankyn Smyth service Gymnastics Club Yr 1&2 3.30-4.15/Yr 3,4,5&6 4.30-5.30
30 JUN, FRI	● All day	Sports Day
1 JUL, SAT	● 12 – 4pm	180th celebration
3 JUL, MON	● 3:15 – 4pm ● 3:30 – 4:30pm	Benjamin Britten Choir Hall Year 3-6 Basketball Club (Clarke Coaching)



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