News this week:

Y2 HOW HILL RESIDENTIAL

Day 1

After an exciting goodbye we travelled to How Hill. When we arrived, the children went up to their bedrooms to unpack and then we had lunch. Our first activity was observing how the dry and wetlands were different. First the children had to identify different species of trees through observing their leaf, method of seed dispersal and the seed itself. We talked about which animals we would find in the woods and how we could identify their habitats. We then went on a walk along the wetlands where we saw lots of beautiful dragon flies and damselflies. Later on in the afternoon, we had a go at dyke dipping. Amongst the day's catch was a dragonfly nymph, a water snail, a baby newt, and a water spider. The children had so much fun! We then went back to the house and learnt how to weave. After a fish and chips dinner, we had a story and it was time for bed.

Day 2

We started the morning creating clay animal sculptures using natural resources such as pine cones and acorns. After, we went on a boat trip to Barton Broad for a spot of birdwatching. On the way there, we sighted a huge Marsh Harrier soaring over the marshes. We learnt all about how broads were formed by people digging for peat centuries ago. Later on in the morning, we had a go at thatching reeds in small teams where we were judged on teamwork, quality of thatching and water proofing. In the afternoon, we walked down to the Wherry and learnt about who it belonged to. After that we got to look around Toad Hole Cottage which is where the local marsh man and his family used to live in the 1840s. Later in the afternoon, we then played a game of Hawks and Blackbirds. This was based on food chains and was great because we had lots of fun while learning important facts. We had a pizza and salad for dinner, finished off our weaving, had a story and went to bed.

Day 3

We started the day creating some woodland art in small groups using branches, leaves and twigs. Some children made a marsh harrier, a creepy campfire, a waterfall and a dragonfly. Later in the morning the children went orienteering in pairs. They had to follow the map to find different letters. It was a tiring activity!

After lunch, we tidied the house, packed our bags and got back on the coach. Everyone had such a fantastic three days and the children were so excited to tell their parents all about it! Written by Mrs Lenton.

Thank you to all of our staff who volunteered their time to accompany the children on the residential to How Hill, without their support, such visits could not take place. It is lovely to hear that the children all had a great time.

SPONSORED RUN AT THE NEST

On Wednesday all of our children got the chance to run around the field of The Nest as part of our Nebula sponsored run event. The children were a credit to our school, walking, jogging or running around the course either 1, 3 or 5 times! We were lucky with the weather during the morning as it was slightly overcast making for optimum running conditions. The sun came out during the afternoon but it didn't stop the children giving it their all. We would be grateful if sponsor money could be brought into school by Wednesday 18th July. Thank you

TRANSITION DAYS

It was lovely to welcome our new teachers on Monday and Tuesday for our transition days. The children made a good first impression meeting their new teacher and finding out who will be in their class in September. We are all looking forward to seeing everyone again when we start back in the autumn term.

MUSIC CONCERT

The summer music concert took place at our Mill Lane site on Wednesday. We heard children play piano, keyboard and percussion and also had a preview of some of the songs that the singing club will be singing at the summer party next week. It was clear that the children all enjoyed making music and taking part in the concert and it was good to see how much progress they are making. We were very pleased to see some children from Holt Road taking part so confidently. Thanks must go to Mrs. Sadler for giving up her time to come into school to support the children in the concert. We look forward to hearing the children again at the Christmas concert.

FRENCH MARKET

Year 5 were invited to attend a French market on Thursday at Hellesdon High School. The market, which is run by GCSE students, transported the children to a busy Parisian street (the hall) and allowed them to experience a taste of modern day France. The children practised their counting, saying the colours, the names of animals and even how to take penalties! Most importantly, they got to taste some gorgeous French food including crepes with Nutella, pain au chocolat and of course some Camembert.

Congratulations......

Well done to the following children for being awarded a celebration certificate this week:

Week beg: 9th July 2018

Luke Owen, Emmi Didwell, Douglas Crampton, Rebecca Barrett, Cameron Bish, Sophie Feltham, Ethan Wood, Tyrus Harper, Logan Brown, Max Tucker, Seb Twist and Rose Greengrass.

Diary Dates

Monday 16th July

Y2/6 transition sessions with Rev Margaret

Parents' evening at Mill Lane & for Tabby McTat class

Tuesday 17th July

10am - Y6 Leavers' Church service - parents invited

1.15pm & 6pm - Y6 Performance

Parents' evening at Holt Road

Wednesday 18th July

Whole school end of year leavers' assembly

Parents' evening at Mill Lane & for Tabby McTat class

Thursday 19th July

10am & 2pm - Y2 Performance

Parents' evening at Holt Road

Friday 20th July

9.30am - Y6 Leavers' award ceremony - parents invited

3.30pm - Choir charity event at Mill Lane - all welcome

Monday 23rd July

Blickling "house" visit

5.30pm - Y6 bowling trip

Tuesday 24th July

Last day of school

Wednesday 25th July

SUMMER HOLIDAYS START

Wednesday 5th September

Assertive mentoring day

Thursday 6th September

School starts back

YEAR 6 REMINDERS:

Tuesday 17th July

Church Leavers' Service – 10am at Horsford Church. Any parents willing to walk with us please meet at Mill Lane at 9.15am or meet us there at 10am.

Wind in the Willows performances – 1.15pm & 6pm

The play will be about 2 hours long. At the evening performance we will be serving refreshments at the interval and there will be an ice cream van on the playground.

Friday 20th July

Leavers' Award Ceremony – 9.30am – Parents invited to watch the children receive their leavers' medals and awards.

ATTENDANCE WINNERS:		
Position	Class	Attendance % this week
1 st	Zog	97.63
2 nd	56A	96.2
3 rd	56B	96.07
4 th	34C	95.59
5 th	34P	95.26
6 th	Tabby McTat	94.51
7 th	56S	94.47
8 th	34G	94.05
9 th	Cheshire Cat	91.8
10 th	White Rabbit	87.2
11 th	Stickman	87.17

Club Noticeboard All clubs run until 4pm at Holt Road and 4.20pm at Mill Lane			
Day	Holt Road	Mill Lane	
Monday			
Tuesday	Athletics Mindfulness – cancelled	Expressive Arts – last one Singing – until 5.30pm	
Wednesday			
Thursday	Animation (lunch)	Street Dance – last one	
Friday			

Collective Worship

Our value this half term is Compassion.

In Open the Book today we heard about the time when Jesus was visiting Simon, who was a religious leader. Simon had invited lots of his friends who he thought were important. A woman, who had not done what she should in the past, heard that Jesus was around and ended up in Simon's house. The woman had collected perfumed oil. At that time, it was the custom for the owner of a house to wash the feet of any guests. Simon had not done that. The woman knelt by Jesus's feet and started to cry. She washed his feet with her tears and then dried them with her hair. After that she used the expensive perfumed oil that she had collected and rubbed some of it into Jesus's feet. Jesus told her to go in peace and that her sins had been forgiven. Simon was annoyed that Jesus spent time with her but Jesus told him that people who had done wrong needed to be forgiven. One of the things that we can learn from this story is that it is important to show people











