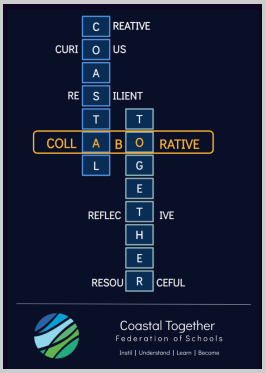
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Another busy week ..... Inspiring Creative Learners

Welcome back to the New Year

A very Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful break. I am sure, like many people, you are now feeling good to back into slightly more of a routine again! The children have settled back into school really well and loved talking about all the exciting things they have been up to over the holiday, and are loving the start of their new topics. Further details of these will be included in next week's news sheet.

Reminder:

Please can you ensure that your child always brings warm layers to school as they will be outside every day, unless it is extremely wet weather. This should always include a suitable coat, and gloves/hat when appropriate. On PE days the children are able to wear plain tracksuits during the colder months.

Support for Parents:

At the end of last term, we informed you of Kayleigh Kingman's new role as our Safeguarding Practitioner. She will be working across both Freethorpe and Cantley Primary Schools to support families. As part of her role, you may see her at the school gate. Her job involves lots of different aspects of support which will include: working with children in school offering Social, Emotional and Mental Health support; talking with some parents about attendance; working directly with families and other agencies to get the required support in place to ensure our children are able to truly flourish.

As well as having Miss Kingman in school there are also other way you can find advice and support:

- The NHS https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/ website
- Family Hubs - these are places that bring together lots of services available to families in Norfolk. This could include information about: parenting; pregnancy; money and work; learning; days out and activities and lots more. You can access their websites using the following links:
  www.norfolk.ov.uk/familyhubs
  www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/family-hubs

This week has seen some very cold weather and often at this time of year there are inevitably more coughs and colds appearing. We know that it is not always easy to know whether or not to send your child into school. Please see the link below from the UK Health Security Agency, which gives some guidance on some of the most common questions parents have.
[Guidance on when to send children to school]

Thank you for working with us to improve school attendance. This year our whole school attendance is currently 95%, this is a 2% increase from last academic year.
Our term dates for 2024/25 are included at the end of this news sheet.



Clubs:
The following clubs are running at school this half term - please contact the office to enquire about places:
Monday 3:30 - 4:30 Hockey
Thursday 3:30 - 4:30 KS2 Art Club
Friday 3:30 - 4:30 Dance Club

Dates for the Diary

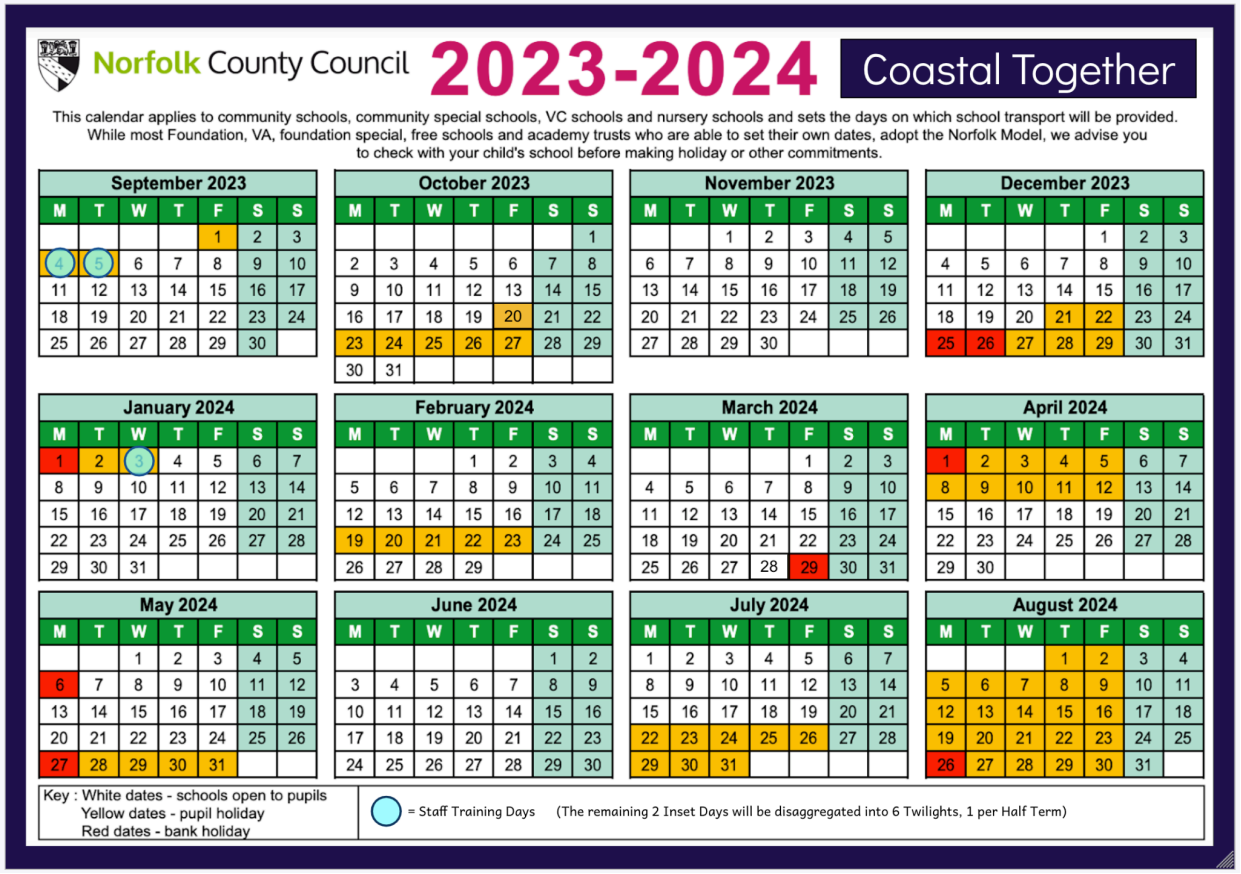
Date	Time	Event
15th & 17th January	3:40-6:30	Rearranged dates for Madagascar parents evening
29th, 30th,31st January	8:45 - 10	Preschool craft workshops

7th-9th February	All day	Year 4 Hilltop trip
Wednesday 7th February	8:45	Mental Health and Wellbeing coffee morning
16th February	All day	Friends of Freethorpe Non-school uniform day
28th March	All day	Friends of Freethorpe Non-school uniform day
3rd June	All day	Friends of Freethorpe Non-school uniform day

Attendance/Safeguarding

Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%

Current updated Freethorpe Primary School attendance= 95%





All in-term holiday requests will be classed as unauthorised absences. This will likely result in a fixed penalty notice being issued from Norfolk County Council.

In Norfolk, penalty notices are issued in accordance with the Norfolk Local Protocol. In all cases a penalty notice can only be issued if the pupil has accrued at least 9 sessions (4.5 school days) of unauthorised absence within the

previous 6 school weeks. This would result in a fine of £60 per child per parent ie; for a family with 2 children this would total £240. This leaflet has more information about fixed penalty notices. Fixed Penalty Notices