

NEWSLETTER 6 02.12.20

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of 'Lockdown 2', it is good to stop for a moment and reflect on the positive things happening within the federation. The Remembrance displays created by the children was a wonderful way to reflect and honour this important day when the usual events could not take place. The 'Children in Need' collection was well supported by parents and I would like to say thank you for your generosity which helped towards this good cause. Parents' evenings were held, in a different way to usual, giving parents and teachers an opportunity to connect and talk about each child's development. I have been very impressed by the hard work and commitment shown by the children in these challenging times and want to say a big thank you to staff as well as parents/carers for the support and encouragement you have given to ensure we are achieving together, even with the restrictions that have been imposed upon us.

Stranger Danger

Some parents have reported an incident of a man in Banham in a white van approaching children with suggestions of getting into the van. Children have been reminded of 'stranger danger' in school, but please remind your children at home as well.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed you may be eligible for Free School meals (this is different from the universal free school meals that all children in years R, 1 & 2 are entitled to). You can check if you're eligible for this by using this link <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk> or contact the school office for a paper copy.

Families in hardship and Needing Wider Support

There is support available for families who are facing hardship and need support. Details of how you can access support are available at: www.norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus or by calling 0344 800 8020

Anyone experiencing hardship can also receive support through Norfolk Assistance Scheme. The easiest way to get in touch is to visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/NAS or by calling 01603 223392 (option 5). If the line is busy, a message can be left and a member of the team will call you back.

Christmas Jumper Day

We will be taking part in the Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children on Friday 11th December. Please don't feel the need to purchase a jumper specifically for this event – any jumper will do.

School Lunch Orders

Please would parents/carers check that dinners have been ordered as required via the parent app.

Gifts for Staff

We have had some queries about gifts for staff for Christmas and we understand some parents like to give presents at this time of year and staff are grateful for the generosity, however we have decided, that due to the restrictions in place this year, we will not be in a position to accept any gifts. Thank you for your continued understanding.

First Admission to School for September 2021

Children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 are due to start school in Reception in the school year starting September 2021. Parents need to make application, even if their child currently attends a nursery class at the same school. The easiest way for parents to apply is on-line at www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk or they can request an application form from our Customer Services Centre on 0344 800 8020.

Term Dates for this Year 2020/21

Fri 18 Dec	Last Day of Term
Mon 21 Dec – Friday 1 Jan	Christmas Holiday
Mon 4 Jan	Children Back to School
Fri 12 Feb	Last Day of Half Term
Mon 15 – Fri 19 Feb	Half Term Holiday
Mon 22 Feb	Children Back to School
Fri 26 Mar	Last Day of Term
Mon 29 Mar – Fri 9 Apr	Easter Holiday
Mon 12 Apr	Children Back to School
Mon 3 May	Bank Holiday
Fri 28 May	Last Day of Half Term
Mon 31 May – Fri 4 Jun	Half Term Holiday
Wed 21 Jul	Last Day of Term

Parent Teacher Associations

HSA – All Saints

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FRIENDS – Hapton

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FOSTA – St. Andrew's

The next raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 16th December at £1 a ticket. We are changing how tickets are purchased and these will now be available to buy from the member of staff on the gate. You will be able to put your money in a pot (you must have correct money) and will be given a verbal ticket number with the information retained by the school and passed to FOSTA. Tickets can be purchased from Thursday 3rd December and the last time to buy raffle tickets will be Monday 14th December at 3.20pm.

AWARDS

<i>Good Work – Discovery:</i>	Arthur & Austin
<i>Good Citizen – Discovery:</i>	Grace & Willow
<i>Good Work – Victory:</i>	Walter & Joshua
<i>Good Citizen – Victory:</i>	Alfie & Polly
<i>Good Work – Endeavour:</i>	Ella & Albert
<i>Good Citizen – Endeavour:</i>	Oscar & Riley