

# NEWSLETTER 10 10.02.21

## ACHIEVING TOGETHER

### **Dear Parents & Carers**

Once again, thank you for all the hard work you are doing at home and keeping the support going for your children during this difficult time. Staff are reporting high levels of engagement with their Teams meetings and we are seeing some fantastic examples of work on Seesaw. Please remember to have some down time and enjoy doing something at home that is away from the screen as well.

### **Return to School**

As I am sure you have all seen, the government has announced that children will not be returning to school until at least the 8<sup>th</sup> March. As soon as we know more, we will let you know.

### **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 to which all children in years R, 1 & 2 are entitled). 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 your school office for a paper copy.

### **Half Term**

No work will be set for the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> February as it is February Half Term. Schools will be closed to all pupils.

### **World Book Day**

This year, World Book Day is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March and in Lockdown, but don't worry we can still celebrate! Children will be getting a variety of activities through Seesaw from their class teacher on the day, replacing some of the usual work normally set. One of the activities will be an online class story with the teacher and support staff and we are encouraging the children to dress up as any character they like for this occasion, to get into the spirit of the day. If your child is in school, they can come dressed up. It is going to be very different from previous years, but one where we can still have lots of fun. Thank you to everyone for your help and support in making days like this such an exciting and invaluable learning experience for the children.

Mrs Pharoah

### **Looking After Your Child's Mental Wellbeing During Lockdown**

We understand that we are all living in very challenging times at the moment. Your child may be experiencing a variety of emotions in response to the coronavirus (COVID 19) outbreak; such as anxiety, stress or low mood. Parents and carers may be looking for activities to try at home with their children. By clicking on the link below, you can see a list of recommended resources for families from trusted organisations. [www.place2be.org.uk](http://www.place2be.org.uk)

### **Five Ways to Wellbeing Activity Sheet**

Attached to this newsletter is an activity sheet of challenges to undertake that have been designed to help your child feel better and find ways of managing their own mental wellbeing.

Norfolk County Council have set up a site called 'Norfolk Feel Good Fun' at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/what-we-do-and-how-we-work/campaigns/norfolk-feel-good-fun](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/what-we-do-and-how-we-work/campaigns/norfolk-feel-good-fun) which has ideas for parents and to keep children busy and having fun during lockdown.

### **Families in Hardship and Needing Wider Support Including Technical Support**

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

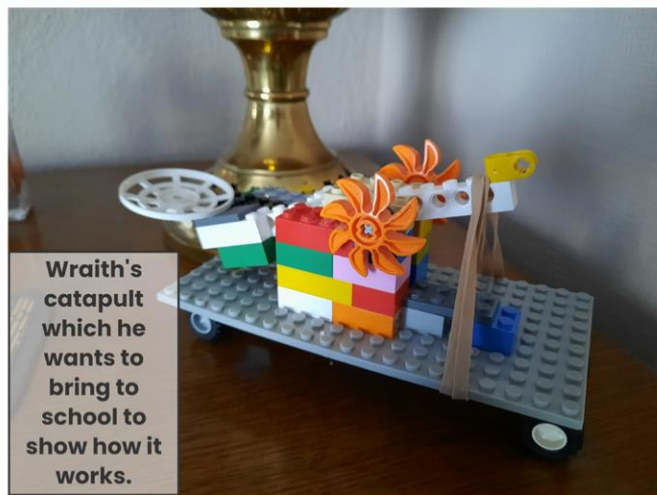
Anyone experiencing hardship – and this includes gaining access to laptops – can also receive support through the Norfolk Assistance Scheme. The easiest way to get in touch is to visit [www.norfolk.gov.uk/NAS](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/NAS) or by calling 01603 223392 (option 5). If the line is busy,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



Summer – All Saints



Joshua – St. Andrew's



Wraith's catapult which he wants to bring to school to show how it works.

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