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FEDERATION NEWS Friday 16th October 2020

The term feels like it is flying by! We've a lot of very tired children (and staff!) as we approach half-term! I would just like to thank you all for supporting the school and the community by following our guidelines, using the one-way systems and keeping children off and testing if there was a suspicion of COVID-19. We all need to take responsibility to protect each other. Please can I ask that you also maintain social distancing at drop-off and collection. I appreciate this can sometimes be a challenge, and we as a school need to ensure children are out on time as well (delays can sometimes not be anticipated when we are getting 30 children out of the class door).

PARENTS EVENING

We are going to try Parent Evenings by phone calls or zoom next week. I apologise in advance! Staff are getting zoom meetings organised, and testing in school, but sometimes technology doesn't do what we want. We will be trying our very best to ensure the meetings go as smoothly as possible. For zoom meetings, you will go into a waiting room, and will be admitted by the teacher at your allotted time. Please be patient if there are problems.

I am anticipating that Parents Evenings in February will also be held in this way, so we will be learning how to improve things next week for next time as well.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES / CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

I feel that class assemblies are an important area for children to shine, and build their confidence in speaking in front of an audience. We will continue class assemblies this year, with the class performing to the other class in their bubble. I will video these assemblies, and place them on a private YouTube channel so that the parents of that class are able to download the video. **This must be for private use only. If I find out that they are being placed on social media I will have to stop distributing the recordings.** My aim is to also do the same thing for Christmas Productions. I appreciate that you will not be able to see the performances in person, but it will give the children the experience of the Christmas performances, and keep some sort of normality going.

Many thanks for your support during these strange and challenging times.

Richard

INFANT SITE READING BOOKS

We are still missing lots of reading books which were sent home with children before lockdown. Please could you all have look at home and if you have any please return to either school, thank you

NATIONAL FLU IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME

On Monday 30th November all Infant & Junior School will be able to take part in the National Flu Immunisation programme. The link has been sent out via class dojo please consent to this before 22nd November. If you do not consent, your child will not be able to receive the vaccine.

5/6CA NEWS

5/6Ca have settled back well into life in the classroom and are rediscovering a range of skills alongside learning some new ones too! Recently we have been applying our maths skills to further develop an understanding of measure and shape and linking this to solving a range of complex area and perimeter problems. In English, based on the book 'Oranges in No Man's Land', we have started a new writing task in which we are telling the story of an individual's life experiences within a war torn country. We are continuing our forces investigations in science and are building up the skills to conduct enquiries and fair tests. We have also started an art project within our Maya topic and are currently making masks based on our own designs. We are looking forward to decorating and finishing these as the week goes on!



HIGH SCHOOL 2021

Just a reminder for Year 6 that High School Preference for September 2021 need to be with the Admissions Department at County Hall by the 31st October in order for a place to be allocated. Please contact www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk or 0344 800 8020 if you need more information.

CLASS PHOTOS

If you would like to purchase any Infant site class photos through the school please return these to the office by Tuesday 20th October.

<p>WAVENEY GYMNASTICS CLUB Some of you may be aware that the club is one of the highest ranked in the county for its Inclusive gymnastics programme. The programme includes gymnastics, trampolining, one to one sessions, ladies fitness class, chair based exercise and Love2Move a dementia and Alzheimer's programme. We currently have availability in some of our inclusive after-school sessions. If you know of a friend or family member who may have a disabled child or a child with a medical condition, sight or hearing impairment who may benefit from a smaller group sessions, then we may have the right class for them. The sessions are smaller classes, so we are able to meet the individual needs of children better, it helps with social interactions and character building. These sessions also can lead to different pathways including Special Olympics and British Gymnastics competitions (when covid-19 allows these opportunities!), these can be county, regional, national or international events. Please feel free to pass this information onto someone you may know who may be interested in any of the above classes or who would just like to receive more information. My contact details are ellen@waveneygymnastics.org or 01502 501419</p>	<p>MUSIC LESSONS After Half-term Mrs Cork will be returning to start music lessons on a Wednesday afternoon and if you previously had music lessons with her she will contact you direct. She will have space for some new pupils if anyone is interested. She teaches recorder, flute, clarinet and sax. Lessons are £10 for a 20 minute 1:1 class. If you would be interested for your child to learn a musical instrument with Mrs Cork please contact her direct on charlotte@cecorkmusic.com Charlotte is able to advise on hire or purchase of instruments so please contact her with any questions you may have. Also you can visit her website www.cecorkmusic.com</p>
<p>PARENTS EVENINGS These will take place across the Federation next week via zoom and telephone call or written report. You should by now have received your telephone and zoom appointment times., each appointment is 8 minutes. If you have not yet requested or received a time please contact your child's class teacher to set one up.</p>	<p>SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT Please can you ensure that children do not play on the school equipment before and after school. The equipment is organised so that certain classes use it on certain days, knowing that it is clean and there is no cross-contamination with other classes. (This is done to protect the school and community as much as possible so that if / when there is a positive test, it has as little impact as possible across the school and community)</p>
<p>WINTER Please can you ensure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing for the weather. A jumper/cardigan and coat should be brought into school every day. Thank you.</p>	<p>HALF-TERM Both schools will be closed from Monday 26th to Friday 30th October for Half-Term. We are all back in school on Monday 2nd November. The cut off for school lunch orders will be midnight on Thursday 29th October for the following week.</p> <p>FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER Friday 23rd October will be non-uniform, donations for St Martins Charity in Norwich for the Homeless, as suggested by Ramona in Year 4 rather than a Harvest Festival.</p> 