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It has been wonderful to have everyone back in school this half term. Everyone has adapted to the new school routines really well. We hope you all have a wonderful half-term break, we will welcome you back on Monday 2nd November.

Goodbye

Unfortunately after half term we say goodbye to Miss Caseley. We wish to Thank Miss Caseley for her contribution to the school and wish her every success in the future. Miss Caseley's last day in school will be Wednesday 4th November.

Thank You

Thank you to our wonderful PTA for their generous donation allowing the younger children to have a water tray.

Christmas Craft

Our amazing PTA are going to donate the materials for children to be able to make a 2021 calendar during December that they will be able to bring home and share.

Christmas Themed Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 11th December children will be invited to attend in non-uniform (with a Christmas theme) donations of £1 to be made to the PTA. All children will be entered into a raffle with a prize for each bubble. All children will also receive a treat courtesy of the PTA.

Christian Value

Our Christian value next half term will be perseverance.

Personal Belongings

Please can we ask that all belongings and uniform have your child's name in them.

Norfolk Libraries

Norfolk libraries are hosting a poetry event on:

Saturday 7 November 11.00-12.00 via Zoom: National poetry day ambassador Simon Mole is coming to help your imaginations take flight . . .

Build skills and confidence through games and activities before being supported to write your own poem! The workshop (funded by Arts Council England) includes Simon's performance of his debut picture book KITES: a moving poetic story about friendship and belonging.

What would you make a kite out of if the only limits were your imagination? Will it fly above Norwich or Namibia? Most important of all, how will people know your kite is yours?

Suitable for children aged 4-8 years with parent/carer support; to book your child's place, email:

libraries.icconnect@norfolk.gov.uk with the header KITES.

Emergency School closure – Arrangements

Obviously we are at that time of year when the weather can be very unpredictable, therefore I would like to advise our new parents and remind you of the procedures if it is necessary to close the school due to bad weather. Please log on to the Norfolk County Council website below or listen to local radio stations such as KL.FM (96.7) or Radio Norfolk.

If the weather is bad please:



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- Listen to your local radio stations (BBC Radio Norfolk, KLFM) where updated lists of schools closing will be read at regular intervals.
- Check Norfolk County Council's website www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk and select 'Emergency Schools Closures' from the list on the right for a regularly updated list of closed schools.
- We will endeavor to notify parents via our parent text message service (please ensure your contact telephone numbers are up to date). Norfolk County Council now offers the option for you to sign up to received alerts by text message or email whenever school is closed. To sign up for alerts or find out more, visit: www.norfolk.gov.uk/disruptions

Guidelines we follow:

- Should it be necessary to close the school during the day the school will telephone or text parents (please ensure that we have your correct contact numbers, it is your responsibility to update your numbers should they change).
- Parents are asked not to phone school if they think the school may be closing as this prevents us phoning them.
- If we are unable to contact parents we will keep the child at school until normal time.
- If there are serious weather problems- floods, storms or snow, Mrs Gardener will inform Norfolk County Council and local radio stations of the decision.

Please remember that as all our staff live some distance from the school there may be no staff on site if the school is closed due to snow. **As you will appreciate, we do need several members of staff on site before we can safely open the school.**

Dates for the diary

Monday 2nd November – Return to School

Thursday 5th November – Bonfire Lunch

Friday 20th November – Flu Immunisations Reception-Year 6

Friday 11th December – Christmas themed non uniform day with raffle and a sweet treat - £1 Donation to the PTA

Thursday 17th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch for Pupils and Staff Only – More details to follow

Friday 18th December – Last Day of Term – **School Closes 12 noon**

Monday 4th January – Return to School

Friday 11th February – Last day of Term

Monday 22nd February – Return to School