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Flitcham Church of England Primary Academy

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17th December 2021

We wish to thank you all for your understanding with our cautious approach and the changes made to the events this half term. We feel that the children have still been able to enjoy Festive fun whilst keeping our school community safe. We would like to thank all our children and staff for their efforts producing a Christmas nativity and carols video, which we hope you enjoy via the following links, using password

We say a fond Farewell to Mrs Berry and Miss Smith and thank them both for their long service to the school, whilst wishing them Good Luck with their new ventures. As you know after the Christmas holidays we welcome Mrs Waterfield to the Nursery and Reception Class on a Thursday and Friday and we are pleased to announce, after a full recruitment process, we have appointed Mrs Mears as Teaching Assistant in Mrs Brice's class. We would also like to say a huge thank you and goodbye to Lady Howard, who is leaving our school governing body, after 30 years as a school governor. We welcome Claire Bunton as our new trust appointed governor.

Return to School

The trust has asked that parents of primary school pupils test their child the day before the start of the Spring term. Testing for primary pupils is not mandatory however to reduce the risk of transmission of what is a highly infectious variant of Covid, (and possible closure of a setting) this is the reason why the Trust are putting this measure in place.

Christian Value

Our Christian value for next half term is Courage.

PTA

Once again we thank our wonderful PTA for all their fundraising efforts which have allowed us to buy new equipment for school including reading books, maths resources, bouncy hoppers and items to refresh the outside area for Early Years.

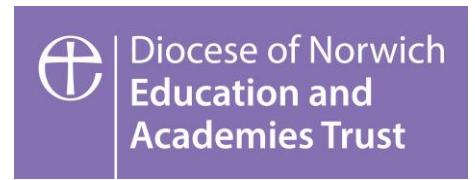
Breakfast Club

The cost of breakfast club is £2 per child per day. Children can be dropped off from 8am at the school hall, please be advised this is just an option of wrap around care breakfast is not provided.

After School Clubs

New after school clubs will begin week beginning 10th January.

Free School Meals



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Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals if they go to school. It's called universal infant free school meals. You do **not** have to apply to get these meals, but if you do receive one of the benefits listed below, you should still apply. This is because it can help raise extra funds for your child's school (called Pupil Premium). This Government funding can help with extra tuition, teaching and after school activities.

If your child is in Year 3 or above, you must receive one of the following benefits to get free school meals:

- Universal Credit - with an annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

You must apply for these free school meals.

For more information please visit <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

Emergency School closure – Arrangements

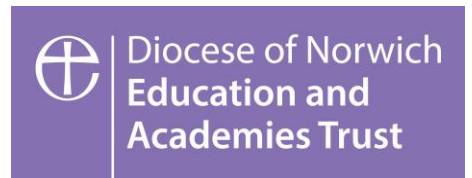
Obviously we are at that time of year when the weather can be very unpredictable, therefore I would like advise our new parents and remind you of the procedures if it is necessary to close the school due to bad weather. Please log on to the Norfolk County Council website below or listen to local radio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

If the weather is bad please:

- Listen to your local radio stations (BBC Radio Norfolk) 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.



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Please remember that as many of 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.

Celebration Assembly

We were very proud to award:-

KS1 Sports	-	Maisy
KS2 Sports	-	JJ
KS1 Art	-	Archie
KS2 Art	-	Sophie

Everett Cup	-	Noah
Chamberlain Cup	-	Charlotte
Seaman Cup	-	Zaid
Bushell Cup	-	Jonathan



Dates For Your Diary

Friday 17th December – Last Day of Term School Closes at **12noon**

Thursday 6th January – New Term Begins

Friday 14th January – Volleyball – Selected pupils more information to follow

Tuesday 25th January - Active Kids Festival – Selected pupils more information to follow