



Newsletter ~ February 2021

Snettisham Primary School



Dear Parents and Carers,

At the start of this term, the Government announced that children in England would not be returning to school until at least Monday 8th March, this means that we have another few weeks of remote learning as well as a much needed half term break.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work our pupils and families are doing at home during this time. Remote learning has been hugely successful with the vast majority of pupils engaging in our knowledge curriculum covering a broad range of subjects and activities – it really is heart-warming to look through the quality pieces of work being produced every day. The school has remained open to a small number of pupils and they too continue to follow our curriculum so that there is consistency. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything we can do to support you at home with remote learning.

Our Zoom community meetings on Thursday mornings have been well attended. So far, we have had a question and answer session to discuss how things are going, as well as a session covering reading and writing tips and ideas.

Thank you to all the families who have supported these meetings, the discussions have provided some valuable feedback, support, advice and reassurance.

We launched our 'Extreme Reading Challenge' last week. Over the next week please continue to post pictures of the most extreme (but safe) places you have been reading. Remember that all entries will be put into a prize draw to win wonderful books to enjoy at home.

We have really missed all our families and children; we look forward to welcoming everyone back in school.

Ms Jackson and Mrs Hunt.



Notice Board **Parents Evening**

Parents Evening has been postponed to W/C 8th March, more details will be confirmed nearer the time.



Twitter

Please follow us on twitter as we are using that social media platform more regularly than facebook.



DEAR PARENTS, JUST A REMINDER THAT 12TH FEBRUARY IS AN INSET DAY AND SO THERE WILL BE NO POSTED WORK FOR THAT DAY. THE SCHOOL WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN INCLUDING CRITICAL WORKER AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN. THANK YOU!

Our Learning

Willow Class

I am so proud of Willow Class! All of the children, both in school and out, have approached all their learning so positively! We have been learning our story 'Quackling' and have loved innovating the story with a new character and a new 'baddie'. I was so impressed with everyone using the Chatterpix app to support us with our storytelling! In maths we have been 'going deeper' with our numbers to 10 learning to identify different amounts, add and subtract. Everyone has been so creative at home with using objects to support their maths learning! Our twice weekly zoom calls have been so lovely to bring the class back together again!



Oak Class

In Oak, the children have been working very hard at home and in school. In Science we have been learning all about the human body. The children enjoyed exploring the digestive system and how it works. One teddy even got its own digestive system! In Art we have been learning about portraits and self portraits. The standard of work has been incredible. Picasso eat your heart out!



In geography the children have been learning all about the British Isles. They enjoyed a Zoom meet to learn about rural and urban areas. The standard of work has been incredible and I am extremely proud of you all, Thank you all for your continued hard work and support.

Ash Class

Ash Class have been working so hard, whether in school or at home! We are so impressed with the effort they are putting into their work and how they're all participating. We are really enjoying our Zoom Catch Ups too!

In DT this term, we have been learning all about James Dyson and creating our own, very impressive prototypes. In History, we have learnt all about James I and the Gunpowder Plot which the children have really enjoyed. Especially finding out about Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate Bonfire Night. In Science, we have been focusing on States of Matter, we have learnt all about the water cycle. We have been paying particular attention to changes of state when on our afternoon walks. We are working towards writing our own Tale of Fear in English, everyone has been creating brilliant, spooky pieces of writing and I look forward to seeing more! We are also enjoying our unit text 'Varjak Paw' and look forward to reading on...

Birch Class

We have been amazed and proud and in awe of all our Birchlings, whether in school or out! They have all adapted so well to the new way of learning. We have witnessed incredible chair and bridge designs in our DT unit, Science experiments proving that photosynthesis takes place (the proof was in the bubbles!), spine-chilling tales of fear, incredible amounts of knowledge around the sinister rise of Hitler, Kristallnacht, Hitler Youth and the League of German Maidens as well as an incredible aptitude for algebra, decimals, long multiplication and division. We have also loved learning more about those of you at home through your thoughtful work on Community and through those extra-curricular activities you have undertaken – cooking, playing, walking, sewing. WOW! Just look at what we can all achieve in 4 weeks! You make us so proud each and every day.



WELL DONE!





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Get connected with our free digital equipment scheme

Does this sound like you?

- On a low wage, or recently been furloughed?
- Claiming universal credit or other benefits?
- Struggling to apply for jobs without access to a laptop?
- Is your child finding it difficult to do home learning without a computer?

Reconditioned laptops, access to wifi, broadband dongles are just some of the items being distributed to families like you unable to access the internet during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Getting online at home can help with home learning, job applications and helps you to connect with friends and family.

Find out what help is available from the Norfolk Assistance Scheme, give us a call on 0344 800 8020

Covid-19 Updates

The school continues to encourage thorough hand washing and follows the guidelines laid out by Public Health England for schools. The Government currently advises to self-isolate (stay at home) for 14 days and/or take a test if you or someone you live with has a 'new' persistent cough, a temperature or a loss of smell/taste.

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other

-  **Wash hands**
keep washing your hands regularly
-  **Cover face**
wear a face covering in enclosed spaces
-  **Make space**
stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

Please refer to the government website for updates

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Be kind. Keep your distance. Stay safe.

Have your circumstances changed recently?

You might be eligible for Free School Meals

The school receives funding for each child who comes under Pupil Premium (including free school meals). So it is worth applying!!

You can apply online:

<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

Or email the office for an application form.



West Norfolk Academies Trust is on easyfundraising. If you would like to help raise funds for the schools across the trust, every time you shop online, please take a look on easyfundraising.com



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Finding this winter even harder because of Coronavirus?

We are here to help.

Norfolk County Council's Covid Winter Support scheme can help with:

- Day to day living costs including food & energy bills
- Daily essentials such as toiletries & nappies
- Food vouchers for school holidays

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0344 800 8020
 Or visit your local library for help with applying

Contact us today