



School Newsletter



Wednesday 10th March 2021

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Dates:

- ❖ Friday 19th March – Comic Relief – More details to follow
- ❖ Wednesday 24th March – ‘virtual’ parent consultation evening
- ❖ Friday 26th March - Last day of term
- ❖ Monday 12th April 2021 - First Day of Summer Term
- ❖ Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June - Half Term Week

Welcome back:

We are delighted to welcome back all children and their families. We are privileged to spend time with your children and look forward to learning opportunities we will share over the weeks and months ahead. Huge thanks for all of the support you provided during the latest National lockdown.

Many thanks to all of you for following our guidance for start and end of day procedures.

A reminder if you need to contact the school for any reason there are four main routes to do this:

- ❖ Phone: The school number is: 01986893277
- ❖ Out of hours’ emergencies please phone Mrs Brand on 07376299193
- ❖ MyEd Message: This is regularly checked by our admin team and can be a useful way of getting an answer to a minor query
- ❖ Email: office@ditchingham.norfolk.sch.uk



Parent Consultation Evening:

We are keen to provide an opportunity for you to speak to your child’s class teacher about how well your child has settled back into to school routines. We will be holding these conversations virtually, the date for this will be Wednesday 24th March. A letter will follow with more details. Thank you.

Uniform:

We are keen to encourage pupils to get back into school routines, including wearing full uniform where possible. If you have any concerns about this, please just mention it to a member of staff, we do understand that children will have outgrown things!

Waterproofs would be especially handy alongside a change of outdoor shoes, every day.

PE Kit – pupils are asked to wear their PE kit on PE days. This should be a plain T-shirt (school or house team colours with no large graphics or patterns) and plain black shorts or jogging bottoms. Pupils can wear their school jumper with their kit in order to keep warm.

P.E Days:

Robins- Tuesday and Thursday
Woodpecker- Wednesday and Thursday
Barn Owls- Tuesday and Friday
Golden Eagles- Monday and Wednesday



Uniform Donation Station:



PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM



DON'T FORGET TO USE THE HAND SANITIZER PROVIDED BEFORE CHECKING THROUGH THE CLOTHES BOXES

One box will contain boys uniform, one box will contain girls uniform. If your children have grown since they were last in their uniforms please come and see if you can make use of anything in the boxes. If you have preloved school uniform you can donate, please pop it into a carrier bag in the resource shed to we can quarantine it for 2 days and then pop it back out!

Kingfisher Coast to Coast:

Well done to everyone that is continuing to take part in our Coast to Coast challenge. Here are our latest statistics...

Ditchingham total: 5954km

Gillingham total: 5277km

Chet total across both schools: 2580km

Waveney total across both schools: 2710km

Yare total across both schools: 3427km

Bure total across both schools: 2516km



Kingfisher Wings:

We will resume this award scheme during the summer term.

Can we ask that all Read, Write, inc books and any reading books that are not being used, are returned to us as soon as possible? Many thanks

Governors:

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU! - ELECTION OF PARENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY

There is a place available for a Parent representative on the Local Governing Body. No special qualifications are required, just time to contribute, willingness to learn and an interest in education. A broad range of experiences from careers and/or personal interests can contribute to the overall skills of the Local Governing Body.

Local Governing Bodies are key to the governance structure of the Trust and have a vital role to play in making sure every child gets the best possible education. Successful candidates will join our Local Governing Body and work with the other Governors in the best interests of the school and Trust. This is your chance to be involved and make a difference.

The closing date for nominations is 14th April 2021. If there are more nominations than vacancies, an election will be held by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

If you are interested in the role, please contact the school office to learn more and request a nomination form.

Mother's Day Messages:

Please pick up a copy of The Beccles and Bungay Journal this Friday 12th March to see all the lovely Mother's Day messages from your children.



After School Clubs:

We are pleased to be offering after school clubs after half term W/C 12th April. Ditchingham's club will be Tri-Golf at a cost of £45 for 13 sessions. More details and how to book will follow in the next few weeks.

Parking:

Please can we politely request that if you travel by car, it is important to park considerately without blocking other cars, or any driveway access.

Photos from World Book Day:



Helpful Links:

Just One Norfolk [Resources For Families \(justonenorfolk.nhs.uk\)](http://justonenorfolk.nhs.uk)

Big Norfolk Holiday [Big Norfolk Holiday Fun activities programme delivered by PINK Orange \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](http://smartsurvey.co.uk)

Family Voice <https://www.familyvoice.org.uk/>

Means Tested Free School Meals over the Easter holiday

Norfolk County Council has been awarded additional grant from DWP to provide vouchers to cover the Easter holiday for all families with children eligible for means-tested Free School Meals. If you think that you may be eligible but have not yet signed up, or become eligible in the next few weeks, please sign up as soon as possible using the link below:

[Free school meals, school meals and milk - Norfolk County Council](#)

Thank you:



We would like to say a big thank you to Morrisons, 121Computers, Earsham Hall and a local resident for all of their generosity and support over the lock down period. We have been lucky enough to receive food hampers for families, cooked meals and laptops/ ipads all kindly donated. Most of all we would like to thank all of the families of the school for their continued care and understanding throughout a very

difficult and unfamiliar time.

A closing Prayer/Reflection:

Dear Lord, in this time of Lent where we think about Jesus being tempted in the desert, help us to not be tempted. Give us the perseverance that we need to make the most of the opportunities that we are given. Amen.