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Flourish Federation



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Dear Parents/carers,

Week 5 already and I am feeling as though I have been here much longer. It is really impressive how quickly the children have settled back into routines after the holidays and their year of disrupted education last year. The staff are all working hard to ensure that pupils are learning and catching up on the lost time during Covid closures.

The **Behaviour, Homework and Safeguarding policies and the Covid Risk Assessment** have been sent to be posted on the website.

Last week I reported that a member of staff and 2 pupils had tested positive for Covid. They are due to return this week and we have no further cases in school, although we are aware there are siblings, parents and children of staff that have Covid at present. Please continue to be vigilant and maintain good hygiene.

Please check pupils for symptoms and **do not** send your child in to school if they show any, or if you are in doubt.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- *a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)*
- *a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)*
- *a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal*

If you have any of these symptoms, get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if you have coronavirus and stay at home until you get your result, even if the symptoms are mild.

(NHS 2021)

I met with year 2 parents last week regarding the maternity leave for Mrs Howarth. Nothing has changed. Mrs Pickhaver will teach the class full-time until Christmas and we have 4 applicants for the maternity post from January 2021. I will continue to keep you informed.

The following pupils have received Flourish Federation Star of the Week certificates:

North Elmham

	Sheep class	Whale Class	Lion class
1 st October:	Stanley	Ida	Sofia and George

Stibbard All Saints

	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
4 th October:	Zaylen	Maddie	Amy	Daisy	Noah P	Riley	Taya

Congratulations to all of these pupils and the many more who have been working hard.

Car parking and the speedy arrival of some continues to be of concern. Please **drive carefully** when you come into the car park at Stibbard and be mindful of parents and children crossing the road.

I have also had complaints about parking on the double yellow lines. Again please park safely, carefully and legally!

Please **do not park in the staff carpark**, as some staff are not able to find a space, making them late for the start of school. Thank you.

Tomorrow, Tuesday 5th October is the deadline to order **school photos**.

Please ensure that you return the slip with payment for the **'Dippy' trip to Norwich Cathedral**. Pupils entitled to Free School Meals are able to order a packed lunch from school – see the return slip.

Please **read with pupils** at home regularly and ideally daily. This is really important in developing reading skills and also a love of reading.

We are looking for **parent governors**. If you are interested in supporting our schools by being a part of the Governing Body, please contact Robert Plant (Chair of Governors), myself or Julie Brown in the Stibbard office.

Remember to ensure **all clothing is clearly named**, as pupils are taking jumpers off when playing and when warm indoors. It is almost impossible to sort these out if there is no name on them.

Yours sincerely



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