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Flourish Federation



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Dear Parents,

Someone has just said to me, 'it is only four more sleeps to half term!'. This is a measure of not only how time flies, but how exhausted staff are feeling! Time to refuel and catch up on some of the paperwork that cannot be done on busy days in school.

Please be reminded that this Friday is a holiday, taken as our 'Queen's Anniversary'.

The **behaviour, homework and safeguarding policies and the Covid Risk Assessment** have been posted on the website. In addition, I have reminded all teachers to update their class pages, so this should be happening.

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

North Elmham

| | Sheep class | Whale Class | Lion class |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 15 th October: | Amelia | Lily-Mai | Sofia |

Stibbard All Saints

| | Rec | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|---------------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 18 th October: | Bastien | Gracie | Charlie | Evan | Jeremiah | Emily | Toby |

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

We have been advised that there are **head lice** about. Please check regularly that your child / children are clear before sending them into school. This way there will be none in school to share!

We have sourced some **Usborne Advent Calendars** which have 24 little books inside, suitable for pupils up to year 3. As we are having a drive to promote reading, this may make an appropriate change to the usual calendars. They are available to us at £13 each (Retail price is £20 and WHS have them at £16). If you would like to order one, please send in £13 in cash with your name to the school office by Wednesday, in order for us to get them to you Thursday. I have added photos at the end of this letter.

Congratulations to all of our pupils for the **exemplary behaviour** on the trips to see Dippy at Norwich Cathedral. The staff there commented on their good behavior, which filled us with pride.

It is almost time for parents to register pupils to start school **next September**. Both schools have excellent staff and facilities that are fantastic! Please encourage your neighbour's and friends to visit our schools if they are looking for places for next September. Please contact the school offices to arrange a visit.

Parking continues to be of concern at Stibbard Primary. Please do not park on the car park exit, as this prevents the coaches being able to leave. Today cars were parked either side of the drive at the exit and the coach would not have been able to pass by to the road.

Please continue to be vigilant and maintain good hygiene, with regards to **Covid**. We only have three pupils who have it at present, but is in our school communities now and there are parents and siblings who have tested positive in both schools.

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.

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Finally, **enjoy the half term break**. I look forward to seeing staff and pupils return refreshed and ready to work hard on Monday 1st November.

Yours sincerely



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