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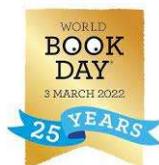


Friday 25th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see everyone back in school this week. The windy weather has been challenging but the children have been understanding when we had to reduce the amount of playtime outside earlier this week.

Our Christian value for this half term is thankfulness. We began the week listening to the story about Jesus and the ten lepers. What message did your child take away from this? Can they tell you what leprosy is or could they explain how people with leprosy were treated. Our children showed great empathy to the lepers in the story at the beginning – how did they feel about them at the end?



We will be celebrating World Book Day next Thursday 3rd March. Children are encouraged to come in to school dressed up as a book character. We are not expecting anyone to have to go out and buy an outfit. You should have some options at home – children in Lions class have suggested ideas including Greg from the Diary of A Wimpy Kid, or Venom or Spiderman from a comic book. It could be a book linked to your topic, such as a soldier from World War 2 or one of the characters from Stone Age Boy. It is also ok if your child does not want to dress up – they can come in school uniform or their own clothes.

We are also holding parents evenings next week. You should have received a letter this week to return to the school office. We have offered an appointment via phone call or a zoom appointment. We are hoping in the future to offer face-to-face appointments but at the moment feel this is the safest option for teaching staff.

Norfolk County Council have advised us that we should continue as we are in relation to Covid. In their latest guidance issued to schools NCC say that they believe that at least until the end of March there is generally little change in the public health messages. The principles of hands, face, space and fresh air remain key to infection control, guidance on the protection of more vulnerable people are still in place and we continue to ask people to act responsibly by staying at home and away from others if they have symptoms or test positive for COVID-19. We therefore ask that if your child has symptoms of Covid or test positive for Covid that they stay at home and do not come in to school. There is a real shortage of supply teachers in Norfolk so we are trying to do as much as possible to keep our teachers healthy and in school. It is very challenging to cover teacher absence at the moment in Norfolk and across other areas of the country. There may be occasions where we may need to close a class if a teacher is off ill with Covid and cannot be covered, but this would be our last resort.



Building work at All Saints, Stibbard was completed over the half term - with a new walkway infill linking the nursery and the main school building.

North Elmham's building works started over half term too and continue to at least the end of the Easter holidays. It has meant that part of the playground has been sectioned off to use for cars. Because of this we have had to rearrange playtimes. The children have been understanding about this and should be getting their outside playtimes each day – although wind or heavy rain earlier in the week made it very challenging

We will send out confirmation of this year's academic term dates next week. We are taking Tuesday April 19th as an Inset Day and so children will return to school after Easter on Wednesday 20th April. We aim to send you the term dates for next academic year by mid March.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirstin Sutherland'.

Miss Kirstin Sutherland
Executive Head Teacher