FLOURISH FEDERATION

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Dear families,

Following on from our updated homework policy, may I remind all families our school expectation is that your child(ren) read every day (this can be reading to you, you reading to them, you sharing a book together or independent reading)

You will also have a log in to practice spellings and times tables at home with Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) and Ed Shed. If you do not know your child(ren)'s user name and password, please ask the class teacher.

There are some wonderful educational websites out there which you may enjoy at home. Here are a few of our favourites. Do let us know of any you have come across which you think others would enjoy too!

https://www.nhm.ac.uk/take-part/activities-for-all.html

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

https://www.tate.org.uk/kids

https://www.nationalgeographic.org/society/education-resources/

https://learning.dk.com/uk

https://cosmickids.com/

https://www.nasa.gov/learning-resources/nasa-kids-club/

https://ed.ted.com/lessons?direction=desc&sort=featured-position&user_by_click=student

Term dates –

Autumn term 4th September – 20th December.

(Half term 25th October – 1st November)

Key dates for 2024/25

Parent's teacher meetings: wb: 4th November and 24th February.

New YR open sessions: 20th November (North Elmham) 21st November (Stibbard)

Transitions week: wb: 7th July

Sports Day:

19th June (reserve 26th) North Elmham

20th June (reserve 27th) Stibbard

School reports home: 11th July

Y6 SATs: 12th – 15th May

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Parent Teacher Evenings

Our autumn term Parent Teacher meetings will take place during the week commencing 4th November 2024. This is the first week the children are back in school after the half term break. Each teacher will offer appointments on two evenings during this week, with one of the evening's appointments being available until 7.00 pm.

Our new Arbor App will allow parents to book their appointments with the teachers via the App instead of having to return sheets of paper to the school stating your preferences. We will send further information to you next week about the dates available for each class and when the bookings will open in the App.

In the meantime, if you have not already downloaded the App to your mobile phone, please do so via the Apple Store or Play Store, so you have the App available when the dates are released. If you have any difficulties installing the App, please speak to the school office and we can provide you with help sheets produced by Arbor to assist.

Residential visits for 2024-2025 academic year

The parents of our year 6 children have been emailed information regarding the planned visit to Norfolk Lakes in March of 2025. This is a joint visit for both schools for three days/two nights, and children will have the opportunity to take part in some fun outdoor activities whilst at the Centre. The closing date to sign up your child for the visit is **Friday 11th October**. You can sign up and make the initial deposit payment via the Arbor App. Please speak to either school office if you have not received the information or if you have any queries.

We also will be offering the year 3 and 4 children at both schools the opportunity to go to How Hill next June, again for a three day/two night visit. We will provide parents with more information about this planned residential visit in early December.

Parking at Stibbard All Saints

Regrettably we need to mention the issue of parking again. There are still some parents/carers and grandparents who have been using the staff parking spaces in the mornings and afternoons. **PLEASE** do not park in these staff spaces. If staff arrive at school in the mornings and cannot park, they are not able to be in the classrooms in readiness for opening the doors at 8.30 am.

The school playground is open to allow parents/carers to park easily at either end of the school day, so please use this space or the parking available at the village church. If grandparents pick up or drop off, please advise them to not use the staff spaces as we are not able to reach them with this school newsletter. Thank you for your cooperation.