

10/3/22

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we enjoyed meeting DC Tebitt today, from the Norfolk Constabulary, who visited each class. The police siren was going off for most of the day, much to the delight of the children.

Next week the children will be celebrating Science Week and Red Nose Day. Please see the note about Red Nose Day below.

**All the best,
Mrs Whyte**

Early Help Hub

If you have difficulties in your family or are worried about your children, there are people who can offer help and support.

Difficulties could be:

- Mental health problems
- Domestic abuse at home
- Drug or alcohol dependency
- Your child not going to school
- Struggling as a lone parent
- Debt problems
- Housing problems

To find out more please go to the link below.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-help-and-family-support>

Staff Updates

We are delighted to announce that Ms Helen Cartner will be staying with us, in Diamond Class, for another term. She will be changing her days and working Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We will be welcoming Sue McNiece to work on the Wednesday in the class. The children in Diamond Class already know her and we are delighted that she can join the team.

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Elise Morrith at Easter. She will be moving to work in another school in a Year 3 class. We wish her all the best and appreciate all she has done for our school.

Information for parents/carers on COVID-19 vaccination for at risk 5 to 11 year olds

Please share the following information with parents and carers of at risk 5 to 11 year olds.

Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#). Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\) in the Green Book](#).

Vaccinations help to increase protection against COVID-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions.

Further information is available in the [guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years](#) published by UKHSA. We have published some [frequently asked questions](#) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19. Following [advice](#) from the JCVI, healthy 5 to 11 year old children will also be offered two 10 microgram doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April.

School Update

At present the school has 3 cases in Emerald Class, 3 Sapphire and 2 in Diamonds. There are no cases in Ruby Class at present.

Please do keep letting us know if your child has Covid so we can keep monitoring the situation. We kindly ask that you keep them at home and then lateral flow from day 5. Once they have had two negative results on consecutive days, they are able to return to school.

School Dinners.

Please can we reminder you to make sure you have put your child/children's lunch choices on the Pupil Asset app at least 1 week in advance.



Open Evening

We would like to invite you to join us on Thursday March 17th between 3.30 and 5.30pm for an Open Evening. This is an opportunity to look at your child's books/work and to see the classroom. Parents and children will be free to look around the school, visiting other classrooms and to see the displays in corridors.

Please note this will be an open afternoon to celebrate work. As individual teacher meetings have already taken place, during the evening staff will be around but not able to discuss individual children.



This year, Red Nose Day is on Friday 18th March. The members of our school council have decided they would like you to help them to raise money by wearing something red or even a fancy-dress costume. If your child would like to take part, please bring a donation, and give it to the class teacher on the day.

On Friday 18th March, there will be an opportunity to have a cake during morning the play, run by our Year 6 School Council members. If you have brought in a £1 donation (per family) it includes your cake at break. If your child chooses not to take part in dressing up, please bring in 20p.

Please could we have any donations of small cakes by Thursday 17th March.



Can we please say a very BIG THANK YOU to Lyndsey Whitfield for all her hard work in the Quiet Garden. She has done an amazing job clearing it, cutting overgrown plants and levelling it. It is very much appreciated.

Ukraine

The situation in Ukraine is something you will be very aware of. We appreciate that parents and carers will want to talk about it with their children in different ways. Some children will be upset, but able to cope, while other children will find it extremely distressing. As parents and carers, you will know best about when, how or if to speak to your child on this matter.

We understand that some parents have already given donations through the recognized channels to send funds to Ukraine. The message coming out is for money rather than products to be sent so that it can meet the direct needs of those families involved.

Yr 5/6 have just finished learning about refugees, so this is a way in to discuss the situation with your child if you feel it is appropriate.

The BBC Newsround website covers this in a child friendly way, if you want to check it out to see if it is suitable.

As a school we will have a pot available for cash donations. We will then send this off to the Red Cross.

The Friends of Forncett will be organizing a cake and book sale at a later date, to help raise further funds.

Diary Dates -

Week beginning 14th March is British Science week

Thursday 17th March – Open Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm

Friday 18th March Red Nose day

30th March – 1st April – Year 5/6 Horstead Residential

Monday 4th April to Tuesday 19th April – Easter Holiday

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June – Half Term

Friday 22nd July – Summer holiday starts

