

13 March 2020

Headteacher: Mr Paul Henery

Coronavirus (Covid – 19) update

I just wanted to update parents and carers in relation to the developing situation regarding coronavirus.

We are working hard to make sure the school, pupils and adults are kept safe, clean and healthy. We have been reminding pupils and staff of the importance of washing hands and how to try to prevent germs spreading if you cough or sneeze, according to the advice given by the NHS and Public Health England.

There are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the school community. The current advice from the Department of Education is 'No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so from Public Health England'.

As always, if a child were ill or sick, we would expect them to be kept at home as part of our normal procedure.

Parents who are concerned their child may have symptoms of the Coronavirus should contact NHS 111 online – do not ring 111 unless symptoms are severe.

If your child has a high fever or persistent cough, they must self isolate for 7 days – please inform the school on 01493 750322 or by email office@acleprimary.norfolk.sch.uk

If you have any questions about COVID-19, related to education, the Department For Education helpline is 0800 046 8687. Alternatively email DFEcoronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

The school staff have met to start planning for the very likely possibility that schools will be instructed to close, in order to contain or delay the spread of the virus. We will of course be acting on the advice of the Local Authority Health Protection team and any government directives. If they advise us that this is the appropriate action to take we will give you as much notice as possible.

In the event of the school closing, this will be communicated to you via the school website and by text. Please ensure we have up to date mobile numbers for you. You can update your information by logging into www.pupilasset.com or by contacting the school office. Staff have started to prepare work for pupils which can be completed at home and we shall be using online resources such as MyMaths, Times Tables Rockstars, Twinkl and other online educational resources relevant to each child's stage of development.

We will keep you updated via the school website and through texts/emails in this fast changing situation. Please be assured that we are treating this issue very seriously and would like to thank you for your ongoing support at this difficult time.

Further information can also be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

FRAMLINGHAM CASTLE

Year 1 and 2 had a brilliant time at Framlingham Castle on Friday. We were able to walk on the castle battlements, which were high enough to look out onto the whole town. We also went on a (very muddy!) tour around the moat looking at the outside of the castle. The children were excited to spot arrow loops, towers, bridges, curtain walls and even some old toilet chutes! We also had time to act out the traditional tale of Saint George and the Dragon right beside the castle.



Dance club

On a Tuesday lunchtime Lexi, Rosie and Cicely run a dance club for KS1. If there is a particular person who has worked extra hard that week, they will get 'Star of the Week' which contains; either a 'dip in the box', or to keep our mascot Biscuits for one week.

There are two groups, each group attend alternate weeks. If your child is interested in joining after Easter, we will have a week where we decide which group you are in. New members will be given priority, so that more children get a chance to take part.



School Council

Our new school council members were voted on by the children from each class. One of their first tasks will be to meet, and discuss, a particular topic with the two candidates who have been shortlisted for the job of Headteacher at the school.

The Headteacher interviews will take place next Wednesday and Thursday. **On these days, please could parents of Year 1's to Year 6's bring their children to the junior playground using the path that goes round the outside of the school building (past the school hall) rather than access the playground via the Reception outdoor area.** Reception will access their class from their outside door as usual. The interview process will be taking part from 8.45am on Wednesday. Many thanks for your co-operation and understanding.

Egg Race technology competition

Four children from KS2 took part in this technology team competition which was held at Freethorpe school on Wednesday. They worked really well together to design a scaled model and then the actual larger-sized glider which was then tested to see how far it would travel across the school hall. The pupils enjoyed their experience and shared how they had got on to the rest of the school in our assembly that day. Well done to all involved.



Water parsnip growing - Broads and Marshes project

Year 5 completed the next part of their water parsnip project this week. On Thursday they were visited by Natasha from Water Mills and Marshes to plant the seeds that had been collected in the Autumn term.

Over the next few weeks, 5HT will be carefully nurturing the seeds in the hope that they will grow strong enough to be planted back into their natural environment and help to increase the number of water parsnip plants found across the Norfolk Broads.

Brancaster Trip

We are planning as though the trip will go ahead, but obviously mindful of the fact that it may not be possible in the current circumstances.

We are in touch with the Brancaster team and will continue to do so over the Easter holidays. In the event that the trip is cancelled we will inform you immediately.

We are covered by the Local Authority travel insurance scheme, so parents will be entitled to a full refund (less £15 excess) if their child is too unwell to attend the trip or, if based on government advice the trip needs to be cancelled due to the coronavirus. Please therefore continue to pay your outstanding balance due as normal.

ATTENDANCE

Our target school attendance figure is 97%
Our current figure is... **96.58%**

Trinity Guildhall Guitar exam results – Saturday 7 March 2020

Well done to the following children for doing so well in their music exams last week!



Initial Grade

Cody L	91%	Distinction
Sam A	89%	Distinction
Alexander H	89%	Distinction
Olly H	83%	Merit
Ellie M	80%	Merit
Tomas R	76%	Merit

BINGO - a big **THANK YOU** to all that supported this event, which raised a very healthy **£600.15!** Thanks to those that attended and to all those that provided hamper items on non-school uniform day. **FOSA**

Dates for your diary

March

- Mon 16 Road Safety talk – RW and 6LO
- Wed 18 Mr Pickett's multisports club Y4-6
- Wed 18 & Thu 19 Headteacher interviews
- Thu 19 Mr Pickett's multiskills club Y2-3
- Fri 20 Olly Day – road safety workshops whole school
- Mon 23 Creative writing workshops Y5 & 6
Cake Sale 2T
Defenders club

Last day of term – Wednesday 31 March

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