



2 April 2020

Headteacher: Mr Paul Henery

Home Learning

Today we reached the official end of term, for school staff, as we had originally planned an INSET day today. The staff have done a fantastic job of maintaining provision for those children whose parents are key workers, giving our small group of pupils a wide variety of activities whilst they have been in our care. This provision will continue throughout the Easter holiday period, for that core group of pupils only.

The school staff have also been working remotely on a range of other tasks, including developing home learning opportunities for all our children as we resume home learning after the Easter break.

The key principles of our home learning approach will be as follows:

- We understand that every household will be different, and that it can be a difficult task managing the demands of working from home whilst also overseeing your children's learning. For this reason, we have gone for a weekly menu of tasks and activities, rather than a strict daily timetabled approach.
- Core subject work (Maths and Literacy) for will be set by the class teacher at the start of the week, with suggestions for how this can be completed over the course of the school week.
- Other learning activities will also be set by class teachers; some of these will be of a much more practical nature, and can be carried out at different times. There will be optional suggested activities too, as well as links to useful websites for children to explore.

Parents and pupils will be able to access the home learning activities by going on the school website and finding their Year group's class page (under the Home Learning tab). The teachers will set the work for children by lunchtime on Monday mornings, allowing time for the web pages to be completed at the start of the week.

Each year group will have its own class e mail, for you and your children to respond to the class teacher or to share things that have been achieved.

We will provide some printed out packs for those of you who have not got access to a printer. The intention is that these will be done on the Monday, ready for collection from school (or sent, if collection is impossible).

We will, of course, seek your views about how home learning is going, so that we can make changes and further develop these new ways of working.

We hope that you have found it helpful to have had a telephone conversation with school staff this week. We shall try to contact you again at the start of next term, if unable to do so this week so far. All the staff have found it very useful and encouraging to hear about how the children have been getting on during this time.

Headteacher appointment

A couple of weeks ago we held interviews to appoint a new Headteacher for the school. We have had to wait a bit longer than usual to sort out all the contractual paperwork, due to the coronavirus situation, but the governors are now very pleased to let you know that Mrs Rebecca Clarke will be the new Headteacher of the school from September. She is currently Headteacher of a school in Suffolk, and is looking forward to taking on this new role in a Norfolk school, closer to home, in September.

Following on from the Headteacher appointment, we have also started the process of recruiting a Deputy Headteacher, which we always planned to do ready for September 2020 (after Mrs Welch left last December). The interview process should be completed by the first week of May.

Happy Easter to all of you

We would like to take this opportunity to send you our best wishes over this Easter holiday period. No work is set over Easter, but there are plenty of interesting links which have been put on the school website already – see the general home learning link under “home learning”.

Thanks to everyone who sent in pictures of children’s activities last week. Here are just a few pictures of what you have been getting up to this week:



Acle St Edmund C of E Primary School
Fletcher Way
Acle
NR13 3RQ

01493 750322
office@acleprimary.norfolk.sch.uk
www.acleprimary.norfolk.sch.uk

