

10 July 2020

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Preparations for September

Many thanks for your continued support and understanding during these difficult times. We all appreciate the effort parents have taken in adapting to changed routines, juggling many different demands whilst supporting their children's emotional and educational needs. Thank you for keeping to the drop off / pick up times and maintaining social distancing whilst on the school premises. It has been reassuring to have more pupils returning to school before the end of this academic year. For parents of pupils still learning from home, we are sending out Zoom meeting links on a class by class basis, so that children will have a remote 'catch up' session with their teacher and an opportunity to meet their new teacher this coming week. Children in school will have the chance to see their new teacher for a short time, face to face. Years 2 - 5 will have their remote Zoom catch up meeting on Wednesday, at different times. Slightly different arrangements have been made with Reception and Year 1, linked to the Zoom story time sessions with Miss Lansdell which have been taking place for a few weeks now. Please do check your email accounts for the link.

School staff, including our new Headteacher from September (Mrs Clarke) have been formulating plans to safely open the school to all pupils from the start of next term. These plans, which will adhere to government and local authority guidance, will be thoroughly risk assessed and agreed with governors before they are shared with you. We are still waiting for the risk assessment template to be sent out to Norfolk Schools, which will then need completing next week.

We will, of course, be doing all we can to make sure that the return to school for all our pupils is as safe, reassuring and supportive as possible.

CODY'S TOP OF THE LEADER BOARD!!

Cody, in Year 5, has shot his way up to the top spot on the leader board in Times Tables Rockstars, he has now beaten Mrs Bruce who has been top for the last year, so a very well done to Cody.

Cody's record in 60 seconds is 132 times tables!!!

He is way ahead of all of us in his average time – 0.49 seconds per question!!

The current world record is 196 correct answers in a minute at a speed of 0.31 seconds per question. Watch this link of the current record holder since June 2020. He is unbelievable!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t9inv79i18&safe=active>

It is also worth noting that out of the top 10 places in our school, they are all held by staff or Year 5! Cody is followed by Harry, Beth, William M and then Esme.

We've noticed lots of improvement in everyone's times, so please keep practicing!



School uniform requirements from September

When we return in September, pupils are expected to wear school uniform and to present themselves well – we believe that the wearing of school uniform creates a sense of identity and also gives pupils a greater sense of equality. Pupils should wear grey/black trousers, skirts or tunics with blue or white polo shirts or blouses and navy blue sweatshirts or cardigans. Socks and tights should be plain coloured. It is important that the children wear sensible, flat shoes for safety in school and on play equipment such as the trim trail.

Fashion clothing, jewellery or footwear is not appropriate and should not be worn. Make up, including nail varnish, should not be worn. Other colours (such as grey and black) for cardigans and sweatshirts are NOT acceptable.

Pupils not wearing the correct uniform on more than one occasion will be given a short letter to give to parents, and will be expected to come to school the next day with the correct clothing

Games and PE reminders

Pupils will also be expected to have appropriate Games and PE clothing on the correct days. The exact days will be confirmed in September, for each class, and will be shown on the class pages on the website.

We expect all pupils to participate fully in our comprehensive sports curriculum each week, and to wear suitable clothing. Plain shorts, school PE t-shirts / sports tops and plimsolls/trainers are needed for PE. In cold weather, tracksuits and sweaters are also needed for outdoor PE.

Stationary

We will be providing children with a clear plastic zip wallet, ruler, pencils, pens and eraser. For the moment, it will not be necessary to send your child in with a pencil case.

Revised lunch arrangements from September

With the planned return for all children from September, and following government guidance, there will be a temporary change to how school lunches are provided by Vertas, our catering provider. School lunches for KS1 and those entitled to Free School Meals, will not be charged for. For the remainder of KS2 the cost will remain at £2.30 for the time being. The lunches will be served in disposable, biodegradable, containers.

The options available will be:

- A hot meal, with a dessert
- A jacket potato with either; tuna, cheese or beans. Plus salad and a dessert
- A school packed lunch with one of the following fillings; tuna, cheese, or ham. Plus a vegetable/fruit pot, savoury item and a dessert

Lunches can either be ordered via the Pupil Asset App, or by your child on the day. Please can all payments be made online (bank details and guidance attached), using your own online banking. If you do not have online banking, please pay by cheque, and send this in with your child in a named envelope.

Tuck will not be available to purchase as yet, so please send your child in with a healthy snack. We also do not yet know whether the government free fruit scheme for KS1 and Reception will return in September, so it may be best to plan to send a healthy snack in with your children in those year groups.

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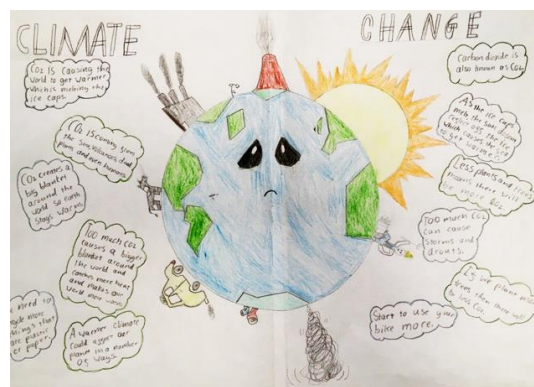
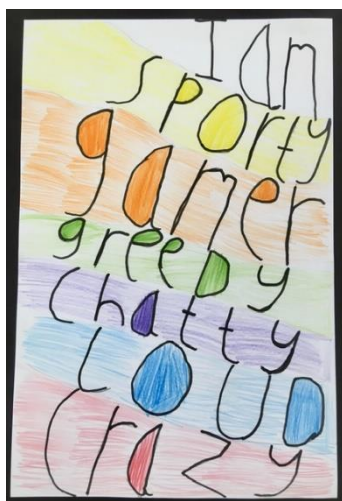
Norfolk Music Hub (part of Norfolk County Council) are delighted to launch an opportunity for students across the county to join them for some free online summer workshops. Click on the link below to sign up with parents/carers and via your social media accounts, as this is free for any young person between the age of 6-18 who is living in Norfolk.

<https://www.norfolkmusichub.org.uk/site/summer-school-workshops/>



HOME AND SCHOOL LEARNING

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have been completing some great work, whilst at home or at school, showing that they continue to take lots of pride in what they do and that they are managing well with 'blended learning', combining home and school tasks (if attending school at present). Well done to Year 5's for their high quality work based on climate change and to Year 6 pupils for their excellent art work which they completed with Miss Owen this week.



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