

# Acle St Edmund C of E Primary School



25 September 2020

Headteacher: Mrs Rebecca Clarke

## Message from Mrs Clarke

Firstly, I would like to thank you, the children and staff for such a lovely, warm welcome to the school. So far, I've met a few parents whilst they are dropping children off at school, but in time hope to get to know you all. If you would like to meet me you will find me, in the mornings, on the front gate on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday and the back gate on a Tuesday and Thursday.

This week I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting the children. On Tuesday, all the children 'Zoomed' into a virtual assembly to ask the Headteacher a question. The children thought of some thoughtful questions, including 'what is your favourite book?', 'do you have any pets?', 'how will you improve the library?' and 'what are your plans for the school?' I've also been overwhelmed by how kind the children at Acle Primary are as they have asked me 'have I settled into the school?'.

Also this week, following input from staff and the latest information from the DfE, myself, Mrs Bruce and Mrs Tovell have reviewed the COVID-19 Risk Assessment. Thank you for all your support over the last few weeks to ensure that the children and staff are being kept safe. Please find the updated risk assessment on the school website.

This term, the main school priorities will be:

- To ensure the school is COVID-19 compliant and safe for the children, staff and limited number of visitors
- To continue to develop the reconnection curriculum so children quickly catch up on missed learning
- To support all children's wellbeing as they fully return to school
- To develop our remote learning package in the event of a group, localized or national lockdown
- To continue to engage and develop parental engagement

In the coming days, we will be sending you a brief questionnaire regarding remote learning and parent communication and engagement with the school. To help develop strong parent links, I would be grateful if you would complete this questionnaire so we can gather all parent views which will help inform us with school improvement.

I am really looking forward to working with you, your children and families to ensure that the children at Acle Primary continue to learn more, think more and be more!

## Flu vaccine link

Please consent or decline <https://tinyurl.com/yby7qyc6>

The link will close on: 30 September 2020

Please see the email and attachment sent on Monday for further details (session date 8 December)

## Helping to keep our school and community safe

Whilst we have been very lucky as a school so far, the number of cases of Covid-19 is rising again, and there have been cases in a number of Norfolk Schools.

In order to help reduce the spread of Covid-19, please note any visitors in school are expected to wear a mask and this includes parents coming into the lobby to speak to the school office.

Whilst we have already encouraged parents/carers to wear masks whilst dropping off and collecting children, we are aware that only the few are doing this. We would like to reiterate that we strongly encourage this particularly in light of the rising case numbers, and the government's recent announcement expanding the areas where masks must be worn.

We would also like to remind parents that only one parent/carer should drop off or collect, and to leave the premises as soon as you have dropped off or collected your children. We would also ask that you please do not stay to chat with friends outside the school grounds and remember to keep 2m distance at all times from other families.

Only by all working together and doing our best, will we be able keep our school safe and open for your children, and we very much appreciate your support in this during these challenging times.

## September 2021 Reception intake

Unfortunately, we will not be able to host our usual Open Mornings for prospective pupils who are looking to join our school next September. We will, however, be producing a 'virtual' Open Morning film to showcase our newly decorated and resourced Reception classroom, which is looking amazing! We will be putting this onto our Admissions page on the school website.

If you have any friends or family with children due to start school next September, please do tell them to have a look at what we can offer.



## Reminders

Children should not be bringing in toys from home. As the weather starts to become more Autumnal, you may wish for your child to keep an old pair of shoes/trainers in school for wearing at lunchtimes on the field. Children will also need to have a coat (please name all items). PE days and homework can be found on each of the class pages. Please can Years 1-6 arrive by 8.55am, especially on rainy days!

## Rotary Club

We are very grateful to the Rotary Club, once again, for the kind donation of dictionaries for each Year 6 child. The children will keep them in school to use each day, before taking them home at the end of the summer term.



# FOSA News



We know it's a few months away yet but FOSA have been thinking about Christmas! This year, FOSA will be arranging for our school to take part in the 'Shoebbox gift' in association with Operation Christmas Child. The idea behind this fantastic event, is for families to pack a shoebox (as many as you wish!) with gifts for children in deprived countries.

A full list of what can and can't be packed will be sent out shortly but the idea is items such as a dolly, yoyo, truck toy, pens and paper and certain hygiene items are packed in a shoe box, wrapped and labelled and sent to children in need, overseas. We know times are difficult right now, but we would really love to spread joy this Christmas and hopefully get a local paper down on collection day! Due to the shipping times, boxes would need to be in school in November (the week after the half term break) & further details of how and when to drop off will be sent out in due course.



Thank you – FOSA team

**Future FOSA news** – FOSA are also looking into whether to offer Christmas cards designed by your child for a small fee nearer Christmas! Watch this space!



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