

# Acle St Edmund C of E Primary School

## Newsletter AWARDS



16 October 2020

Headteacher: Mrs Rebecca Clarke

### Message from Mrs Clarke

I would like to say thank you to you, the staff and the children for helping me settle in. Have a great half term break.

Next week is Digital Parenting Week. With this in mind we want to thank you for the amazing job you have been doing, learning about digital learning and helping your child use online tools for both their learning and play.

To help you keep your child safe online we would like to signpost you to some content that can help you support your child in the digital world.

<https://parentzone.org.uk> with parent guides on a variety of Apps, blogs, top tips, supporting children with Special Needs. They are also introducing 'Ollee' next week, which is funded by BBC Children in Need's A Million & Me initiative, which aims to make a difference to children's emotional wellbeing.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/> Give your child a safe space to explore their curiosity online.

Their step by step guides will help you to set up the right controls and privacy settings on the networks, gadgets, apps, and sites they use to give them a safer online experience.

### Class photographs

Individual photographs are being taken by Tempest Photography on Thursday 7 November. They will have a social distanced 'walk through' studio. They will adhere to the 2m distance rule and they will not adjust clothing or hair.

Due to COVID, they are unable to take sibling group photographs this year, and proofs will not be sent home on the day. Instead we will keep hold of the proofs for 72 hours before sending home with your child.

You will then receive an email/text link to enable

### Online Poetry Workshop – Norfolk Libraries – Age 4-8 years

Saturday 7 November 11.00-12.00 via Zoom: National poetry day ambassador Simon Mole is coming to help your imaginations take flight!

Build skills and confidence through games and activities before being supported to write your own poem! The workshop (funded by Arts Council England) includes Simon's performance of his debut picture book KITES: a moving poetic story about friendship and belonging.

What would you make a kite out of if the only limits were your imagination? Will it fly above Norwich or Namibia? Most important of all, how will people know your kite is yours?

Suitable for children aged 4-8 years with parent/carer support; to book your child's place, email: [libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk) with the header KITES.

### Merit certificates

Congratulations to the following pupils on being awarded merit certificates in our merit assemblies today:

RS	Edikan
1L	Toby
2T	Rhys
3M	Amelia
4B	Anya
5HT	Anthony
6LO	Alfie



### ATTENDANCE

Our target school attendance figure is 97%

Our current figure is... **95.78%** which is excellent under the circumstances!

### Parking & dropping off / collection

Please remember to drive slowly and carefully on both De Carle Smith Road and Fletcher Way entrances at the start and end of the day. In particular, the zig-zags at the back gate entrance are there to warn you it is unsafe to drive up to, or park at the back gate. There are many children using this entrance in the morning and at the end of the day, so it is important to be aware there will be children on the path, or crossing the road and drive accordingly to keep them all safe.

Please note there will be a police presence after half term, to monitor the situation.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

### COVID19 updates

Please note Norfolk County Council have updated the Compliance Code for schools. We have uploaded this to the home page of our website, where you can also find related information on how we are being Covid secure.

As you are aware, we are erring on the side of caution and wearing visors and/or masks in communal areas in school, or if visiting a classroom. All visitors in school are also required to wear a visor/mask at all times.

A reminder, for when we return to school after half term, please keep 2m from other people, and wear a mask if you are able to. Please don't arrive outside of your time slot, as this causes congestion and therefore increases risk.

Also please note we will be marking out a 'box' with yellow paint outside each classroom door/slope, to help you be aware that we are requesting that you do not come to the classroom door to speak to the teachers.

More than 60 schools in Norfolk have had one or more positive cases. We have managed to be case free in school this half term, and with all of your help and support, we will know that we are doing everything we possibly can to continue to keep it this way, and keep our school community, friends and families safe. 😊

### Hands Face Space Nursery Rhyme & home fun activities

Action for Children Hands Face Space nursery rhyme was developed here in Norfolk to help children understand the world around them in relation to Covid-19.

The Hands Face Space Nursery Rhyme is now live on You Tube -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gt4z-WXNVU>

and Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/352664341538970/videos/1239416156435315>

Why not have a look at some of the Early Childhood and Family Service's other videos on Youtube, such as 'Turn any book into a Story Sack', or 'Autumn den building ideas'. There are lots of fun ideas for you to do at home with your children and babies.

### Lunchtimes

We would like to thank parents for providing feedback. As a result, we have tweaked lunchtimes a little so that during the wet weather, the children can use the playground rather than the field.

Reception and KS1 will therefore have lunch from 11.45am – 12.45pm, and KS2 will have lunch from 12.15pm to 1.15pm.

We still do request your child has a spare pair of footwear each day (see last week's newsletter) and wear warm coats. The playground can still get quite splashy if it has been raining!

**We wish you all an enjoyable long half term break. We will see the children back for the start of school on Monday 2 November.**

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