

# Acle St Edmund C of E Primary School

## Newsletter



27 November 2020

Headteacher: Mrs Rebecca Clarke

### Message from Mrs Clarke

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware, we have had our first positive case of COVID-19 in school this week. We have been liaising with the Norfolk Outbreak Management Team at Norfolk County Council and Public Health England to ensure that we have followed the correct procedures for our staff and pupils. In line with test and trace procedures, all close contacts of anybody who has tested positive have been contacted and advised to isolate for 14 days. I would like to thank everyone for their continued support throughout this term, and to reassure you that we will continue to take all the steps necessary to reduce risk.

This week I would like to shine a light on two groups of support staff. Firstly, our wonderful premises team, who have always worked hard to ensure a clean and safe environment for the community, but have gone above and beyond over the last year to tackle the spread of COVID-19. Thank you for working tirelessly to ensure our school is thoroughly cleaned each day. Also, I would like to shine a light on our hard working midday supervisors. Every day they ensure the children have a good break from their learning, and ensure the children have time to socialise with friends, eat their lunch and have fun! A very big thank you to Mrs Haynes, our senior midday supervisor, who has worked incredibly hard to ensure lunchtimes are staggered and the children are kept in their bubbles. She is a great asset to the school.

I hope you all have time this weekend to enjoy being with your family.

Warm wishes,  
Mrs Clarke

### Well done Year 3

Well done to Year 3 for completing their first week of remote learning with such determination and resilience.

The children have been accessing their learning through White Rose Maths and The Oak National Academy which have both provided high quality videos and resources for children across the country during these challenging times.

It was lovely speaking to the children through video link a couple of time this week. I was so impressed with how the children all followed instructions, listened to each other and took turns making contributions. You were an absolute credit to our school, Year 3s. We all feel very proud of you! We've missed you and look forward to you returning to school.

Mrs Tovell

### Rainbow certificates

Congratulations to the following pupils on being award merit certificates in our 'Rainbow' assemblies today:

RS Hunter & Hollie

1L Tillie & Iris

2T Elsie & Scarlett

3M Whole class for home learning!

4B Lexie & Tom

5HT Tomas & Frankie

6LO Alex & Alfie



### ATTENDANCE

Our target school attendance figure is 97%

Our current figure is... **97.11%**

(The DfE have advised self-isolation absence does not need to be included in schools absence figures this year)

## Norfolk winter support package

Norfolk are providing packages of support to help Norfolk residents over the winter.

The first of these is the extension to the Free School Meals Edenred voucher scheme, which will cover the Christmas break. This will run in the same way as the scheme was delivered in the summer holidays.

Edenred will issue one voucher per eligible child, for £30, to cover the two weeks of the Christmas break. The voucher link will be sent by email when we break up for Christmas. If you were receiving Free School Meals (FSM) prior to the summer holiday we will use the same email address. If your child has become entitled to FSM since then, we will use the main email address for the resident parent. We will also send you a user guide, which will tell you how to access and use your vouchers.

Please note the vouchers are not applicable to children in KS1 who are just entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM).

If you think your child could be entitled to FSM you can apply through the following link asap: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>. If you are confirmed as entitled, you will receive the voucher for the Christmas break at the end of term.

There is also support available for families who are facing hardship and need support now. Information on how to access support for those in need is available at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus) or by calling 0344 800 8020.

Anyone experiencing hardship can also receive support through the Norfolk Assistance Scheme, which already provides support for food, fuel, clothes and other essential household items to families experiencing hardship. The easiest way to get in touch is to visit [www.norfolk.gov.uk/NAS](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/NAS) or if families cannot access the internet, they can call 01603 223392 (option 5). If the line is busy, they can leave a message and the team will call them back.

## Year 1 Heroes Topic

As part of their Heroes Topic, Year 1 have been learning about Nelson Mandela.

They found out about how he campaigned for black people in South Africa to be treated the same as white people and that he

believed everybody had the right to be treated fairly. We discussed what this meant and then created our 'Freedom Hands' art work to celebrate all that Nelson Mandela achieved and to remind us that we should treat everyone with respect regardless of the colour of their skin.



## What 3 words

Road incidents can happen in hard to describe locations. **what3words** can help if you're stuck in a tricky situation when out and about. Every 3 metre square of the world has been given a unique combination of three words.

It helps the fire service and police locate rural fires and road incidents quickly.

To prepare for your journey get the free app:  
[app.what3words.com https://what3words.app.link/K68z1btF48?referrer=twitter&p=c11335dc9a027af5e7038ffce1](https://what3words.app.link/K68z1btF48?referrer=twitter&p=c11335dc9a027af5e7038ffce1)

It's also quite fun finding out the 3 words for various areas in your home and our school!

## Cross Country!

Please can all children in Years 1 through to 6, please wear PE kit to school on **MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER**. They will be taking part in Cross Country trials in the afternoon. Spare shoes (their school shoes would be fine as spares) and socks might also be beneficial in case the field is a bit wet.

### Vodafone

Vodafone are kindly donating 250,000 30GB Data SIM cards to school to hand out the disadvantage families to enable pupil to have internet access to support home learning. The SIM cards are valid for 3 months, and will be sent home to families entitled to Free School Meals, once we receive them with the next couple of weeks.

Please see the following link for how to keep your children safe online, by setting up parental controls on your internet

<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.

### Holt Hall closure

You may have seen coverage in the media of the Norfolk County Council administration's intent to cease the service at Holt Hall. Children from Acle Primary have been visiting Holt Hall for many years, you may have been one of them!

Friends of Holt Hall are promoting the Save Holt Hall Campaign and supporters of Holt Hall. They have a petition going which has now exceeded 5200 signatures. They hope you will choose to support the petition. You can follow this link to do so:

<http://chnng.it/n7rszsbT82>.

### Zoe COVID Symptom Study App

You may already have heard of the COVID Symptom Study App and have this and report each day. The App is the reason why loss of taste and smell were added to the list of COVID19 symptoms, after this had been reported by many participants.

Zoe & King's College London, supported by Government funding, have extended the App to include being able to report for your children. Information on your child's wellbeing can then be shared (anonymously) with your child's school.

We have now registered with the App as a school, so that we can receive this information if you register. Please see the attached letter which explains more in further detail and the code to use to link your child to their bubble in our school.

The App also provides useful information on the infection rates in each district council and trends over time.

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