



Friday 6th November 2020

Dear All,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely half-term, in spite of the weather! It has been lovely to see the children back in school again, refreshed and ready to learn.

As you know, yesterday we entered a 4-week period of national lockdown. We hope that school will remain the same as much as possible and a constant for the children, but please see below for details of a couple of changes which we need to make. I know we can count on your support in making our school as safe as possible for everyone.

I hope that you all stay safe and well during this time. If you ever find yourself needing support in any way, please just let us know and we will do our best to help!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Pre-school: This week preschool have been busy getting to know Stephanie Sambrook our new practitioner – welcome Stephanie! They have enjoyed playing with the dinosaurs and train track she brought us too. Other interests have been reading and discussing lots of stories and practising our counting and numeral recognition.

Acorn: Acorn class have been finding out about Guy Fawkes this week. They have also compared the festival of harvest with Sukkot, a Jewish festival celebrated at the same time of year. In maths the older children have been solving problems using the addition and subtraction skills they learnt last term. The younger children have been exploring how many objects match a numeral. They have also been practicing careful counting to ensure one object is one number. In phonics the new sounds for Reception this week have been f, ff and l.

Oak: In Oak class we have been busy planting some of the plants we grew in class last half term. We have also started our new festival, Guy Fawkes night and we have been learning all about the plot ready to start writing our newspaper reports. In Maths, Miss Lowe's group have been learning about multiplying 2-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers in preparation for multiplying much larger numbers later this week. Mrs Watts' group have been practising their column addition and times tables skills.

National Lockdown

Due to the national lockdown, we are asking parents to wear face masks onsite at drop-off and pick up times. This will help us to keep our children and staff as safe as possible whilst they work to keep our school open for everyone. This will come into effect from **Monday 9th November**. Please could we also remind you to socially distance whilst on the playground and leave as soon as possible once you have dropped off/collected your child(ren). Please **do not** come into school by the back doors. Please remember also that staff aren't able to talk to parents in person before or after school but are very happy to be contacted via phone or Class Dojo. Thank you for your support and cooperation.



Friends of Northrepps Primary

You may remember that before half-term we set a date for a Friends meeting – **Tuesday 10th of November**. Unfortunately, this can no longer take place due to the national lockdown.

We would really love to keep the Friends Association running but, as a charity, we have to have a committee of a certain number of people. At the moment we don't have enough volunteers to make this happen.

One option would be for the school to run regular fund raisers; such as cake sales (in normal times!) with donations from parents. The children could then be involved in running the events and monies would be kept in a separate account to be spent on those little extras which make school even more fun! Unfortunately at the moment this might be our only way forward.

Please could you let the office know if you would be willing to stand as part of the committee or, if you would be able to support the school with donations of cakes etc. if needed.

Many thanks

Christmas

As November hurtles past us, we are turning our thoughts towards Christmas. Although we may have to celebrate differently, we hope to be able to continue some of our traditions. We will be joining in the virtual Sheringham Pantomime from our classrooms – *Oh yes we will!*, we will be having Christmas dinner as usual in school followed by class parties, there will be an adapted 'virtual' Christingle service and also – a specially adapted visit from Father Christmas. In addition, there will be some form of recorded Christmas production which we will be able to share with parents and carers – more details to follow as we have them.



Forest School

Oak class begin their Forest School sessions on Thursday. Please could all children come to school **in** their Forest School kit on the day of their session. Remember to bring a hot drink in a flask and a healthy snack. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Please bring school uniform to change into afterwards.

And remember...

no kit = no Forest School

Children in Need

Next Friday is Children in Need. We are asking children to come in non-school uniform on that day and to bring in £1 for the charity. Oak class have voted to come to school in their pyjamas! Children in Need is a charity which all of our children might benefit from at some point in their lives and it would be really great to be able to raise more than £50. Please give what you can.

