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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace  
1 Peter 4:10*

*Work together, learn together, grow together...*

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Re: School Closure Updates and News**

A renowned psychologist, Steven Pinker, was speaking on Channel Four News this week. He said that even in the face of a deadly disease like Covid 19, human beings are stronger because they have ingenuity – the quality of being clever, original and inventive. I've been holding onto this idea over the past few days. How do we cultivate ingenuity in our children? The photographs and videos posted in our Google classrooms show that our children are immersed in activities such as making, building, experimenting, music, sports, performance and play. These are wonderful examples of ingenuity at work and it is you – in your home – who is making this happen for your child.

### **Easter Holiday Childcare:**

The 'Extra Time' holiday club at Robert Kett Primary School is available for the children of critical workers during the Easter holiday. This provision is free. If your status changes to critical worker during the Easter holiday or current critical workers have holiday cancelled, please contact us at the above email address so that we can provide the link for the online Robert Kett booking page.

### **Free School Meals:**

The government agreed to provide free school meals for eligible children over the Easter holidays. However, they didn't inform schools of this until the Easter holiday period had begun. We responded immediately by placing orders for e-vouchers but the system, run by Edenred, has failed to cope with the national demand. Therefore, we are advising that there could be up to a 10 day delay in receiving them. We are also informed that the vouchers may come into people's junk mail folders so it is worth checking there if you don't receive your vouchers in the next couple of weeks. **If you are eligible for free school meals and your children are at risk of going hungry, please contact me on [head@tacolneston.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@tacolneston.norfolk.sch.uk)**

### **100 Hundred Club:**

The 100 club results for Spring 2020 were drawn by Mrs Ralphs (and she promises that she didn't cheat!!). Congratulations to our winners:

1<sup>st</sup> prize – number 71 – Mrs F Tyas - £18

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – number 79 – Mrs C Cooper - £9

3<sup>rd</sup> prize – number 33 – Mrs K Easter - £5

## Home Learning:

### Book for Children:

Find attached to this letter: 'Coronavirus A Book For Children' by Elizabeth Jenner, Kate Wilson and Nia Roberts with illustrations by Axel Scheffler.

### Celebrities Offering Home Learning:

Various celebrities are offering home learning:

[PE with Joe Wicks](#): 9 am every weekday. FREE 30-minute PE lesson for children and adults

[Maths with Carol Vorderman](#): Try free sessions and games to help keep maths fun.

[English with David Walliams](#): A free audio story each day from 11 am.

[Dance with Oti Mabuse](#): Strictly's Oti is running a live dance class for children of all abilities at 11.30 am on Facebook. Classes can be watched back at any time.

[Cooking with Jamie Oliver](#): 6 brilliant recipes to get children cooking! What will you try today?

[Music with Myleene Klass](#) Twice a week and classes can be watched back at any time on YouTube.

[Home Economics with Theo Michaels](#): Live cooking class every Mon & Wed at 4 pm. Simple food with just a few ingredients.

[Science with Professor Brian Cox, Robin Ince & Guests](#): The Stay at Home Show at various times of day with special guests.

### Mrs Green's pick:

<http://radio.garden/live>

This is a bit of fun and a way of identifying the different countries on the globe. You can go on a virtual journey around the World listening to different radio stations. I've been quite mesmerised by it!?!

If your child is enjoying any particular learning resources, please let us know so that we can share these with other families.

## Safeguarding and Wellbeing:

### Just One Norfolk

Just One Norfolk is a digital platform for Norfolk parents and carers. It has up to date clinical information, advice and support. It gives families self-care information, supporting them to build knowledge, skills and confidence to take care of their families' health and wellbeing and seek further support or guidance when needed. Please find a leaflet attached.

### Support for Bereavement

Winston's Wish have created a comprehensive resource to support schools and families with talking to children about bereavement due to Covid-19.

<https://www.winstonswish.org/telling-a-child-someone-died-from-coronavirus/>

### The Bishop of Norwich reads Bible Stories

Bishop Graham – has made these videos of four different stories from the Bible. The Bible is full of wonderful stories and guidance on how to live our lives. The Gospels describe the life and teachings of Jesus, and in an accessible way, these short videos bring the Bible alive.

<https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/news/bishop-of-norwich-creates-four-bible-story-videos-for-schools/>

### Online Safety

This site provides activities that you can do with your child to learn about keeping safe online.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/>

## Safeguarding Our Children

If you are concerned about the safety of any child please contact Norfolk County Council on 0344 800 8020. In an emergency call 999. Help us to keep Norfolk's children safe

***See something***

***Hear something***

***Say something***

## Celebration Friday:

I have been looking at the work that children been uploading to their Google classroom and would like to say well done to the following:

- Bethan drew a beautiful picture of a wolf and wrote a very atmospheric description about a wolf
- Florentine and Elias persevered in erecting a tent in their garden
- Josh wrote and performed a song parody based upon The Eye of the Tiger by Survivor
- Catherine made a maths board game
- Mia did a science experiment with an egg. She left a whole egg (with shell in tact) in vinegar and left it for two days. You'll have to do the experiment yourself to find out what happened!
- Francesca drew a huge rainbow outside her house to say thank you to the NHS workers
- Tiernon has been doing science experiments and writing about them
- Bella has been working hard and completing lots of tasks
- Clara has been learning about sea creatures
- Ezra read 'Chicken Licken'
- Ella and Josie did the Easter drawing challenge

If you or your child has something special to celebrate, please let me know so that I can include it in my Friday letter for next week.



Some of our children have celebrated their birthdays this week. I'd like to say a big

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

to

**STANLEY AND PENELOPE!**

**And finally:**

An extract from one of our school's favourite Easter hymns (the children always sing the chorus extra loud):

*They cut me down  
And I leapt up high;  
I am the life  
That'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you  
If you'll live in me -  
I am the Lord  
Of the Dance, said he.  
Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he*

Kind Regards



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