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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 3rd April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: School Closure Updates and News

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well. If you are one of our critical workers, may I say, on behalf of us all, what a fantastic job you are doing in supporting the community and keeping our country going. If you are working from home and looking after your children, I also extend my heartfelt admiration for what you are doing and I hope that you are managing to find a space in your day (and your home!) just for you.

Guidance for Parents from Norfolk County Council:

Norfolk County Council have produced a sheet of information covering the following topics:

- Help for families who need support during the Coronavirus crisis
- Volunteering
- Financial help
- Help for businesses

Please see the attached sheet for full details. You can also visit the your local council website for updates or www.norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus

Easter Holiday Childcare:

Wymondham's local schools are working together to provide emergency childcare over the Easter holidays for the children of approved critical workers who are involved in the front-line response to the Covid-19 crisis. Places have been arranged for eligible children at Robert Kett Primary School's Extra Time club. If, during the holiday, you need to contact the childcare service (ie. Shift changes for emergency workers or redeployment that means you now need urgent access) please call Robert Kett School office on 01953 603405 and email me at head@morley.norfolk.sch.uk

Class Email:

We have provided the class email addresses so that you can ask the class teacher questions about your child's home learning and forward any videos and photos. Please direct any other questions to our office email, as given at the top of this letter. Refer to our website for a full list of email contact addresses.

Home Learning:

Under normal circumstances, yesterday would have been the first day of the Easter holidays. Therefore, I hope that you feel able to leave the home learning materials alone for a couple of weeks. One of our parents has recommended the Scouts and Guides Association websites for some fun activities for your children over the holiday period:

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors>

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/adventures-at-home/for-ages-4-7/>

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/adventures-at-home/for-ages-7-10/>

Safeguarding:

I have updated our Safeguarding Policy to cover our new working arrangements. Please refer to our Federation website to view the policy there: Safeguarding Policy – Covid 19 Update (Appendix 4).

During the school closure, your child may be spending more time online. Here are some organisations where you can find advice to help you to keep your child safe:

- [Internet matters](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [London Grid for Learning](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Net-aware](#) - for support for parents and careers from the NSPCC
- [Parent info](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Thinkuknow](#) - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - advice for parents and carers

Wellbeing:

One of our parents has kindly made available some wellbeing first aid sheets for children and adults. Please find these attached.

Home Learning Gallery:

We have added a Home Learning Gallery to our website and started to add photos (where parents/carers have given us their permission). It has been extremely heart-warming to see what the children are getting up to. Thank you for sharing your photographs and videos with us.

Celebration Friday:

Here are some of the wonderful achievements that have been reported to me this week:

- Jake has been learning how to use bubble writing



- Martha made a rainforest house complete with fireplace! She also made a lovely poster showing how much she is missing everyone at school.
- Reuben has been cooking for his family and getting the most from his Yumu music homework. He loved singing to Bon Jovi and he, his brother Noah and his mum enjoyed dancing with the animals.
- Willow did some maths, started a storyboard, baked crispy cakes, did some junk modelling and made an alien called the green slime Ooga Booga monster!
- Finley T posted some fabulous drawings on Google classroom.
- Charlie is Mrs O'Dell's My Maths star of the week as he has completed the most tasks.

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

HERMIONE AND IRIS!

And finally:

Our school prayer:

Heavenly Father,

Remind us to use our gifts, to serve one another, as good stewards of your varied grace.

Amen

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Laura Green'.

Laura Green
Executive Head Teacher