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PLEASE READ: IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Please note that the INSET days which were to be held on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th February have now been cancelled. School will now be open to key worker and vulnerable children on these days. The INSET days have been moved to Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July. School will now close for the end of the academic year on 19th July 2021.

Remote Learning tips

- Apparently Teams can be accessed on PlayStation and XBOX consoles
- Staff are having Teams training on Monday evening so more tips next week!
- Whole school assemblies will be on Zoom twice a week
- Children can access their Great Dunham email accounts via Teams in Outlook
- Friday morning PE for all classes

In School PE Reminder

Please can children in school bring a PE kit into school the first day they are in and take home on their last day of the week. Thank you.



Celebrating Success



Above and Beyond



Oulton~ Jack for fantastic descriptive writing
Oulton~ Toby for excellent effort and attitude to learning.
Ranworth~ Willow H for working hard and having a good attitude to your learning.
Ranworth~ Daniel for excellent engagement with home learning.
Hickling~ Miles for mature and thoughtful discussion in RSE.
Hickling~ Esme H for writing a poem with a powerful message.

Mathletics w.c. 11.1.21

Silver Award

Logan,



Bronze Award

Adam, Toby, William C, Esme H,
Logan, Theo, Daniel, Chloe,
Sophie, William Y

Well done!

Storywriter's Club

Story Writer's Club is a friendly, fun Zoom group for 7-11 year-olds who enjoy bringing their stories to life on the page.

Sessions will recommence on Thursdays at 4.15pm; they will start on 21st

January and run for 4 weeks until February half term, with the last one being Feb 11th. Come along to share ideas or discover new ones and meet other people who enjoy creating too. To find out more, please email libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk.



Thank
you

Thank you to all parents/carers who have sent us messages of support. They are very much appreciated. Thank you also to parents who have donated IT equipment for families to use during lockdown. It is really helping with learning.

Guidance and Support for Parents

Free School Meals

Vouchers for free school meals should be available for order from Monday. These will be ordered only for children at home.

Updated DfE Guidance

[Updated Department for Education guidance- What parents and carers need to know about early years, schools and colleges](#)

Computer Help

If you are home learning but having difficulty accessing Teams or you are having to share a device, please contact the office. We may be able to lend you a laptop.

DfE Information for Parents

DfE have issued information on [What remote learning should look like](#). Please take a look.



Blue Peter is now available on YouTube!

BBC
Bitesize
Daily

[BBC Lockdown Learning Information](#)



Schoolreaders Storytime January 2021

['The Go-Away Bird' by Julia Donaldson](#)

The Go-Away bird sat up in her nest, with her fine grey wings and her fine grey crest.' One by one, the other birds fly into her tree, wanting to talk or to play, but the Go-Away bird just shakes her head and sends them all away. But then the dangerous Get-You bird comes along, and she soon realises that she might need some friends after all . . . Reading Age 5+, Interest Age 3+

['The Worrysaurus' by Rachel Bright](#)

It's a beautiful day and Worrysaurus has planned a special picnic. But it isn't long before a small butterfly of worry starts fluttering in his tummy . . .What if he hasn't brought enough to eat? What if he gets lost in the jungle? What if he trips and falls? What if it rains?! Can Worrysaurus find a way to chase his fears away and have fun? Reading Age 6+, Interest Age 4+

['Gorilla' by Anthony Browne](#)

Hannah loves gorillas but has never seen one. Her father's too busy to take her to the zoo – or for anything else come to that. For her birthday, Hannah asks her father for a gorilla – but is disappointed when she discovers that the gorilla she's got is just a toy one. But then something extraordinary happens ... the toy turns into a real gorilla, who puts on her father's hat and coat and takes her off for a magical visit to the zoo...Reading Age 6+, Interest Age 4+



A Family Challenge has been launched this week. Families are invited to complete the challenge (if they want to), sending their entry to the office by 9am on Friday. Each week's winner will be in the newsletter.

Week one challenge ~ Tea Bag Throwing



It is great to see so many families taking up this week's challenge. Take a look at the leaderboard for this week's results.

Hill Family	5.6m
Whitlock Family	8.34m
Young Family	305m
Preston Family	6.58m
Ryan Family	6.20m

LEADER BOARD

1. Young Family	11 points
2. Whitlock Family	6 points
3. Preston Family	4 points
4. Ryan Family	1 point
5. Hill Family	1 point

Next week's challenge will be emailed out Monday ☺

E-Safety

- NSPCC has published information for parents '[Online safety during coronavirus lockdown](#)'.
- CEOP have produced 15 minute [home activity packs](#) to help support online safety at home.
- Netaware have produced information for parents '[Should I be worried about my child sharing videos and images online?](#)'
- What to do if your child sees something upsetting online (Safer Internet Centre)
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/advice-parents-what-do-if-your-child-sees-something-upsetting-online>
 - Online resources for parents & carers (Childnet International)
<https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Parents-and-carers-resource-sheet-1019.pdf>

Esme H's Poem

BEAUTIFUL

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The perfect face is not a thing,
The only thing that matters is the beauty
within.
You know you don't need a skinny waist,
Be strong and tough, embrace the things
you faced.
Don't care for looks, you can love without,
Never ever panic or worry or doubt.
So never worry for looks you'll heed my
words,
And remember you are as free as a bird.

Outdoor Learning

