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### Happy Half Term

We hope you all have a great half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

### School Gates

Our new gate rules have been in place since Monday, thank you to everyone who has helped to make our school safer by following them. We have sadly had a small number of parents walking up the vehicle driveway or climbing over the locked pedestrian gate. Please can we ask **all** parents, carers and children to follow the new rules and enter school by the turning circle gate **only**, this is to ensure the safety of everyone at school. We appreciate your cooperation going forward with this.

### Maths Teaching

We are always looking to improve how we communicate and inform parents about the teaching of Maths within school. To help us with this please can you take a few moments to complete the attached questionnaire and return it to school by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February, many thanks for your support.

### Safer Internet Day

We had a fun and productive Safer Internet Day on Tuesday with the children sharing their ideas and views with us and each other. By discussing the many ways we can be safe online we have empowered the children to take control of their digital lives and be themselves online, whilst being safe and responsible.

### Bikes and Scooters

Please can we remind parents and carers that bikes, scooters and other ride-on toys are not to be ridden by pupils on the school premises and must be pushed to the storage racks, thank you.

### World Book Day

World Book Day this year will be taking place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. The theme for this year is 'Share a Story'. The World Book day mission for 2020 is to invite EVERYONE nationwide to Share A Million Stories and spread the love of books and reading for pleasure, both in school and at home. It's a campaign to help change children's lives, make story-sharing a habit of a lifetime and create readers for life. I have registered the school for the 'Share a Million Stories' so that children can record the stories that they share. We will send home 'Share a Story' bookmarks so that the children can keep a record and to help to reach the nationwide target of one million stories shared during World Book Day month (27 February – 29 March). Examples of shared stories could include picture books, audiobooks, bath books, novels, comic books, non-fiction, e-books – the choice is yours. The only rule is that the story lasts for at least 10 minutes. During World Book Day, classes will be sharing stories together **and we will have a whole school book related Café in the afternoon from 1:30 – 3pm**. Children may dress up as a story character on the day if they wish, although this is not compulsory. It would be fantastic, however if every child could come to school on World Book Day with a story to share. Let's see how many stories we can contribute to the million. For more information and examples of the top 100 stories to share, visit <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

### EDP Plant to Plate Vouchers

This term we are collecting the EDP Plant to Plate vouchers. If we can collect 1000 tokens by the closing date of 27<sup>th</sup> March we will receive a gardening pack worth £130. However, if we are one of the three highest collecting schools we will win £1000 to spend on gardening equipment so please look out for the tokens, let's see if we can win the top prize!

### A reminder about emergency school closure

We always endeavour to keep school open at all times, but there are instances such as adverse weather, where we have to close our school. We do this for the safety of our children, families and staff. If we do have to close the school we will always try to inform you via a Class Dojo message by 7am in the morning, so you have as much notice as possible to make arrangements.

Please note that we will also update the Twitter feed on our website and the "Emergency School Closures" page on the Norfolk County Council website, and then Radio Norfolk will also announce our school closure.

As the weather is getting colder we would ask parents to ensure children have a warm coat in school each day so they may enjoy break times outside as long as possible. Please also ensure children are wearing black sensible shoes to school each day and all items are named.

### This week's Awards

	<u>Good Work Awards</u>	<u>Values Awards</u>	<u>Values Champion Award</u>
Reception	Harrison	Jody	Year 3 Sam
Year 1	Max S	Lyla Rose	
Year 2	Nikki-Elise	Nikola	
Year 3	Thomas	Ebony	
Year 4	Elise	Brooke	
Year 5	Lucas R	Charlie	
Year 6	Mitchell	Elissa	

### Diary Dates

12 Feb	Year 3 Class Assembly	17 Mar	SEND Parent's Evening
26 Feb	Year 6 Class Assembly	18 Mar	Year 2 Class Assembly
4 Mar	Year 1 Class Assembly	25 Mar	Year 5 Class Assembly
5 Mar	World Book Day	24 Jun	Sports Day
9 Mar	Whole School Environment Agency Assembly	1/2/3 Jul	APHS transition day for Y6 pupils
11 Mar	Year 4 Class Assembly	13 Jul	Woodland week for all pupils
11/12 Mar	Spring Parent's Evening		

### Curiosity Café Dates

<u>Class</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Reception</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
Spring Term Curiosity Café Theme Date and Time	Maths Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2-3pm	Maths Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2-3pm	Phonics Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2-3pm	History Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2-3pm	French Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2-3pm	Maths Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2-3pm	Maths Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2-3pm	History Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2-3pm
Whole School World Book Day Activities	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 1:30-3:00pm							
Summer Term Curiosity Café Theme Date and Time	Science Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2-3pm	Topic Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2-3pm	Topic Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2-3pm	Art Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2-3pm	English Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2-3pm	English Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2-3pm	Art Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2-3pm	Art Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2-3pm
Whole School Transition Café – Maths	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 1:30 – 3:00pm (Theme – domino games and activities)							