

# Nacton Church of England Primary Newsletter Spring No.4



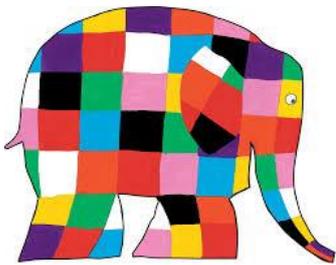
16<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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**Back to normal!** Thank you for your support during the days when the school was closed due to the adverse weather and travelling conditions. We endeavour to keep the school open as normal and will only ever close in exceptional circumstances. I apologise for the inconvenience this may have caused, hopefully we won't have snow like that for many years to come!

**Sandpit lid:** Please ensure that your children don't walk; run or jump etc. on the sandpit lid. It is only designed to protect the sand from the weather and not to take the weight of children. Thank you for your help with this, we don't want anyone to get hurt.

**Leopards' homework:** Miss Culling was absolutely amazed by the effort that all of the pupils in Leopards class put into their homework, whether it was creating a cave; carrying out a science experiment; or telling a story using Stone Age cave art. Well done to all of the pupils and also their parents for offering support and guidance in these fun learning opportunities.



**Elmer's Big Parade:** Following from the success of 'Pigs Gone Wild' St Elizabeth Hospice will be organising a new parade of 50 large elephants and around 100 small elephants, these will be displayed around Ipswich during the summer, 2019. We are delighted that we have successfully secured a small elephant for our pupils to decorate. The main aim is to raise the profile St Elizabeth Hospice, Ipswich and raise vital funds for the charity. As a school we need to aim to raise around £700, so next term we will be gathering the children's ideas on ways to fundraise.

**Parent's evening:** We have now finished holding parent's evenings. If you were unable to attend please speak to the office to arrange a convenient time to meet with your child's teacher and collect their report.

## News from Nacton Pupils



**Commonwealth Day:** On the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018, the school council represented our school for Commonwealth Day. There were 52 countries in the Commonwealth, and now there are 53 because Gambia re-joined this wonderful union of countries. On Commonwealth Day we had the raising of the Commonwealth flag. It was; a navy blue colour; it had neon yellow spears on it and a gold globe representing the Earth. At the ceremony we were joined by another school – which was Orwell Park School – that also read a few poems like we did. Sadly, the weather had no mercy on that because it was pouring down with rain. After we read the poems we had some satisfying tea and cake. The teacups were china and had some lovely paintings and patterns on them. I would love to go again.

Molly (Year 5)

**BT Science week:** On Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018, the Year 6s went to BT as part of British Science Week. We did lots of fun activities including: VR headsets and saw the home, school and hospital of tomorrow. We all really enjoyed this fantastic event and we hope the Year 5s get to enjoy this wonderful experience next year.

Alex and Callum (Year 6)

**Volleyball:** On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018, we had an amazing day of learning and fun playing volleyball. Firstly, we learnt how to throw a volleyball. The first throw we learnt was 'The Dig'. So, what you do is, you put your hand together like a fist and smack the ball with your hands! The next fabulous throw we learnt was... 'The Set'. The way you do 'The Set' is, make a miniature diamond with your hands and shoot it above your head. Finally we learnt 'The Deadly Spike'. For this eventful throw you just need a force and smack it. We hope that we have another go at the victorious volleyball. Thank you Mr Ross!

Amelia and Imogen (Year 5)

**Easter Service:** All parents & carers are welcome to our Easter Service **on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 10am, at St Martin's Church, Nacton.**

**Texting Service:** You will have noticed that the text messages you receive from the school appear differently on your phone. Our service provider, Teachers2Parents, have introduced a new security verification measure to allow parents/carers to check that the messages you receive are from school. Messages will include the school ID in the body of the message, accompanied with a link at the beginning of the message to click through to a Teachers2Parents verification page; confirming that the sender of the message is genuine. This added security measure is another step forward to help reassure parents/carers of the safety and wellbeing of your child at school.

**Sports for Schools:** We are taking part in the Sports for Schools initiative, which is run by the EADT & Ipswich Star. Local schools collect tokens and have a chance to win a share of £20,000 worth of sports equipment. Tokens will be printed in the papers every day from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February to Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Look out for bonus tokens on Saturdays! The school with the most tokens as an average of total pupils will win meaning that all schools have a chance both big and small.



**Reminder:** The police are very keen to stress that parking around the school needs to be safe and legal. Please respect the local residents, avoid parking on corners, on white lines and always let children out of the car on the pavement side. Many thanks for your co-operation.

### Out of School Notices

#### **Premier Holiday clubs**

Premier Sport are providing **Easter** holiday camps at local venues across Suffolk and Essex. Running weekdays throughout the two week break, for ages 4 - 12.

Standard Days run from 9:00am – 3:30pm available, as well as Extended Day's which will run from 8:30am – 5:00pm with a Flexi-Registration and Flexi-Collect on extended days.

Each day is planned and structured so the children develop a range of skills in different sports, teamwork and sportsmanship, as well as most importantly having fun in safe environment, all whilst staying active and healthy. Full details are available on their website.

Prices available via leaflet or visit <https://book.premier-education.com/for-families/search-for-activities-near-you> for further details.

Bookings to be made via [www.premier-education.com](http://www.premier-education.com) or by calling 01473 598005 and childcare vouchers are accepted at some venues.

*The inclusion of details of extra-curricular, local and out-of-school activities in this newsletter in no way implies that they are supported or endorsed by Nacton CECVP school, its Governors or any member of Staff. Parents are advised to make the appropriate enquiries regarding supervision, insurance and other matters.*