

Nacton Church of England Primary

Newsletter

Spring No.2



February 7th 2020

Diocesan Art Project: This year the whole school will be contributing to the Diocesan Art Project. The theme is 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'. The exhibition of artwork will take place in the Cathedral cloisters in Bury St Edmunds between **27th April – 11th May 2020**.

Technology in School: A polite reminder that pupils are not allowed to bring mobile phones into school, pupils also should not bring in devices i.e. watches that can take photographs. This is to safeguard all pupils, these items are often expensive and could be easily damaged or lost.

Safer Internet Day: Parents and carers are invited to join us on **Monday 10th February at 1.30pm** to take part in a range of activities with their child/children. The afternoon is arranged so that you can easily move between your children if you have more than one child at school.

Fish and chip Thursday: Instead of a roast lunch on **Thursday 13th February** it will be fish and chips instead.

Attendance and absence: There has been a recent increase in requests for term time holidays. At present our Governing Body do not follow the advice of Suffolk County Council to fine parents who take their children out of school for unauthorised reasons. This is regularly under review and could change if overall pupil attendance drops significantly. We do appreciate that sometimes appointments etc. have to be during school time but for us to be able to teach your child we need them to be in school.

Guitar: Year 5 and 6 parents are invited to join us at **2.45pm on Friday 13th March** to enjoy some pieces the children have been learning in their guitar lessons this term.

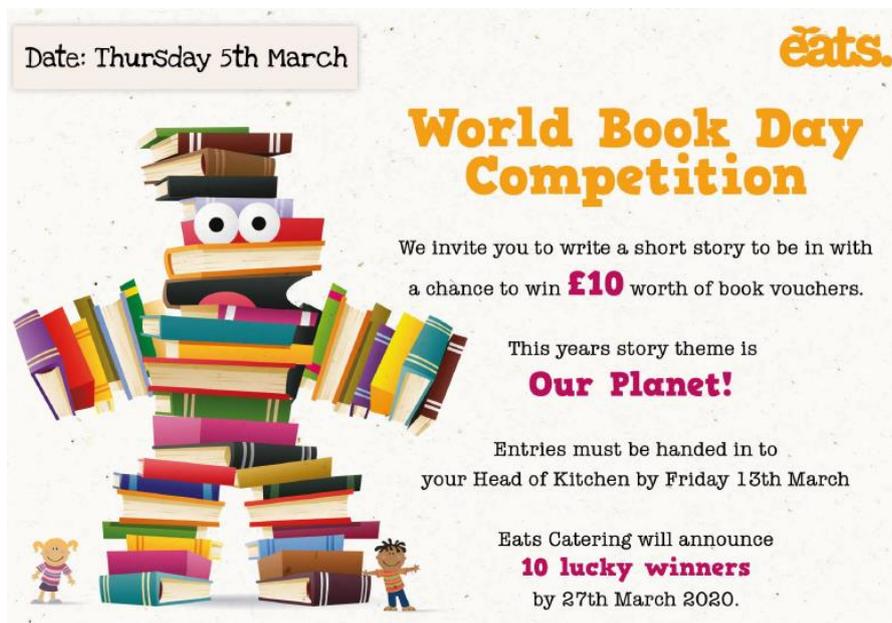
Curriculum: One of the benefits of being part of the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) is the networking and professional development of staff. Currently the focus of this professional development has been the curriculum. This term there has been/will be MAT-wide days supporting; Music, Maths, Reading, History and Design Technology.

Dogs on the Playground: The school has reviewed its risk assessment for 'Dogs on the playground'. Please make sure that you follow the control measures on this if you do bring a dog on the playground, please see separate letter or pop into the office. If these aren't followed then the dog won't be allowed in the school grounds.

After School Clubs: There are still spaces in the after school clubs, please return any slips to the school office, or ask for a new one if your child is interested in attending any.

Waterworks: We are hopeful that on **Friday 14th February** we will be successfully complete all of the sewerage and water works that began in the Summer holiday. This is a Professional Development day for staff so children aren't in school and won't be affected in anyway by these works.

World Book Day 5th March 2020: We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day again this year. We will be having a 'pyjama day' so the children will be able to come into school in their pyjamas and we ask they bring their favourite bedtime story or a favourite book they are currently reading. EATs are also running a World Book Day competition – see details below:



The poster features a central illustration of a character made of stacked books with large eyes and a smiling mouth. The character is surrounded by more stacks of books. At the bottom left and right of the stacks are small cartoon children. The background is a light, textured grey. Text is arranged to the right of the illustration.

Date: Thursday 5th March

World Book Day Competition

We invite you to write a short story to be in with a chance to win **£10** worth of book vouchers.

This years story theme is **Our Planet!**

Entries must be handed in to your Head of Kitchen by Friday 13th March

Eats Catering will announce **10 lucky winners** by 27th March 2020.

Upcoming Dates

February

28th Year 5 to BT

March

5th World Book Day

6th Book Fair begins

10th Year 6 to BT for Science week

20th Archery Enrichment Day

24th Leopards Stone Age day

27th Easter service

April

2nd End of Term assembly

23rd St George's Day

24th Athletics Enrichment Day

May

8th Bank holiday – 75th anniversary VE (Victory in Europe) day

July

8th Sports morning and picnic lunch

10th FOSS Day

21st Leavers service

22nd End of Term assembly

Please be aware that there is a chance that the dates of some events may change. If this happens, we will let you know as soon as reasonably possible.

Useful Contact Numbers

Premier Breakfast Club: The breakfast club runs every day from 8am at school. Please book your place at www.premier-education.com, can book in advance or the night before.

Looking for advice on your child's medical needs? Contact:

School nurse: 01473 275838

School Nurse Chathealth text number 07507 333356

Are you concerned about the welfare or safety of a child? Contact:

Customer First: **0808 800 4005**