

Nacton Church of England Primary

Newsletter

Autumn 5



2nd November 2020

Welcome back: I hope that you have all managed to have restful and relaxing half term holidays. All the children were working so hard to get back into their usual school routines and I know many were exhausted. Hopefully they are all fully recharged ready for another 7 weeks of learning.

New members of staff: We're delighted to welcome Miss Besford and Mrs Maynard who'll both be working in Leopards Class. We're also welcoming Mrs Fathers who will predominately be working in Jaguars Class.

Keeping warm: All classrooms will continue to have windows open to maintain good ventilation. This does mean that the pupils may feel colder than normal in the classrooms. They are permitted to wear a fleece jumper, as well as their school jumper, to help them keep warm. Children must have a coat in school. The coat should have a hood as we'll take pupils out for playtimes even if it is raining.

Communication: We're glad that parents are using Class Dojo and Tapestry effectively to communicate with class teachers. Please make sure that you tell the office via email or telephone call if your child is going to be absent from school, rather than using Class Dojo/Tapestry. This term we'd normally hold 'settling in' parent's evenings. Unfortunately this year we won't be able to but we'll still send home a report card at the end of this term. We also continue to encourage you to contact us if you have any concerns or questions.

Tighter Restrictions: Following the Prime Minister's announcement of a four week long lockdown beginning on Thursday 5th November we're reviewing our practices to ensure that, as schools are remaining open, we continue to provide as safe an environment as possible for all of our pupils, staff and their families. I will update you on any changes prior to the lockdown starting. In the meantime I continue to ask that you:

- Maintain social distancing when bringing your children to and from school, including when talking to staff members.
- Reduce the number of adults entering the school site, to just one adult per family.
- Keep your children with you whilst you enter and leave school to avoid children mixing with children from other classes/'bubbles'.

Poppy Appeal: On Tuesday 3rd November and Wednesday 4th November we'll have a box of 'Poppy' paraphernalia for sale. In the box are:

- Wristbands – turquoise, blue, white and black
- Reflective clip on poppies
- 'Traditional' button hole poppies and stick-on poppies
- Poppy pins, including VE75 pin.

We are putting in places several measures to make sure that we are able to support this charity safely. Please ensure you follow these:

- Use the alcohol hand gel before touching any products
- Only adults are to purchase items
- Only touch the products you wish to buy
- Social distancing must be maintained at all times.

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**