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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace  
1 Peter 4:10*

*Work together, learn together, grow together...*

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Re: School Closure Updates and News**

A renowned psychologist, Steven Pinker, was speaking on Channel Four News this week. He said that even in the face of a deadly disease like Covid 19, human beings are stronger because they have ingenuity – the quality of being clever, original and inventive. I've been holding onto this idea over the past few days. How do we cultivate ingenuity in our children? The photographs and videos posted in our Google classrooms show that our children are immersed in activities such as making, building, experimenting, music, sports, performance and play. These are wonderful examples of ingenuity at work and it is you – in your home – who is making this happen for your child.

### **Easter Holiday Childcare:**

The 'Extra Time' holiday club at Robert Kett Primary School is available for the children of critical workers during the Easter holiday. This provision is free. If your status changes to critical worker during the Easter holiday or current critical workers have holiday cancelled, please contact us at the above email address so that we can provide the link for the online Robert Kett booking page.

### **Free School Meals:**

The government agreed to provide free school meals for eligible children over the Easter holidays. However, they didn't inform schools of this until the Easter holiday period had begun. We responded immediately by placing orders for e-vouchers but the system, run by Edenred, has failed to cope with the national demand. Therefore, we are advising that there could be up to a 10 day delay in receiving them. We are also informed that the vouchers may come into people's junk mail folders so it is worth checking there if you don't receive your vouchers in the next couple of weeks. **If you are eligible for free school meals and your children are at risk of going hungry, please contact me on [head@tacolneston.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@tacolneston.norfolk.sch.uk)**

### **500 Word Story:**

Message from Mrs Grant:

*On Monday 6th April, I received an update from the 500 Word Story competition which most of Eagles entered. I am very pleased to announce that out of the 135,000! entries only 5000 stories were selected to go through to the next round of judging and one of those is Archie's 'Husky Adventures'. Well done Archie, I am so proud of the effort and determination you put into this story. I will keep you posted as I hear more.*

## Home Learning:

### Book for Children:

Find attached to this letter: 'Coronavirus A Book For Children' by Elizabeth Jenner, Kate Wilson and Nia Roberts with illustrations by Axel Scheffler.

### Celebrities Offering Home Learning:

Various celebrities are offering home learning:

[PE with Joe Wicks](#): 9 am every weekday. FREE 30-minute PE lesson for children and adults

[Maths with Carol Vorderman](#): Try free sessions and games to help keep maths fun.

[English with David Walliams](#): A free audio story each day from 11 am.

[Dance with Oti Mabuse](#): Strictly's Oti is running a live dance class for children of all abilities at 11.30 am on Facebook. Classes can be watched back at any time.

[Cooking with Jamie Oliver](#): 6 brilliant recipes to get children cooking! What will you try today?

[Music with Myleene Klass](#) Twice a week and classes can be watched back at any time on YouTube.

[Home Economics with Theo Michaels](#): Live cooking class every Mon & Wed at 4 pm. Simple food with just a few ingredients.

[Science with Professor Brian Cox, Robin Ince & Guests](#): The Stay at Home Show at various times of day with special guests.

### Mrs Green's pick:

<http://radio.garden/live>

This is a bit of fun and a way of identifying the different countries on the globe. You can go on a virtual journey around the World listening to different radio stations. I've been quite mesmerised by it!?!

If your child is enjoying any particular learning resources, please let us know so that we can share these with other families.

## Safeguarding and Wellbeing:

### Just One Norfolk

Just One Norfolk is a digital platform for Norfolk parents and carers. It has up to date clinical information, advice and support. It gives families self-care information, supporting them to build knowledge, skills and confidence to take care of their families' health and wellbeing and seek further support or guidance when needed. Please find a leaflet attached.

### Support for Bereavement

Winston's Wish have created a comprehensive resource to support schools and families with talking to children about bereavement due to Covid-19.

<https://www.winstonswish.org/telling-a-child-someone-died-from-coronavirus/>

### The Bishop of Norwich reads Bible Stories

Bishop Graham – has made these videos of four different stories from the Bible. The Bible is full of wonderful stories and guidance on how to live our lives. The Gospels describe the life and teachings of Jesus, and in an accessible way, these short videos bring the Bible alive.

<https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/news/bishop-of-norwich-creates-four-bible-story-videos-for-schools/>

### Online Safety

This site provides activities that you can do with your child to learn about keeping safe online.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/>

## Safeguarding Our Children

If you are concerned about the safety of any child please contact Norfolk County Council on 0344 800 8020. In an emergency call 999. Help us to keep Norfolk's children safe

*See something*

*Hear something*

*Say something*

## Celebration Friday:

I have been looking at the work that children been uploading to their Google classroom and would like to say well done to the following:

- Kiki really enjoyed making a Viking long boat from a cardboard box
- Pippa and James made cakes and biscuits and have been going on bike rides and nature hunts
- Betty has been doing science experiments and she made her own lip balm
- Harrison planted 'Jack & The Beanstalk beans' so that he can watch them grow
- Phoebe has been looking at things that float and sink and she made a boat
- Joshua made a huge scare crow
- Freya made colourful patterns with play dough
- Ben found two newts in his garden and he did some research about them and made a fact file
- Jacob made a scare crow and he practised his handwriting, maths and reading

If you or your child has something special to celebrate, please let me know so that I can include it in my Friday letter for next week.



Some of our children have celebrated their birthdays this week. I'd like to say a big

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

to

**ZACHARY, TYLER, HARRY, MILLIE AND FABIO!**

**And finally:**

An extract from one of our school's favourite Easter hymns (the children always sing the chorus extra loud):

*They cut me down  
And I leapt up high;  
I am the life  
That'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you  
If you'll live in me -  
I am the Lord  
Of the Dance, said he.  
Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he*

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Green".

Laura Green  
Executive Head Teacher