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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*

Friday 22nd May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: School Reopening Updates and News

Thank you to those of you with children in Reception, Y1 and Y6 who have responded to our survey. I appreciate how difficult this decision is for some of you.

Thank you also to those of you who have been emailing questions. I have created a FAQs sheet which you can find on the right-hand side of our website home page. I will continue to update these sheets on a daily basis.

Please note the following for when your child returns to school:

- The uniform policy will be flexible as children will require a clean set of clothes each day
- Children will not be allowed to attend school and a childminding setting as they will be crossing too many bubbles

When school opens, our teachers will be performing a dual role. They will be teaching in school as well as providing home learning materials for the children who remain at home. They will be making contact with vulnerable children and families and delivering work packs for some who don't have access to technology. Deep cleaning will need to take place daily and resources used by children and teachers will need constant cleaning. In order to facilitate these requirements, we will close school to all pupils except the children of key workers and vulnerable children, on Wednesdays (whole day) and Friday afternoons. Here is the timetable:

Year Group	Date Open (provisional)	Start Time	Finish Time	Days of Week
Y6	8 th June	8:40	3:15	Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri
Y1	15 th June	9:00	12:20	Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri
Reception	22 nd June	9:20	12:00	Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri
Children of key workers and vulnerable children	Continuing at Morley to 5 th June. Open at Morley and Tacolneston from 8 th June	8:40	3:15	Mon to Fri

Key Workers:

It would help us with our strategic planning if all key workers, including those who are not intending to send their children to school, could complete this survey:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IOM_8mowLU-yDq7UATSAstzwDFJGq9LgqFa5IPbAd5UODVCNEdYV1JGN0kwSFNJNFhMVkQ1QjlMOC4u

Half-Term Holiday:

The Wymondham Cluster of schools have made child care arrangements for the half term holiday. Children of key workers and vulnerable families should have made a booking for Robert Kett Primary School's Extra Time Club by Monday 18th May. If your circumstances have changed and you now require a place, please contact me at head@tacolneston.norfolk.sch.uk

Summer Uniform

A message from Sherry Locke (Chair of FOTS): *If anyone with children going back to school requires summer school uniform, please feel free to let the office know and we will see what pre-loved items we have available. 50p an item. Can be delivered to your doorstep and monies left in the FOTS box when you next visit the school to adhere to social distancing guidance. Thanks and we hope you are all well and keeping safe.*

Home Learning:

One of our children has come up with the lovely idea to decorate stones for our memorial garden:

You can use oil paint, acrylic paint or sharpies. The stones will need to be varnished but we can do this back at school. Make your design as bright and colourful as you can and bring your stone with you when school restarts. (See the attached photos for ideas).

Have you outgrown your wellie boots?

We would like to invite all of the children to decorate (paint, permanent marker etc) their old wellie boots and bring them to school so that we can use them as plant pots. We'd like to hang them from our school fence to make a pretty display.

Summer Reading Challenge:

Please encourage your child to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge, which can be found on their class page on the website and in the Google Classroom.

Safeguarding and Wellbeing:

Return to School: A Trauma Informed Approach

<https://www.raftpsychology.com/news/gvid0efdmvfmjw4r9xxly04rwrjd0o>

This blog by Dr Tara Quinlivan provides interesting and useful food for thought for parents and teachers – a 5 minute read.

Lucy's 36 hour Stay Awake Challenge

A message from the Hathaway family: *Thank you to those who have supported Lucy so far. She is currently 7 hours into her 36 hour stay awake challenge and you can follow her progress on either of her Just Giving pages:*

[justgiving for Scouts](#)

[justgiving for Nelsons Journey](#)



Celebration Friday

Our children have completed some wonderful work this week. The teachers have nominated the following children for special mention:

- **Mrs Cheese and Mrs Keltey say:** *These children are our Stars this week: Oscar - creative art work for an under the sea song! Kay, Isla and Lucas - for using and applying their maths knowledge to make things at home! Scarlett R - collecting lots of coins on Numbots!*
- **Miss Grant says:** *These children are our stars this week: Rosie for all of her hard work and creativity, especially her cake baking; Archie for drawing a fantastic surprise Happy Birthday message for Romey and for his beautiful turtle which has appeared in a video; Benson, William, Josef, Betty and Mollie for their great efforts with the daily riddles; Josef for his determination with learning his tables and Aran for his amazing diary entry about his sunrise visit to the beach. Well done to everyone in Eagles for their continued hard work and perseverance, you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves.*
- **Miss Diaper says:** *The Kingfishers are making me so proud. It is hard sometimes to sit down and do some work, but you are, and lots of it! I hope you are all proud of yourselves. And a big thank you to your families for helping you. Well done to; Rory, Tristan, Lexie, James, Harrison, Zachary, Charlie, Finley and Toby*
- **Mrs Livermore says:** *These children are our Stars this week: Thomas F for his writing, Olivia P for her map work and Seren for her magic show.*

I'd particularly like to draw attention to the poetry skills of Thomas F and Cameron who have written some incredibly thoughtful poetry about their experience of the COVID 19 pandemic. Please see the end of this newsletter to read these poems.

Values Certificates

- **Freya S - Friendship:** For making sure Romey had a lovely birthday.
- **Pippa - Perseverance:** For persevering with her reading during lockdown.
- **Triston - Koinonia:** For having a VE day picnic and listening to war stories with a veteran
- **Joseph D - Generosity and Service:** For helping so much around the house this week including making meals and breakfast in bed for your Mum!
- **Noah - Perseverance:** for persevering with a wide range of activities that you have tackled this week.
- **James Perseverance:** For always having a go at the home learning tasks. Super writing about dinosaurs.
- **Tristan Perseverance:** For working hard to learn the days of the week!



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to

ROMEY & HATTIE!

And finally:

Our School Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

Remind us to use our gifts, to serve one another, as good stewards of your varied grace.

Amen

Kind Regards

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

Laura Green
Executive Head Teacher

SO WE SHOULD CLAP LOUDLY - by Thomas F

Every Thursday I stand outside,
I clap my hands as loud as I can,
The man down the end of our Close,
Plays his music to show his appreciation,

But who are we making all of the noise for?
Doctors, nurses working day in and day out,
Saving lives but putting themselves at risk

So we should clap loudly

All the other NHS workers
Like my mum who is still going to work

They all have a role to play

So we should clap loudly

Care home workers who are busy
Looking after all the grandparents
Trying to keep them as happy as can be

So we should clap loudly

How about teachers, shop workers,
binmen, postmen and others

Dad who is still repairing tractors

So we should clap loudly

SO I AM CLAPPING FOR THEM ALL

Tough Times - by Cameron

Although the times might be tough,
Simply a smile might be enough;
Enough to gift the world some hope,
To wash away sadness like a bar of soap.

Despite lockdown not being fun,
Endangered animals are not on the run;
It's given the Earth some time to thrive,
From the biggest lion to the smallest bee-hive.

Plastic pollution had taken over the planet,
But not buying more has humans on top of it;
We're all doing great by following the rules,
And if we continue like this, we'll all be back to our schools.