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Dear Parents,

We made it to the end of term! I think there were a few who were ready for an afternoon nap by the end of their busy week! The Easter breakfast was the perfect way to end the half term, thank you so much to the Friends of Yaxham Primary School for providing the delicious Hot Cross Buns!









It certainly was a sight, seeing our animals hunting for eggs this morning! Sadly, as always, a few eggs escaped us so we will be searching over the summer term for the ones we didn't find! I had hoped that the children had forgotten that my office was full of the Easter Eggs donated by Tesco but they spotted them during our celebration assembly on Google Meet so they will all be bringing one home today.

Special Awards this week:



Harrison for his good listening skills.



#### **Squirrel Class**



Ted for his hard work with reading and spelling, making great progress

#### **Badger Class**

Taylor for working extremely hard all week, especially on his writing.



#### Fox Class

Oliver for trying his best with everything, all of the time.



#### Other Messages

#### Parent Meetings

Thank you so much for your patience with our first 'virtual' parent meetings. It wasn't without it's challenges, I know teachers have plans to catch up with some of you where it didn't work. It would be useful to know what you thought to the format so we can see if it is a worthwhile investment.

Thank you for all of your support as we have settled back into the routine. Wishing you all a lovely Easter. We look forward to seeing you all back on the 12<sup>th</sup> for the beginning of the summer term.

Mrs Jennie Müller

#### Dates for your Diary:

Return to School 12th April 2021

Fish and Chip lunch 16th April 2021

End of half term 28th May 2021

Return to school 7th June 2021

End of term 21st July 2021

#### Symptom free COVID19 test kits now available from Dereham Library

As you will know, symptom free testing (also known as regular rapid testing or lateral flow testing) is now available for parents/carers, your household and bubbles.

About 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the virus spreading and protect everyone.

You can now collect your test kits from Dereham Library to use at home. You can find the library at 59 High Street, Dereham, NR19 1DZ and its opening hours are:

Monday: 9.30am-4pm
Tuesday: 9.30am-4pm
Wednesday:9.30am-4pm
Thursday: 9.30am-4pm
Friday: 9.30am-4pm
Saturday 9.30am-4pm
Sunday: Closed

#### Test kits are free and there is no need to book.

To collect your kits, you will need to go to the library front door where staff will ask for your name and contact details. Social distancing and sanitising measures will be in place.

You, your household and bubble need to test twice a week, every three – five days. You can collect a maximum of two packs of test kits, each kit contains seven tests. If you are from a larger household, you can have up to four packs.

After you have used the tests, they can be disposed of in your normal household waste. Please do not return the tests to the library.

The attached a leaflet has more information about symptom free testing and where else you can get a test.

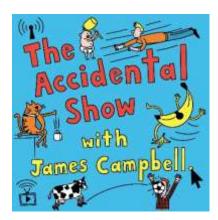
#### Remember:

Primary school pupils are not required to be tested; all secondary pupils will be provided with tests by their schools

It is important you report your results online immediately, even if your result is negative or void. It's easy to do at: **gov.uk/report-covid19-result** all the instructions are in the pack.

If you do test positive, please self-isolate and book a test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119.

Thank you for your help in protecting yourself, protecting others and protecting Norfolk.



#### The Accidental Show with Author James Campbell

The show runs every Saturday morning on Zoom at 10am. Tickets are £5 but you pay afterwards and payment is voluntary. Free school meals and NHS go free. As it's on Zoom, parents need to register first to get an invitation but it's not difficult.

We've set up a simple website: <a href="www.accidental.show">www.accidental.show</a> so that folks can see what it's all about and then fill in the contact form to get tickets.

Each week we have a mixture of authors, illustrators, comedians and musicians. All hosted by me. Coming up in the next few months our guests include Swappna Haddow, Giles Paley-Phillips, Mitch Benn, Eve Ainsworth, James Mayhew, Elle MacNicoll, Zillah Bethell and Stewart Foster.

It's the closest you can get to taking your child to a live literary event at the moment. And it's funny. All the way through.

James has visited our school several times, the children love working with him!

There are still packs available if you are interested...



Get moving, eat well and have fun

with our FREE Big Norfolk Holiday Fun scheme for 5–16 year olds.

The programme is open to all children currently eligible for means tested free school meals. They can enjoy a mix of activities, cookery, physical activity and craft. All equipment will be safely delivered to your home.



### Don't delay! Sign up today

If your children are eligible for means tested free school meals then this is for you! There is something to keep everyone busy, with a mix of:



- outdoor activities
- cooking ideas
- arts and crafts
- music
- online physical activities

Apply by 12th March

to secure a free place for your child on the Easter programme.





# The aim is to help you to keep your family healthy, happy and active over the school holidays by moving lots, eating well and having fun.

The activities can be mainly done at home together as a family and will be supplied in a holiday activities kit box that will be sent to your home.

There may be opportunities for face to face events for your children too.

More details will be available once you have signed up.



## Sign up online

by scanning the QR code with your mobile phone

Or text the words "Big Norfolk" to 07553 894233 and a member of the team will call you back Or visit www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/bignorfolkholidayfun

