

Yaxham Church of England (VA) Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It has been another fantastic week of hard work. Our corridors are adorned with beautiful artwork and I know that teachers have had a real challenge selecting writer of the week with such a selection but I can assure you the chosen two are really worthy choices. Don't forget to head over to Tapestry to have a read. You will also find Jacob's book recommendation, which I am sure will appear on many Christmas lists, and for 'This is Me' Indigo has shared her love of Disneyland, it won't fail to make you feel Christmassy when you see her pictures.

Special Awards this week:



Hedgehog Class

Joseph for his amazing independent learning and listening skills



Squirrel Class

Annabel for working so hard in RE and sharing lots

of facts about Jesus



Badger Class

Indigo for being an absolute joy in the classroom and for working her socks off all week!



Fox Class

Iris for her brilliant attitude to learning

Writer of the Week

Squirrel Class

Emelia

Fox Class

Freddie C

Well done all of you for your fantastic work!

Other Messages

Support

I am aware that many families will have faced financial challenges during recent months. Please remember that if you find yourselves in this situation that we are here to support in any way that we can or try and direct you towards another organisation who will be able to help. The information below may be useful for you or someone you know:

Norfolk Assistance Scheme

Due to the coronavirus situation, a coordinated emergency relief response has been developed for Norfolk people in crisis.

Urgent help with food, cash or household items

The Norfolk Assistance Scheme can help by providing emergency cash or food due to the coronavirus situation.

The scheme can also help provide essential household items such as white goods and beds. Please note that during any period of self-isolation these items may be delivered over the threshold or on the doorstep.

Urgent help with food provision

If you have no one to assist you, the Norfolk Assistance Scheme will arrange an initial delivery of food and refer you to your District Help Hub who can arrange for a voluntary organisation to help you with tasks like getting shopping, picking up prescription medication, and dog-walking.

Urgent help with gas and electricity costs

You may be able to get help with fuel costs through the Norfolk Assistance Scheme. Also contact your fuel supplier straight away if you're behind with payments of your gas or electricity bills. See Citizens Advice for help if you're on a pre-payment meter, have run out of credit and need gas or electricity urgently.

Am I eligible?

You must be a Norfolk resident aged 16 or over to apply for the Norfolk Assistance Scheme and you'll be asked a set of questions to check if you're eligible.

You may be eligible if you:

• Receive or have applied for an income-related benefit (including those who are selfemployed or have recently been laid off work)

- Have ceased working and awaiting the first payment of a new means tested benefit claim
- Have dependent children
- Have a disability or mental health problem
- Are fleeing domestic violence
- Need help to remain in the community
- Are part of a planned resettlement scheme

How to apply

You can apply online for the Norfolk Assistance Scheme. We have provided some guidance to help you fill out the form.

However, requests for emergency cash or food due to the coronavirus situation should be made via phone on 01603 223392 (option 5) so that we can prioritise these. We may ask you to provide evidence to support your application such as bank statements, payslips, UC journal entries and any other evidence we think is necessary. Please be patient, as we are experiencing high call volumes.

For all other help, please apply online if possible.

Holiday Hardship Programmes and Free School Meal Eligibility

Government has announced a range of support around hardship. Please make sure you have applied if you think you may be eligible to receive any support available. The best way to apply is through the online portal:

https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk

Hot dinners

Still to come...

Friday 27th November - Fish and Chips followed by Toffee Cream Tart.

Thursday 3rd December - Pasta Bolognese followed by Jam Sponge.

Wednesday 9th December - Pizza & Wedges followed by Chocolate Krispies.

There will also be a packed lunch available on all these days if children would prefer.

Please order by the Monday of each week if your child/ren would like to have any of the hot lunches as detailed above.

Lunches cost £2.30 each (£9.20 for the four lunches) and free school and infant universal meals apply as usual.

Please make payment to:

Barclays Bank Plc

Sort Code: 20-62-61

A/c No: 40080225

First Admission to School - School Year 2021/22

We are already part way through the application process for the First Admission to school for the school year 2021/22. It is important to make your application to the Local Authority by 15 January 2021 if you have a child due to start school in September.

Children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 are due to start school in Reception in the school year starting September 2021.

Parents need to make application, even if their child currently attends a nursery class at the same school.

The easiest way for parents to apply is on-line

at <u>www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk</u> or request an application form from the Customer Services Centre on 0344 800 8020.

Additional information, and a link to the online application, is available on the County Council's website: www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/admission-to-reception-classes

If you or anyone you has a child due to start in Reception or has a child in Year 2 at an infant school and ready to transfer to Year 3 in September please visit:

https://www.yaxhamprimaryschool.co.uk/web for our virtual tour or contact us for further information.

Communication

Thank you for all of your responses to reports. I know lots of you have caught up with teachers with any concerns or questions. Please remember you can always contact us through Tapestry, by emailing or telephoning the school office.

It feels like there have been a lot of messages this week, but the key message is we are here to help in any way that we can. So please do get in touch if ever you need it.

Wishing everyone a restful weekend.
Jennie Muller
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 27th November – Fish and Chips followed by Toffee Cream Tart.

Decoration Day 27th November 2020

This will be class based, children can wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty.

Thursday 3rd December – Pasta Bolognese followed by Jam Sponge.

Wednesday 9th December – Pizza & Wedges followed by Chocolate Krispies.

All Christmas cards to be in school by 11th December 2020 They will be quarantined before distributing.

Christmas Jumper Day 11th December 2020

Virtual Nativity Release Date 16th December 2020

Christmas 'Book Before Bedtime' 6~6.30pm 17th December 2020

Each class will be invited back to school for hot chocolate and a bedtime story

Christmas Party Day 18th December 2020

Children can come to school in party clothes and enjoy a day of fun!

End of Term 18th December 2020

Return to School 4th January 2021

End of half term 12th February 2021

Return to School 22nd February 2021

End of term 26th March 2021

Return to School 12th April 2021

End of half term 28th May 2021



Blue Peter on YouTube at CBBC Launch

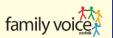
Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and we are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. We also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog. subscribe to:

https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter - (it is completely free to subscribe!) and

don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.30pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.









about dental services for children and young people with SEND

If you are the parent carer of a child or young person with SEND, join us online to:

- Find out how the system works
- Ask questions in a relaxed setting
- Make sure professionals know what families need

with Helen Paisley (Regional Operations Director), Angela Simms (Clinical Lead) and Gemma Sargent (Dental Therapist)

of Community Dental Services

Monday 30 November 10:00am to 12:00pm

Contact Sally at $\underline{events@familyvoice.org.uk} \ for \ joining \ details.$