

Dear Parent/Carer,

Well, here we are at the end of a very strange half term. Well done to everyone for all that we have achieved and enjoyed together even if remotely for most.

It was lovely to see so many of you out enjoying the snow this week. I do hope it was a welcome boost for the children and for you.

I have attempted another recorded assembly this week and you can find it [here](#).

I am encouraging the children to think about how they can make a difference alongside a reminder to complete our 100 challenge. Please send in any photographs or evidence of this to school by the end of February so we can create a display. We will be awarding prizes for the most original ideas as well as for those children displaying the most resilience in their challenge.

Primary schools across South Norfolk are participating in a Get Active challenge organised by Norwich School Sport Partnership - encouraging children to participate in 60 minutes of activity each day during the half term holiday. This can be walking, biking, building dens, playing outside, dancing, skipping - anything to get the body active. Participants will receive a Bronze (1-2 days), Silver (3-4 days) or Gold (5-7 days) certificate and be in with a chance of winning £50 worth of sports vouchers. Click [here](#) for more details how to enter and how to share your photos as well as an activity tracker sheet. Last year in lockdown Mulbarton Primary came 3rd so let's see if this time we can come 1st!

The World Book Day vouchers are digital ones this year. The organisers have asked us to send the link below to each family, so that you can redeem **one voucher per child**. The instructions are all there on the link, and the vouchers are valid from 18th Feb until 28th March, but need to be spent in a participating bookshop (these include Sainsbury's and ASDA). They cannot be redeemed online. For most shops you just need to show the voucher on a phone/tablet, but some shops require a printed version.

[booktoken\\_PrimaryUK.pdf \(worldbookday.com\)](#)

SEND families - Family Voice are hosting a zoom [afternoon tea](#) and also a zoom ['let's talk about early years'](#) session. Please click on the links for more information and how to book. We have also updated the [SEND blog](#) on our website.

**Well done to the following children who are our Wonderful Learners for this week:**

Hedgehogs - Eva Vaughan  
Squirrels - Faye Gardner  
Caterpillars - Stanley Brown  
Ladybirds - Annalise Hall  
Dolphins - Emily Dawson  
Whales - Freya Kerr  
Barn Owls - Fred Meeson  
Kestrels - Ethan Norris  
Giraffes - Lauren Hinchley  
Lions - Harrison Frost  
Meerkats - Matthew Goldspink  
Penguins - Harrison Fisher  
Polar Bears - Alexander Vincent  
Jaguars - Archie Phillis  
Snow Leopards - Lottie Woods

Please could we remind you of the importance of reporting any positive cases relating to your child/ren to the school. It is vital that we do all we can to help stop the spread of the virus and would ask that you help with this by keeping the school fully informed of any positive results.

Norfolk County Council are providing webinars for parents to provide support during lockdown. They have a range of online sessions available for free, including online safety and nurturing resilience. To find out more please click [here](#).

Point 1 is available for referrals and telephone support for young people and

their families. Families can get in touch via phone by calling 0800 977 4077 or via email at [point1-support@ormistonfamilies.org.uk](mailto:point1-support@ormistonfamilies.org.uk).

Parents can participate in a Mental health and my child - surviving lockdown mark 3 workshop. This session will consider the most significant challenges posed by the pandemic for both parents and young people (including anxiety and low mood) while also thinking about the most helpful ways to manage these challenges. Please click [here](#) to sign up.

Do take care and enjoy the break. Staff and children are ready for a holiday so please do take advantage of the week whatever the weather.

Kind regards

Bev Theobald

Head Teacher