

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you so much for your support on Red Nose day last week. In the end, 185 supporters raised £818.

Yesterday, the staff said goodbye to [Mrs Aspin](#) at a socially distanced tea party. We were able to celebrate her 21 years at the school with a video made by the children and staff and with a wow book put together by Mrs Dean. She was presented with a substantial voucher for Byfords, a rose and some flowers. Thank you to everyone who contributed. A special thanks to the reception parents who joined together to give her a number of gifts. She will be missed by us all but we do wish her well in the next chapter of her life.

Please be aware that on our return after Easter (Monday 12th April) the current arrangements will still be in place. Your child should continue to have wellies and a waterproof in school as we will be using the field even more during the summer term.

For the attention of families who use the Long Lane entrance. After Easter, **if** any children are confident to walk to class across the playgrounds then they may enter school via the Birchfield Lane or the main front entrance if that is easier for you. Staff are not available to accompany them so please ensure your child is happy taking themselves into class this way. Finally, please can you ensure that your child's reading and library books are in their book bags or school bags every day.

We have been notified on three separate occasions by local residents that parking around the nearby roads and closes is unsafe. Driveways are being blocked and also used for cars to turn around in. Please consider others when driving to school and do not use other people's drives to turn around in. Thank you.

The Department for Education (DfE) has advised that primary-aged pupils should **only** be Covid tested if they are symptomatic, in which case families

should follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and [book a PCR test](#) for the child. **It is not a requirement for the child to be tested using a Lateral Flow Device.** These tests should not be offered to individuals who develop coronavirus symptoms, regardless of their age and a PCR test must be booked.

Outdoor gym - This is nearly finished on the upper school field and has been funded by the Government's PE and Sports grant. Please see photo [here](#). The key stage 2 children have been shown how to use the equipment this week. For health and safety reasons, please do not allow your child to use the equipment out of school hours.

Lunches - please don't forget to order your child's lunch on Wisepay for after Easter! The dates available to order for are 12th April until 18th June.

After school tennis - there are still places left for the KS1 club starting after Easter. If your child is in year 1 or 2 and would like to join, please click the link [here](#).

Mulbarton Wanderers U8's are actively inviting anyone in the current Year 3 setting who is interested in or would like to get involved in Football (regardless of experience or ability), to come along to a few training sessions and see how they get along. We currently have two teams in the age group, made up from a lot of Mulbarton Primary students already, so you will probably know a face or two! If you are interested or want to know more then please feel free to get in touch via the contact details provided in [this flyer](#).

Fun for the Easter Holidays! The Local Authority has asked us to share some resources which you can enjoy with your child/ren over the Easter holidays. Please click on the links below for more information.

- 1) Free colouring printable Easter Sheets and much more! [Crayola](#)
- 2) Ideas to celebrate Easter whilst at home. [Active For Life](#)

- 3) Have fun with Peter Rabbit and Friends. Create pictures and watch stories online. [Peter Rabbit](#)
- 4) Simple kids cooking ideas for creating tasty Easter bakes. [Kids cooking](#)
- 5) Fun free activities to include Disney inspired indoor games. [Change for Life](#)
- 6) Wildlife Watch has lots of activities from colouring in; to making bird feeders; to scavengers hunts to do on your daily exercise. To find out more visit their website: [Wildlife Watch](#)
- 7) Norfolk Wildlife Trust has a family learning page which has lots of ideas for activities to do at home and can help you to identify birds and flowers. To find out more visit their website: [Wildlife Trust](#)
- 8) Nature based activities to enjoy together at home or in the garden. [Woodland Trust](#)
- 9) Norfolk Feel Good Fun Webpage, to help you keep smiling! It includes keeping active, wellbeing tips, puzzles and games, cooking, reading and much more! [Norfolk Feel Good Fun](#)
- 10) BBC webpage full of games, quizzes, cooking ideas for the Easter period: [BBC Games](#)
- 11) Activity ideas to do together as a family over the Easter Holidays: [Family Education](#)

They have also asked us to share the following sessions with families:

FAMILY LEARNING

Family Learning Early Year's at Home March 2021.

For families with children aged 0-4. Join Family Learning this March for stories, rhymes and games to support your little ones' development and communication skills. Session include: Little Talkers, Littler Movers and Making Friends for 0-4 year olds.

Family Learning at home for KS1 and KS2 March 2021.

For families with children aged 4-11. Join family learning for fun ideas to support your child's writing, spelling, art or multiplication & division skills.

Please go to the [Family Learning Facebook Page](#) or email family.learning@norfolk.gov.uk. For more information visit: [Family Learning courses](#) or call 0344 800 8020 (Option 5)

FAMILY LEARNING / NORWICH CITY SPORTS FOUNDATION

Tackling Returning to School for Parents/Carers of Primary age Children (FREE)

Norfolk Family Learning and NCSF have teamed up to develop this new programme 'tackle learning'. There will be ongoing sessions and the first one (which will take around 25 minutes) is here : [Tackle Learning](#)

For further information, please see : [Community Sport Foundation](#)

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you all have a restful and safe Easter Break.

Bev Theobald
Head Teacher