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## Sandringham & West Newton Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parents

**End of Autumn Term 2021 Newsletter**

We wish to thank you all for your understanding of our cautious approach and the changes made to the events this half term. We feel that the children have still been able to enjoy festive fun whilst keeping our school community as safe as possible and would like to say thank you to all staff for their continued hard work and dedication.

We would also like to thank the staff and pupils in Reception and KS1 for their efforts to produce our Nativity performance and hope that you enjoy watching with your family, via this link, with the password **SA21**:

<https://vimeo.com/656279214>

### **Christian Value**

Our Christian value next half term is **Courage**

### **Friends of the School**

Once again we thank our wonderful PTA for all their fundraising efforts which have allowed us to buy new equipment for school including reading books.

### **Breakfast Club**

The cost of breakfast club is £1.00 per child per day. Children can be dropped off from **8am** where they will be welcomed by Mrs Garrard.

### **After School Clubs**

Thank you for responding to our recent questionnaire about after school 'Stay and Play' club. We are planning to start this new club on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from **11<sup>th</sup> January** onwards for those pupils whose preferences we received via the online survey. If you did not respond but would like your child to attend, just let us know, please.

### **Goodbye and Thank you to Lady Corty Howard**

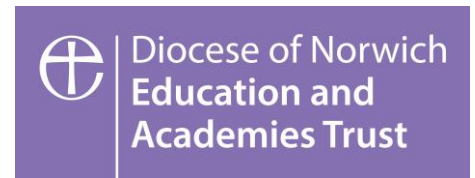
We will be saying goodbye and thank you to Lady Howard who has served our school as Governor for 30 years, on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December (after our Christmas Choir performance). We would also like to welcome our newly appointed (by the Trust) Governor, Mrs Claire Bunton.

### **Year 6 Head Girl and Head Boy nominations**

Thank you to those year 6 pupils who submitted their letters of application for School's Head Girl and Boy Designation. After some deliberation we are pleased to announce that the pupils chosen for this post are, William Moreland and Sally Louise Kerry, well done!

### **Free School Meals (Reception and years 1&2)**

Children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** are eligible for **(UNFSM)** free school meals as soon as they start full time school. **You do not** have to apply to get these free meals, but if you do receive one of the benefits **listed below**, you should still



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apply for funding which will give the school extra funds (Pupil Premium) for your child. This government funding can help with extra tuition, teaching and school activities.

### Free School Meals (years 3,4,5&6)

If your child is in Year 3 or above, you must receive one of the following benefits to get free school meals:

- Universal Credit - with an annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

For more information please visit <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

### Emergency School closure – Arrangements

Obviously we are at that time of year when the weather can be very unpredictable, therefore I would like advise our new parents and remind you of the procedures if it is necessary to close the school due to bad weather. Please log on to the Norfolk County Council website below or listen to local radio stations such as Radio Norfolk.

If the weather is bad please:

- Listen to your local radio stations (BBC Radio Norfolk) where updated lists of schools closing will be read at regular intervals.
- Check Norfolk County Council's website [www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk) and select 'Emergency Schools Closures' from the list on the right for a regularly updated list of closed schools.
- We will endeavor to notify parents via our parent text message service (please ensure your contact telephone numbers are up to date). Norfolk County Council now offers the option for you to sign up to received alerts by text message or email whenever school is closed. To sign up for alerts or find out more, visit: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/disruptions](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/disruptions)

Guidelines we follow:

- Should it be necessary to close the school during the day the school will telephone or text parents (please ensure that we have your correct contact numbers, it is your responsibility to update your numbers should they change).
- If we are unable to contact parents, we will keep the child at school until normal time.

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- If there are serious weather problems- floods, storms or snow, Mrs Gardener will inform Norfolk County Council and local radio stations of the decision.

Please remember that as many of our staff live some distance from the school there may be no staff on site if the school is closed due to snow. As you will appreciate, we do need several members of staff on site before we can safely open the school.

### Recent Guidance from the Trust (for January 2022)

We have just had this updated guidance for parents of primary school pupils, from DNEAT, for your information:

**'Parents of primary school pupils should be asked to test their child the day before the start of the Spring term. Testing for primary pupils is not mandatory however to reduce the risk of transmission of what is a highly infectious variant of Covid, (and possible closure of a setting) this is the reason why the Trust are putting this measure in place.'**

### Dates for your diary

Date	Details
January 2022	
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens for the new term Violin lessons resume
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Years 3&4 to Cromer Brass tuition year 6 (pm)
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	OMNES Games (letters to follow)
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	'Active Kids' Lynnsport years 1&2 (letters to follow)
Half term	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022