

# Fressingfield C of E Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you again for your co-operation during the half term. The children have adapted well to the new way of doing things and it has been wonderful to see them all trying so hard and learning in school again. We are fortunate not have any reported cases in the school and I very much hope this continues throughout the year.

## Drop Off and Collection Times

At the start of next half term, we will be making a few small changes to the times of the day. The morning drop off will operate in the same way, but collection times for Congo class (Mrs Perry's class) will change to 3.15pm. This will allow for the bus children to go to the bus before adults collect their children. Please stick to your times and be on time so that staff can fulfil their other school and meeting commitments. The drop off time is the time children should be at the gate ready to come in!

### Times of the Day

Yangtze	Arrive at <b>8.35am</b> and leave at <b>3.20pm</b>
Congo	Arrive at <b>8.40am</b> and leave at <b>3.15pm</b>
Colorado	Arrive at <b>8.45am</b> and leave at <b>3.15pm</b>
Danube	Arrive at <b>8.50am</b> and leave at <b>3.20pm</b>
Waveney	Arrive at <b>8.50am</b> and leave at <b>3.20pm</b>
Bus children	Arrive at <b>8.30am</b> and leave at <b>3.15pm (main gate)</b>

## Clubs

Some clubs will be starting next half term. These clubs will include sport, Maths and Early Birds. The clubs will operate in bubbles and there will be no mixing of children from other groups. More information regarding 'Early Bird' sessions will follow shortly.

The sports clubs will start with Yangtze class on a Wednesday playing table tennis and Congo class on a Thursday playing tchoukball. Danube and Colorado class will have sports club after Christmas.

## Events

Obviously, our school Christmas will be very different this year and we are still planning our seasonal activities. Again, more information will follow the half term break. Two children will still be laying the wreath at a scaled down remembrance event at the Fressingfield War Memorial on 11<sup>th</sup> November.



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## **FOFSA**

I would like to thank FOFSA again for their fund-raising activities and donations to the school. The staff are purchasing several items for the children and again the funding will have a positive impact on the children. Ask your children to look out for the new signs and bean bags seats when they return.

## **Support for Families**

I know that this is a particularly challenging time both socially and financially for families. Therefore, if you need support with any issue please feel free to talk to us and if possible, we will try to help. Needless to say, all conversations will be treated confidentially.

## **Online Learning**

The teachers will be increasing using Google Classrooms and Purple Mash during the coming months for setting home learning and for children off school for any reason. Therefore, make sure you can log in to both and platforms and if you cannot please notify the class teacher or Mr Taylor. The school will also be trialling some other online learning sites from November and parents of the children involved will be notified in November.

## **Communication**

We are trying to make our communication even better going forward. Twitter is live, but we are having some issues with getting the settings right. Our 'In Touch' newsletter will be starting again in November and will accompany our class newsletters and learning aids that are also sent home. The website is updated most weeks and contains lots of information, especially online safety in the parent's area. Messages will continue to come out from school via parent mail.

## **Parents Consultation**

On behalf of the teachers thank you for your support during the parent consultations. Again, it was a first for the school, but the feedback was positive. If you have any mini report forms with comments on, please return them to the class teacher or Mrs Drax.

I hope you have a wonderful and safe half term with your children and thank you again for your co-operation.

Best wishes



Mr M Taylor

(Headteacher)