

IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

6th November 2020

We are so glad schools have remained open despite the second lock-down. This term has been delightful: the children have adapted so well to the new routines and changed expectations; and it has been great to get back into the swing of things and focus on the enjoyment of learning, being with our friends and having fun. Long may it continue.

LOCKDOWN—EXTRA PRECAUTIONS

Please can we say a big thank you to everyone for adapting so well to the new arrangements for the start and end of the school day. In light of the new lockdown situation, we would just like to remind you of some of the tighter rules:

- Please could only one adult drop off and collect at the start and end of the day. Please don't come with any other family members.
- Please make sure you are maintaining the 2m rule on the approach to the school gates.
- Please don't linger once you have collected your child, but move quickly on.

Thank you for your understanding.

We recognise that it is harder to communicate with us now, but please do feel free to contact members of staff by email or via the school office on

admin@fressing field. suffolk. sch.. uk

GOOGLE-CLASSROOMS

All the children now have access to Google Classrooms. This platform will be used to provide work for every child should a second school closure occur. In the meantime, it is being used to provide work for any children who are required to self-isolate. If you are struggling to access Google Classrooms (for example on a phone) there are some apps that can be downloaded to solve these issues. Just contact the school and we can send you a link to these.

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 13th November, we will be joining in the Children in Need celebrations with the rest of the country and we would like the children to come dressed in their brightest clothes. This can be anything really - a football kit, a funky onesie, some stripy tights or a bright jumper. Just bring in a little contribution for the charity and we will pass it on. Whatever you choose to wear, make sure you are still WARM!

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Anti-Bullying Week starts on Monday 16th November with Odd Socks Day which is a fun way to start a conversation about diversity. In our classes during the week we will focus on bullying and the things we need to do as individuals or as a group to combat it. The week will end on Friday 20th November with Kindness Day.

KEEPING WARM

Please make sure your children are wrapped up warmly each day with vests, jumpers and coats. The Government advice continues to be to keep windows and doors open to maintain a flow of clean air through each room so, whilst we do have the radiators on, the classrooms can be chilly places to be, especially if we're sitting still. The children can wear coats and hats at their tables, but wearing lots of layers is the best way to keep warm. Can we also advise children bring a spare pair of socks to school especially on PE days. There are very few things worse than having cold, wet feet, and a change of socks can be just the ticket.

NEW CERTIFICATES

Look out for some new certificates that have started to go home this week. The certificates celebrate aspects of learning that we are teaching the children. We are exploring seven 'learning characteristics' that all successful learners share; they include creativity, resilience, curiosity, strategic awareness and more. In our school they are represented by seven learning animals so the children can relate to them more easily.

More information will be shared over the coming year, but be on the look out for these certificates as they start to be sent home.

Learning Character of the Week: The Resilient Tortoise

The Resilient Tortoise never gives up. He knows that if he works hard he will get there in the end so he just keeps going. He perseveres, and is confident in his own abilities. Negative comments from others or adverse experiences just bounce off his hard shell. He has high selfesteem and a positive outlook.

COLUMBA NON-UNIFORM DAY

Congratulations to Columba who won the House Point challenge for last half term!

It was an another high-scoring term with all teams breaking the 500 house points mark. So well done all. The full results were: Aquila 503, Cygnus 520, Columba 572 and Apus 501.

As a reward, all children in Columba (the Yellow house), are allowed to come to school in their own, non-uniform, clothes

on Friday 20th November. Well done.



JRSO—BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

The JRSO are currently organising activities for the Road Safety Awareness Week which will take place during the week of 23-27 November 2020. There will be more information shortly.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Thank you to all who ordered Christmas Cards this year; we thought they looked great and we had our best up-take ever. Your cards should all arrive in good time for catching the Christmas post.

Our Value this term is : **HUMILITY**