



IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

19th November 2021

Thank you everyone for your vigilance and support this week. We want to start by offering our best wishes for a speedy recovery to all the children and families that have been affected by our recent outbreak. It has certainly been an anxious time but, if we work together and continue to be vigilant and to test regularly, we will get through this more quickly. The children at school have been incredibly resilient and have adapted to the new routines extremely quickly. Let's hope we are back to normal very soon.

FLU JABS

The flu jabs, originally scheduled for last week, have been postponed to a later date. The new date will be confirmed by email as soon as we are told. Pleasingly, there was a huge demand for these vaccinations from our families. If you haven't already signed up for the jab but would like to do so, please contact the school office asap.

LATERAL FLOW TESTS

To keep our children, families and staff as safe as possible, please follow the guidance listed in the letter sent on Wednesday. Lateral Flow Tests are free and can be ordered by following the link here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/latest-information/>

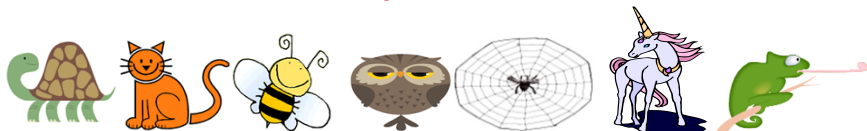
BUG CLUB PHONICS

We have recently purchased the Bug Club Phonics resources to support the teaching of phonics in the Early Years and Key Stage 1. As part of the scheme, children will soon have digital reading books assigned to them in addition to their physical books. The books will be very closely matched to their current reading ability and their progression through the phonics phases. Every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will shortly be issued with their personal log-in where they will be able to find their reading books and complete the linked games.



ODD SOCKS DAY

Thank you to our brilliant Anti-Bullying Ambassadors for organising assemblies throughout Anti-Bullying Week and the Joke Competition on Odd Socks day. My favourite joke of the day was: What's the best way to count cows? With a cow-culator!



HOME-LEARNING

Home-learning lessons are being provided for all children at home via the Google Classrooms (Years 1-6) or Tapestry (YR). Our teachers are providing 4 hours of learning per day, as stipulated by the Department of Education. It is our expectation that **all** children should participate in these lessons if they are well enough to do so. If your child is not unwell, please support them to complete and return this work.

Please remember, the guidance from Public Health England advises that, unless your child has tested negative on LFD or PCR tests, they should attend school unless ill for some other reason.

CHRISTMAS PANTO, and CHRISTMAS PARTIES

We are determined to celebrate Christmas this year and are working closely with FOFA to organise some fun events (please see the dates panel). In addition to our Christmas Lunch on 10th December (which is also Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children), we will all be having class parties and attending a virtual Christmas Panto on the last day. We have our fingers crossed for a special visit from someone very special, too!

BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Next week we will be taking part in Road Safety Awareness Week. On Friday, we would like all the children to come to school wearing their brightest clothes to spread the message: Be Bright—Be Seen!

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for all your contributions to Children In Need. Another joke for you (from Mrs Buckenham): Why couldn't Pudsey finish his dinner? Because he was stuffed!

LIVE LESSONS

Live Lessons will begin for all classes from Monday. These can be accessed by logging onto the Google Classroom and pressing 'Join.' If you have more than one child, you will need to make sure you are logged on with the correct profile.

The timings for the live lessons will be:

WAVENEY: Storytime will be at 2.30pm

DANUBE: Phonics will be at 11.20am

COLORADO: Live lesson at 10.45am

CONGO: Live lesson at 9.30am

YANGTZE: Live lesson at 9am

As with last time, please follow these guidelines. Children should be dressed, their lap-top should be on a desk or table and they should be in a public area of the house. Children should have their cameras turned on, but should keep their microphones off unless asked to unmute by the teacher. Please do not record or take screen shots of live lessons. Thank you.

OPEN MORNING SAT, 11th DEC

Our Open Morning was also postponed by the current outbreak. Please note the new date: Sat 11th Dec at 9am. If you know any parents who are looking for a school place for their child for Reception before the application deadline in January, please let them know. Thank you.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Thank you Ruby and Thomas for representing the school at the Remembrance Service on Sunday. You were wonderful.



WELLIES

Thank you for bringing in wellies. We are now on the school field every lunchtime. If you haven't already done so, please make sure your child has wellies so they can join in too.

