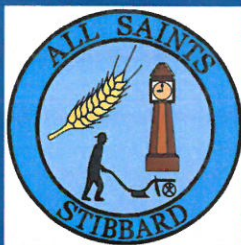


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Dear Parents/carers

We have started our new term with the 'new normal' where we stay in our class bubbles. We welcome all our new families who have joined us, new members of staff and our dear new Reception children. The children (and staff) are settling back very well.

#### Staffing

During the summer holidays we had notice of staff leaving our Federation as they've either moved away or other opportunities have come their way. We warmly thank Mrs McElwee, Mrs Skelhorn and Mrs Taylor from North Elmham and Mrs Eckett from Stibbard for their great support to our schools and we wish them well in their new ventures. We welcome Mrs Morling, Miss Johnson and Mrs Pattison to North Elmham School, and Mrs Parnell to Stibbard School office. Mrs Daniels and Miss Savory have joined the team in our Stibbard Nursery: Mrs Daniels is our new Manager and Miss Savory is the Nursery Nurse.

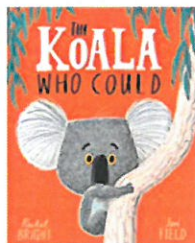
#### Curriculum

We have focused on the 5 R's (one a day) for our first week back whilst implementing our recovery curriculum. They are Routines, Relationships, Retrieve, Recap, and Review. Children have heard about Bubble time, memory jars and happiness boxes to name but a few. We used stories as our hook into learning.

We have introduced some positive changes. For example, we now offer outdoor learning provision as part of our curriculum offer which we call 'welly days'. Children will engage in forest school type learning experiences and enjoy what the great outdoors has to offer with Mrs Cairns. We look forward to building dens, making sculptures and enjoying hot chocolate around the campfire circle.

We have renamed our school house teams after pioneering women to Blue/Florence Nightingale, Purple/Harriet Tubman, Red/Frida Kahlo and Green/Emmeline Pankhurst. Children are learning about them currently and because we promote a love of books and stories, all our classes have a wow reading area for children to enjoy, pictures will be put on our website

We can't do some things like we used to, so for enrichment clubs the children now stay in their class bubble and they receive a different enrichment club each week. On Thursday, I started this off with the theme change. I read a lovely story called 'The changes we have and are experiencing Afterwards I drew a koala step by step heard some interesting facts and we share the link with you here to enjoy with



Koala Who Could' and this fitted with all the new with the pandemic and returning to school, which the children followed and copied. Then we watched a wonderful video all about koalas. Ill your family.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PzU-DjUMzsg>

The enrichment all happened via zoom. It was a really wonderful experience as the children could see all the other classes as well as myself and see both schools in the Federation. They sat so beautifully, listened and joined in and the drawings were fantastic. Each Thursday morning first thing, a different member of staff will deliver the enrichment experience.

### Covid-19

You'll have heard about the new law of 6 persons in a group from Monday but this doesn't apply to schools. However, please may I politely remind you that in the school setting we still have social distancing measures to adhere to and promote and although, outside of school you have your own private arrangements, we do need you to distance as much as possible from one another whilst on our school site to keep us all safe. We have noticed at pick up times many linger and socialise closely together and this then sends a different message to the children when we are trying to teach them about distancing and keeping safe.

We have not introduced staggered pickups and drops off times for different classes as this would create problems for our families with siblings. Hopefully, you'll recognise that should parents not promote distancing we may have to introduce staggered start and end times for each class which we want to avoid. Thank you for helping us with this safety measure by distancing and leaving the site as soon as you collect your child/children.

We would also respectfully ask parents/carers to wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting their child/children on the school sites and if you do need to urgently come into the school offices, please also wear a face covering.

This is the season when children will start to catch colds and coughs now we are all back in school full time. If your child just has a mild cold they may continue to attend school. This includes having a mild cough related to a cold. We are all aware of the clear COVID-19 related symptoms and you will know how your child displays symptoms when they have a cold. If you are in any doubt, please contact the NHS 111 advice line

### School Transport

The Local Authority has shared a transport update. Please follow this link if you have not received information from the Transport Team and your child regularly travels on school transport:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-and-college-transport/home-to-school-transport/coronavirus-and-school-transport>

### Car parking at Stibbard All Saints

There have been a few instances this week where staff have not been able to access the school car park when arriving and this has meant they are not in the classrooms by 8.30 am to welcome the children. Please can we ask parents not to arrive prior to 8.30 am and to please park on the playground only when dropping off your child/children. Please leave the marked spaces in the school designated car park for the school staff.

I have also been asked by a parent to remind those driving to school to respect the speed limit on the road through Stibbard as there are some families walking along the road and there is not a designated pathway in parts of the road.

Please also do not bring dogs on to our school sites; this applies to all Norfolk Schools as it is Norfolk County Council's policy to not allow dogs on school premises. Thank you for your cooperation.

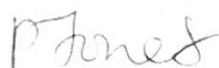
### Jeans for Genes Day - Friday 18th September

We will be supporting this charity next Friday as they celebrate 25 years of fundraising to support ongoing research. All children may come into school wearing their jeans and we will hold a collection if you wish to contribute. Children would wear their usual school uniform tops with their jeans.

Whilst we are learning to live through this pandemic we know we must take care of ourselves, of one another and simply share kindness. It is important to be kind because kindness can build more, and more people will be less angry, mean, and gloomy while spreading more happiness and joy. It can also help others in need. One more thing, kindness is important because people who are having a rough time and are struggling, it can help. We have spaces in our wonderfully nurturing schools and we welcome you to make enquiries. Please do email or phone the school office for more information.

Stay well and keep safe

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "P Jones".

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