



# **Cringleford CE VA Primary School**

*Spring Term 2021/22*

## ***Newsletter 8***

14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Since the children returned on Thursday last week, the staff and I have had a wonderful week working with them initially hearing all about their Christmas celebrations and then getting straight into our new topics for the half term.

If you have not done so already, please check the curriculum plans for your child on the school website. As usual, we have lots of exciting learning going on this term.

We plan to send out a newsletter every few weeks with good news stories and pieces of information in the hope that this is helpful in keeping you up to date.

### **Open Evening – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

This term, we plan to hold a classroom based open evening in place of individual parent consultations. More details will follow near to half term but if all is well, we shall invite parents in to school during the open evening, with their child/ren if they wish, to look at the learning within books and on display in the classroom.

We know that you have all missed having the time to look at your child's learning and though the virtual meetings we had in November provided you with lots of information about how your child was making progress, it is always far better to see for yourself.

### **Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19**

From Monday 17th January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to [NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

### **Revised Remote Learning Policy**

Following the changes in guidance over testing with LFD and PCR's and isolation periods being shortened following two negative LFD tests, we have amended our remote learning policy.

The revised document can be found here: [Remote Learning](#).

Updated learning activities for each year group are also on the school website. These are to be used when children are away from school isolating with Covid-19 and well enough to be able to complete learning. We do not expect children who are very unwell to work whilst away from school.

### **Attendance & Punctuality**

**Late arrivals** – An increasing number of children are arriving at school late via the school office. There is a window from 8.40 to 8.50 a.m. for children to arrive at school, any arrival after 8.50 a.m. is marked as late in the register and may impact on attendance levels. Children should be in their classroom at 8.50 a.m. each day ready to start learning. Late arrivals are quite disruptive to the class when children have settled and started learning and this also causes delays to the kitchen for lunch orders. Arriving 5 minutes late each day equates to 100 minutes per month.

**Pick up** – We are also seeing an increase in pupils regularly collected from school late. The school day ends at 3.15 p.m. and it is expected that children will be collected at this time. Teachers often have meetings that they need to attend or calls with parents straight after school.

We do have an on-site after school club, Set Your Sights which is open from the end of the school day through to 6.00p.m. If you would like to make use of this service, children must to be registered and booked into the club in advance, please contact [office@setyoursights.net](mailto:office@setyoursights.net). Alternatively, you could arrange for another parent/carer to collect your child on your behalf. If this is the case, you must call or email the office in advance to arrange this.

**Attendance** – we will be sending information home regarding attendance in the coming weeks. This is a requirement by the local authority and we are obliged to send this information to you where attendance drops below 90% for any reason. We are aware that Covid-19 and seasonal illness has had an impact on school attendance, these letters are for information only.

### **School Meal Menu Changes**

Due to staffing and supply issues Norse have asked us to revise our menu from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January to a more stream lined version until the end of term. A copy of this has been sent as an attachment to this newsletter and is also on the school website.

In addition to this, it is school census day on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January where amongst other things, information regarding school meals is collected by the Government. To maximise uptake of school meals on census day, the options for Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January & Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January will be swapped over, this also applies to children with special diet menus.

### **Traffic and parking around school**

We find ourselves once again having to remind parents & carers of the need to drive and park with consideration for others around school. We have had emails from parents regarding the difficulty of cycling and walking to school due to the levels of traffic and parking close to junctions reducing visibility.

We are in the very fortunate position of being able to utilise the Willow Centre car park and we would ask that parents/carers make use of this rather than parking right outside the front of the school. This will enable pedestrians, cyclists and children on scooters to continue their journeys to school safely.

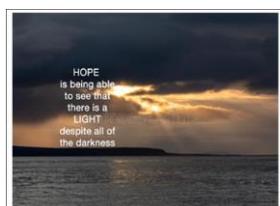
We have been in touch with the local beat Police Officer who will be making visits to the school at pick up and drop off times. We are also liaising with the Road Safety Communities Team who run a Safe School Run Pledge initiative and we will share more information with parents in the coming weeks.

### **School Improvement and Development Plans**

Please refer to the school website to review the School Improvement Plan (About us, Key Information). This is also where you will find details of specific funding such as the Sports and Pupil Premium Grant plans.

This term, we are focussing our training and staff meeting time on the subjects of Religious Education (RE) and Personal Social Health Education (PHSE). Our training day on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January with Chris Allen, will be followed up by a cluster meeting and further training on teaching philosophy in RE.

### **Collective Worship theme**



This half term we are taking HOPE as our value for Collective Worship – exploring how rainbows are used as a sign for hope, learning how we can support others to give them hope and sharing ideas over how we can have a vision of hope for the future. Our JONK value for the half term of resilience works well with this.

### **Staff changes**

At the end of last term we said a fond farewell to Mrs Moore, Mr Hanson and Mrs Maxim. We wish them all the very best in their new careers and endeavours.

Mrs Portia Griffey joined our school at the start of this term to teach Kingfisher class, I am sure you will join us in wishing her a very warm welcome.

Our Site Manager, Mr Dan Rider will be leaving us at the end of this month for a change of career after being with the school for 9 years. We are very grateful for all his hard work and wish him well in his new role.

### **Norwich Open Christmas – thank you**

We have received the below email from Norwich Open Christmas to thank everyone for their 'Santa Dash' contributions raised last term.

*Many thanks for your email regarding the donation to our charity and subsequent BACS confirmation.*

*It is most kind of the school to think of our charity and the generous donation is much appreciated. All monies raised are used to provide a traditional Christmas Day for those who are homeless, lonely or suffering financial hardship.*

*Please pass on our grateful thanks to all your colleagues and pupils for their support.*

*With best wishes*

*Bill Ashton  
Chair*

### **Snow Day Arrangements**

We will endeavour to keep school open wherever possible during snowy weather, the decision to close will be made by 7.00 a.m on the day if we take the decision to close for health and safety reasons.

The first day of closure will be a snow day and no learning will be expected. Home learning will be available on the school website from day two.

You can check if school is closed via the following link [Emergency School Closure list](#).

Kind regards

*J. Humphrey*

Mrs J. Humphrey  
Headteacher

**Attachments**    Rainbows  
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