



Newsletter February 2021



Dear families and friends of Wensum and Nelson,

I hope this email find you all well?

I would firstly like to take this opportunity to thank you for the amazing support you have offered us with your child's learning during this very difficult period. The staff all thoroughly enjoy seeing your child(ren) on daily zoom lessons and we all really enjoy celebrating the work they produce.

We will be reopening for ALL CHILDREN on Monday 8th March. There will be a follow up email next week with the time slot and entrance/exit for your child. These will be much the same as they were during the Autumn term. Because of this readjustment again, we will be closing for ALL children on Friday 5th March to allow staff time to prepare their classrooms.

We appreciate that we still have some clinically extremely vulnerable staff and family members who have not yet had their second vaccination. If you are concerned about your child returning to school on the 8th, please contact me directly on head@wensum.norfolk.sch.uk

While your child is learning from home, we do expect them to complete the work the teacher sets and upload it onto SeeSaw. We have provided every family with a laptop or dongle if they did not have one and have provided SeeSaw training so there should not be anyone who cannot do this.

It is really important that we maintain a routine for all of us! A reminder that children should be ready to work at 9am. There is a Zoom first thing in the morning for every child which is a morning circle/catch up. Please attend this where ever possible.

We understand when you have more than one child in the house you may not be able to complete all the Zoom lessons so we pre-record the sessions so your child can catch up. Your child's teacher may sometimes send work back to be improved/corrected or edited. Please do support your child to do this where possible.

We do also expect children to read every single day. We have set a YouTube story telling channel for both schools which can be accessed via our websites. If you are running low on books, please let us know! We have lots and lots of books in our honesty library and can always organise for some to be collected.

Best wishes,

Victoria McConnell

Support for families:

Please do follow our facebook pages as we post many dates/courses/opportunities on there.

We also have a twitter account at each school and update our websites regularly.

Zowie Glen and Jo Wells will be running weekly coffee drop in Zoom sessions for PARENTS ONLY for a chat on specific subjects.

These will start next Tuesday (March 2nd) at 1.30—2pm via Zoom. The theme will be 'getting your child ready to return to school'.

If you would like to book a place, please email Zowie on zglen@wensum.norfolk.sch.uk

Wensum New look Library:

We are excited to be launching a new library system at Wensum. Children will be able to scan their library or reading book out as they borrow it and scan it again when they return it. This will help us keep track of the books children are enjoying.

Many of you will have school books at home, please hunt these out ready to bring back when we all return to school. We have a careful quarantine system in place for books which are returned and will be using the library within our year group bubbles.

Staff changes:

This half term we say a sad farewell to Rebecca Robinson and Steph Cottington from Nelson infant school. We wish them lots of luck in their next adventure and hope they stay in touch!

Diary dates:

School will be closed for EVERYONE on Friday 5th March.

We all return to school on Monday March 8th.

We break for Easter on Friday 26th March.

Summer term dates: 12th April— 21st July (half term: 31st May—4th June)