



NORTH TAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL PARENT/CARER NEWSLETTER 28th February 2020

ENVIRONMENTAL ART CURIOSITY

Dear Parents & Carers

Coronavirus Update from Devon County Council

Public Health England

Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- It can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze

- Catch it with a tissue
- Bin it
- Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

- After breaks & sport activities
- Before cooking & eating
- On arrival at any childcare or educational setting
- After using the toilet
- Before leaving home

Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles

Do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels

Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: [campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools](https://www.campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools)

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self-isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

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<https://www.devonnewscentre.info/coronavirus-advice-from-public-health-england/>

We understand that our residents and visitors may have concerns about coronavirus. We would like to reassure you that the government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus. The council is monitoring the situation closely and coordinating with **Public Health England**. We are taking all possible steps to keep you safe. Visit the **NHS website** for the latest information and advice and the current situation in the UK or you can follow **Public Health England's Facebook page** or **Twitter feed** for the latest updates, information and advice.

Wash Your Hands



Reminding your children about the need to keep clean by keeping fingers away from mouths, eyes and nostrils is a particularly good recommendation. Teaching children how to wash their hands properly is equally important. Could you spend time this weekend showing your children the six steps of hand washing? We will be looking at basic hygiene in our PSHE lessons next week.

Impetigo and Head Lice cases have been reported in more than one class. Please follow the NHS guidelines to treat every member of the family as appropriate.

Office News – Mrs Adams and Mrs Cassels



Thursday – special World Book Day lunch. Please make your selection.

Head lice – bug busting kits available from the office. Treatment must be for the whole family and every last egg must be removed or the infestation starts again.

Impetigo – seek professional advice. This highly infectious disease needs immediate attention.

Attendance – the school opens at 8:45am. All children need to be registered by 9:05am. They will be marked late after this time. The office needs to be informed if your child is absent. Ring the office before this time.

Children attend school for 190 days out of a possible 365. That leaves 175 days for you! Attendance is very important and is carefully monitored. Please avoid unnecessary absences. Valuable learning time is lost and every minute counts!

World Book Day Celebration – Friday 6th March

We are all getting excited and are looking forward to seeing which book character you have chosen for the celebrations on FRIDAY. The seven authors, one for each class, have created a plethora of characters to choose from. Which character have you chosen?

Roald Dahl

Oliver Jeffers

Ted Hughes

Eva Ibbotson

Julia Donaldson

Michelle Paver

Malorie Blackman

Uniform

The children are looking very smart in their uniforms and we pride ourselves on looking good to represent the school. May I remind you that all long hair needs to be tied back and only small stud earrings can be worn. Both of these rules are to ensure that your children can work and play safely without injury to themselves or others.

Bike-ability

Year Six pupils braved the weather exceptionally well this week. They expertly used their road safety skills on the roads around North Tawton. Thank you Mrs Ware for organising this. The trainers were very impressed with our pupils.

Book Fair ends Tuesday night

Monday 2nd March

Ethos Forum meeting 2:45
Everyone welcome

Tuesday 3rd March

Wednesday 4th March

Thursday 5th March

Special Lunch Menu

Friday 6th March

Little Seedlings
World Book Day Dressing Up

FONTS NEWS

Thank you to everyone who visited the Book Fair and for buying the books! We have been overwhelmed with the response so far and are looking forward to raising lots of money for the school to spend on more books!

THANK YOU to the volunteers who have managed the setting up and the selling of the books so well.

Remember we open Monday and Tuesday before and after school. See you there!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Stay dry!

Thank you

Miss Chauhan

Upcoming events

Music Concert 18th March YR-Y6 (look out for costume/ticket allocation notices)

DMAT School Council Meeting 20th March

Reports to parents Monday 23rd March (Y1-Y6)