



NORTH TAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

PARENT AND CARERS NEWSLETTER

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ENVIRONMENTAL ART – CURIOSITY

Dear Parents & Carers

Coronavirus

At present, we have no known cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) among pupils or staff. We continue to monitor the health of all pupils carefully, and to remind pupils and staff frequently of the need for scrupulous

personal hygiene. The school continues to closely monitor and comply with the latest advice issued by Public Health England and the Government. We have heightened the school's own hygiene measures and we would appreciate your support in reinforcing these important messages at home.

May I request that, in line with the advice from the Government, you do not send your child to school if s/he, or any immediate family members, have visited the specified areas or countries listed in the following link since 9 March.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/covid-19-travel-guidance-for-the-education-sector>

Additionally, your child should not come to school should s/he develop flu-like symptoms, specifically either:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough

To support the delay of the spread of the virus, the Department for Health and Social Care has asked anyone who shows certain symptoms to stay at home for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means people should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection.

S/he should follow the advice given in the link below: to stay at home and self-isolate for seven days.

<https://www.gov.uk/publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/-2/20what-is-self-isolation-and-why-it-is-important/>

Following the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday, there are no current plans for the school to close. We are doing all that we can to run as normal. We will only close the school if advised to do so by Public Health England, whose advice at present is for schools to remain open, except in specific circumstances. We are nonetheless making plans to support remote learning for pupils if the school should be required to close at any point.

If any of the current advice from Public Health England changes, please rest assured that we will respond accordingly.

I am confident that our pupils and staff will manage this challenging period in their characteristically positive way, so that academic progress is maintained as far as possible. I will, of course, keep you updated through the Dojo as the school receives further guidance.

Thank you, as always, for your co-operation with the school.

Sports Relief

We seem to be very good at accessorising, and today there was a lovely cheery smattering of red amongst the smart school uniforms. The children made a tremendous effort to contribute to this worthwhile cause. Thank you for your kind donations.



School Improvement Lead Visit

Mr Swait visited the school on Thursday to monitor the progress we have made since his last visit in December and in particular how Maths is progressing across the school. He looked at teaching and learning, he looked in the Maths books and quizzed a few children about learning in Maths. We are very pleased with the progress we have made in some areas and the leaders are clear about where we need to focus next. In particular it was heartening to read that the children behaved very well in lessons and that they display positive attitudes to their learning, and readily engage in productive learning conversations with their peers.

We are continually driving standards forward and are pleased that the efforts from the team are paying off - we are seeing some real results. The children really were a credit to the school. They spoke with confidence and enthusiasm about their work and their teachers! Such a joy to listen to! Mr Foreman deserves a special thank you. As the Maths Lead he certainly enjoys his well earned weekend rest! Thank you!

Office News – Mrs Adams and Mrs Cassels

MUSIC CONCERT TICKETS SOLD OUT

Please do return any tickets if you are unable to attend the concert on Wednesday. There is a reserve list in the office for those disappointed people who missed the opportunity tickets. Please note you will be refused entry without a ticket. The concert starts at 1:30pm. Please arrive in time. Late arrivers will be asked to wait until an interval to minimise disruption whilst the children are performing.

Mrs Mathews works hard every year finding and nurturing the musical talents within the school. This event is very popular and is a culmination of the hard work she puts into every single music lesson. She single handedly organises this bonanza and it never fails to evoke a range of emotions, so please come prepared! Good luck to everyone involved!

Monday 16th March	
Tuesday 17th March	Willow Trip to Kents Cavern
Wednesday 18th March	Music Concert 1:30pm
Thursday 19th March	
Friday 20th March	Little Seedlings

Well done Willow Class. You all performed very well in your assembly!



Beech Class you are up next Wednesday 29th April (and you get... a stage!!!)

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Miss Chauhan