



NORTH TAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

PARENT AND CARERS NEWSLETTER

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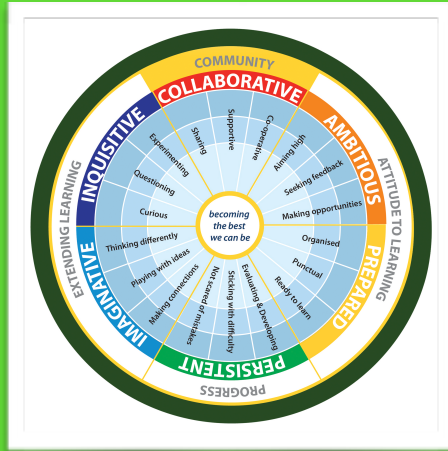
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Dear Parents & Carers

Coronavirus

The current situation has raised our awareness of personal hygiene to a higher level than normal. During our PSHE lessons this week we have all visited the e-Bug website. Children have been shown how to stop germs spreading. They are washing their hands throughout the day with hot water and soap, drying them on paper towels. We have enough supplies and these are replenished on a daily basis by our hardworking cleaning team. All teachers and support staff are monitoring this carefully, especially before eating.



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

- Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles
- If unwell 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

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. Parents can visit 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 for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.

BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.

KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.

We are working closely with the MAT. We are receiving guidance and daily updates on the progress of the COVID-19 virus. If you have any concerns for yourself or your family then please do get in touch. We will keep you updated using the Dojo.

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

On Monday we launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education.

Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

World Book Day Celebrations

Roald Dahl **Oliver Jeffers** **Ted Hughes**

Eva Ibbotson

Michelle Paver

Malorie Blackman

Julia Donaldson

An amazing array of characters arrived at the school this sunny Friday morning! We were all thoroughly impressed with the creativity and effort shown to get ready for this annual event! The characters created by the seven chosen authors were superbly kitted out.



Well done everyone! I thought you all did a splendid job! Thank you to all the parents and carers who inspired the children. Please keep supporting our love of reading.

The teachers and support staff also deserve a mention. They stayed in character all day and managed to teach.

One parent joined in too! Perhaps next year we could involve everyone!

Mrs Prole had a special day dressing up for the last time with us. Good Luck in your new job! We shall miss you and I am sure Harry will too.



We certainly had our share of rain and it is really lovely to finally see some sunshine. The school is working hard to keep everyone safe at this worrying time and I can reassure you that help and support is close to hand. I will continue to keep you informed and updated as events develop. Have a lovely weekend and please keep up with the reading. Your comments are vital.

Thank you

Miss Chauhan

Office News – Mrs Adams and Mrs Cassels

MUSIC CONCERT TICKETS YR-Y6

Wednesday 18th March 1:30pm. Tickets will be on sale from the office on TUESDAY. Two tickets per family. The hall has a capped capacity due to strict fire regulations. Please be patient as we make sure all tickets are allocated fairly. Proceeds to be shared between the Music Department and Greenpeace.

Monday 9th March	
Tuesday 10th March	
Wednesday 11th March	WILLOW CLASS ASSEMBLY 9:10
Thursday 12th March	
Friday 13th March	Little Seedlings Red Nose Day wear school uniform with one additional RED item YN-Y6

FONTS NEWS

We are always looking for new members to help support the school. If you can help in any way and can offer your time then please do get in touch. We are looking for a varied range of skills and we are keen to expand upon the numbers of adults who are called on to help. We have key events during the year. Preparation for these events happens in the background all year round.

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP? Then why not come and join us?

Please leave your details in the office and a FONTS member will get in touch. THANK YOU

Upcoming events

WILLOW CLASS ASSEMBLY I hope you can join us in the hall on Wednesday to share the learning with Willow Class.

Friday 13th RED NOSE DAY wear school uniform with a little something red for a suggested donation of £1 for Red Nose Day.