

# Newsletter

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## Tweet of the Week

*'Prayer is the centre of life. If there is prayer, even a brother, a sister, becomes important. Those who adore God, love His children. Those who respect God, respect human beings.'*

*[Pope Francis \(@Pontifex\)](#)*



## Message from Mrs Berry:

May I begin by saying an enormous THANK YOU for your support this half term in helping us welcome back all pupils, staff and families; safely & happily. This is a great achievement and we could bit have managed without your patience and flexibility.

The children have settled brilliantly and have returned happy and eager to learn. Our youngest pupils have made a fantastic start to their schooling.

Our pupils are a credit to you, the school and the community.

I hope you all have a lovely relaxing half term.

Warmest thanks,  
Mrs Berry

## Very Important:

Due to allergies in school please could you ensure that you check all ingredients for items being put into your child's packed lunch to make sure none of them contain nuts of any kind. This includes but is not limited to Cereal bars, Peanut butter, Nutella etc. Many thanks for your continued co-operation with this.

## Introducing our school welfare officer:

We would like to introduce you all to our school education welfare officer Lois Songer.

Lois will be working closely with the school and our families to ensure regular attendance for all pupils.



## **Year 6 High School Transfer – Admissions 2021/2022:**

The application portal is now open with Suffolk County Council for parents to apply for a High School place (September 2021) if their child is in current Year 6.

Please apply online at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions) - the application must be submitted before midnight on Saturday 31 October 2020.

If for any reason parents/carers are unable to apply online, you should complete the paper application (CAF1) and send this to the Admissions Team so that we receive it by the closing date. They can do this preferably by emailing us their application form to [admissions@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@suffolk.gov.uk) or by posting it to the Admissions Team, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX (we strongly suggest they get proof of postage if sending by post).

Please check the High School that you are applying to as they may require a completed Supplementary Information Form. Completed SIF's will need to be returned to your chosen school by the closing date 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

## **School Open Evening for Reception Class 2021/2022:**

We are hoping to hold two open Evening sessions on the following dates:

The first will be on 9th November and there will be two slots, one at 3.30pm and the second at 4pm. There will be a short tour around the school and a 15-minute meeting with the Jo Berry (head of school) to answer any questions you may have.

The second will be on 11th November and again there will be two slots as above.

You will need to choose a session, to book simply email the school admin email address with your name and telephone number. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions, only one parent will be allocated a space.

Should the guidelines change we will contact you to rearrange.

## **Reception 2021/2022:**

The application portal is now open with Suffolk County Council for parents to apply for their child's Reception class for children starting school in September 2021/2022.

We require a Supplementary Information Form that will need to be completed and returned to the office at school before the deadline 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Any SIF's received after this date will be dealt with as a late application.

## **Parents Evening**

Due to the current situation with Covid19 and our risk assessment we are unable to hold a face to face parents evening this November.

This year, the class teachers will write a short report designed to give you a snapshot view of how your child has settled back into school and a current picture of how they are learning and what progress they are making.

After reading the report, if there is something further you wish to discuss with the class teacher then please email the school to make a telephone appointment.

**Reports will be sent to you as an attachment via parentmail on 19<sup>th</sup> November.**

## **[NHS COVID-19 - NHS](#)**

Below are the details of the NHS App. We are encouraging all staff and parents to download it. Thank you.

The NHS COVID-19 app has been built in collaboration with some of the most innovative organisations in the world. We've worked with medical experts, privacy groups and at-risk communities.

[www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

<https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19/>

### **Appointments:**

We understand how difficult it is for parents not to be able to talk face to face with the class teacher. If you have an issue that needs discussing please do not hesitate to email or call the school office and they will arrange a telephone appointment with your child's teacher.

Also, please communicate with your teacher by writing in your child's school diary.

### **Netball:**

Wednesday 3.15pm - **Year 6 next session is on 4th November**

**Year 5's last** session will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

**Year 6's last** session will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

### **Year 5 Netball:**

Year 5 girls are enjoying their Wednesday netball.

Unfortunately, we cannot get together with Year 6 at the moment so they are taking it turns for now. The record for continuous bouncing has passed 5 minutes and I think it may have gone on for at least 10minutes! Well done girls



## Dates for your Diary:

### Term dates for 2020/21

#### Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Half term:** 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Staff Training Days:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> September

#### Spring Term 2021

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

**Half term:** 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February

**Staff Training day:** 4<sup>th</sup> January

#### Summer Term 2021

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

**Bank holiday:** 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Half term:** 31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June

**Staff Training days:** 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> July (disaggregated)