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21<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents,

### Harvest

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the clothes bank based at Pine Trees in Thetford. It will not be too late for you to continue to bring in items after half term.

### School Improvement and Development Plans

Thank you to Mr Dekker who enabled a number of children and families to enjoy a virtual maths café session on 13<sup>th</sup> October. The children were taught the 17 times table via use of a counting stick, lots of repetition and building of links between the numbers.

### Online safety

This week in school, all the children have talked about online safety and how they can look after themselves when they are working or playing games on computers, using mobile phones or mobile devices. The NSPCC website has a really helpful section for parents around how to begin conversations about keeping safe while online <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/> and this Think You Know link will take you to a range of short clips and resources to share at home for example, Jessie and Friends <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends-videos/> aimed at 4-7 year olds.

It has also been highlighted recently that Roblocks is a popular game so here is a link to some helpful advice for parents about it <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/roblox/> We hope that some of these prove useful to you.

### People involved in the life of our school this week

Ms Avenal our SENCo undertook EHCP reviews.

Mr Brewster from the Teaching School – spent an afternoon with Mrs Howard, planning maths lessons. And Mrs Kett met with Mrs Humphrey and Mrs Money from St Benets regarding a Health and Safety audit ahead of conversion.

On the Training Day tomorrow (Thursday) we shall be working with Mrs Stokes in learning about a Talk for Writing approach.

### Polite reminder

While waiting in the queue on the pathway from the Village Hall to the school, please may we politely ask that you ensure that your children do not venture into the driveways of gardens of the homes. Thank you.

### November to December

In our preparation for the second half of the Autumn term, please find outline details of some events and actions we are proposing to take.

### Parent consultations

As we continue to be asked to not allow parents within the school building, we shall arrange 10 minute meetings via zoom, these will be available on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November between 3.30-5.40pm each day. If you wish to make an appointment please contact Mrs Green in the office, either via telephone or email, and she will arrange the booking for you.

The class teachers will post a timetable on Class Dojo on the Monday after half term so that you can book a session ahead of the days. Staff will make the calls from school and will be able to use either your landline or mobile – please specify at the time of booking.

Though we appreciate that this will not feel as beneficial as the face to face session you are used to, we hope that it will still provide you with an up to date review of your child's achievements this year. We hope that the spring term consultations will be conducted in person.

#### COVID-19 Risk Assessment

On the return after half term, we would expect the weather to be cooler (though hopefully a little drier than we have recently seen!) and with regard to the continued guidance under the government and LA risk assessment to have as many doors and windows open as possible, we would recommend that you ensure your child comes to school with their sweatshirt / jumper / cardigan layer and if they are a child who feels cool most of the time, has a vest top t-shirt layer under their school polo shirt.

#### Tempest photographs - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

All being well, in the first week back after half term, children will have their individual photographs taken.

#### Flu jab – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November

We shall keep you updated if this date changes.

#### Academisation

The actions being undertaken for our school to convert to an academy are progressing well. We are being advised that the proposal for the conversion to take place for 1<sup>st</sup> December remains the aim.

#### Children in Need Day

The School Council are meeting after half term to discuss and agree ideas for us to recognise and share in this national event.

#### Behaviour policy review

In the last few weeks, the staff, IEB and children (through the work of the school council) have been reviewing the school behaviour policy. The link will take you to a draft via the website. Please share any thoughts with us and we shall incorporate these into the final review.

<http://www.garboldisham.norfolk.sch.uk/policies/>

#### Pupil Safety and Dark Nights

Next Saturday night we will be setting the clocks back an hour and summertime ends. Road traffic collisions increase by 20% in the fortnight after the time change. Sadly, some of those collisions will involve child pedestrians and cyclists. Children under 16 are one of the most vulnerable groups of road users. We thought it would be worth sharing this poster -

Be Bright, Be Seen Poster [https://6282.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Be\\_Bright\\_Be\\_Seen-A5-Flyer.pdf](https://6282.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Be_Bright_Be_Seen-A5-Flyer.pdf)

#### Starting school leaflet

Mrs Leport has created this leaflet for children who are due to start school in September 2021. We are keen for all new parents to get to know us via an online virtual tour and hopefully a brief external walk around the buildings ahead of applying for a place. If you know of any families who might be interested in their child joining us next year, please share the leaflet with them or ask them to call Mrs Green who can offer additional information. Thank you.

## Is your child starting school in September 2021?

### Choose Garboldisham Church Primary School!!

We offer:

- Kind and dedicated EYFS team
- Staff with a good understanding of Speech and Language difficulties and delays
- Nurturing approach to personal and social development
- Opportunities for parents to contribute to their child's Learning Journey
- Large outdoor space with many play and learning opportunities
- Child-centred approach to learning
- Free-flow between indoor and outdoor areas
- New equipment supporting children's physical development (new balance and pedal bikes, climbing frame and balancing beams)
- A forward-thinking approach to maths allowing children to develop number concepts and explore shape and measure
- Systematic and explicit approach to teaching reading and spelling with synthetic Phonics
- Access to inspiring and interesting books available in our newly resourced book corner and school library
- Learning through play and games, based on children's interests
- Warm and welcoming school and local community



For more information please visit our website

<http://www.garboldisham.norfolk.sch.uk/oak-tree-class/>

### 2020 SCHOOL VISIT

Wednesday 4th November 2020

Friday 6th November 2020

Thursday 12th November 2020

All visits will be held after school between 4 pm and 4.30 pm.  
There will be a tour of the school and the opportunity to speak to the Head Teacher and EYFS Lead

Due to the current situation, you will need to book prior to your visit. Please book your sessions by emailing [office@garboldisham.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@garboldisham.norfolk.sch.uk) or call 01953 681327

We may be able to offer further sessions in the spring term should the current Covid-19 situation improve. We will be able to discuss this during your initial visit.

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The staff and I wish you all a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher