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NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th January 2021

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Headteacher: Mr R Albert

I hope that you are safe and well, fully thawed from last weekends snow. I see there are a few flurries forecast for this weekend but lets hope we can avoid a repeat of any disruption.

I had my first “Cuppa & Catch Up” session this week, inviting parents and carers to drop in to a zoom session for a chat. I went ‘off site’ for the chat to make sure it was as informal as possible. We spoke about a range of matters including the balancing act between working at home and supporting the children with their studies, and the importance of keeping the wider curriculum going. Most of our talk centred around the wellbeing of the children at home and doing what we can to reduce their feeling of detachment from their peers. It was suggested that the school construct a ‘free ‘ session where the children can simply talk with their friends. We are happy to do this and will communicate this with everyone next week but we just need to advise your child that we cannot restrict limit conversations so rather than a free-for-all shouting sessions, they will need to be sensible and well mannered, waiting their turn to speak. As I joked to the parents, that is a session where ear-plugs are advised. Teachers may decide to add a little structure in and play games or similar—we’ll keep you posted.

I took the opportunity to once again try and get across our gratitude to you at home for all you are doing. It’s vital that you remember these are lessons for your children - our staff are trained and qualified to teach children and know what they can/cannot do. They cater for this through differentiation in the lessons and fully understand that not all children will be able to complete all tasks. This is why in most lessons, they will have a variety of levels of challenge for different pupils to attempt. I genuinely think you are all being way too hard on yourselves and should not feel the pressure of having to be an expert teacher! I can tell you that if someone asked me to sculpt their eyebrows or repair their boiler, I would not be able to do it. Just doing what you can is more than enough!

On the subject of YOU, another topic that came up was potentially doing something for parents/families as we too will be missing friends and social events. If this would be of interest to you, drop me or Mrs Leasing an email and we’ll look into possibly arranging something for everyone. From my point-of-view the meeting was a success and I hope it was a bit of relief for those who joined in. I will look to do another one shortly. The Class Teachers have also offered to put on drop-in sessions on a class by class basis (parent meetings will also be held next term). These will take place in the last week of term and I will communicate the details of these to you. Again, these will not be arenas to talk about confidential or individual matters so for these, I will be collecting specific questions before the meetings. Stay tuned for more.

Obviously the announcement came mid-week that schools will remain closed for most until the 8th March at the earliest. Again, I would say watch this space but I am very happy with the provision as it is and am confident that we can react to any changes as and when! For now: do take care; take the weekend off and give yourselves a pat on the back!

Mr Albert

Upcoming dates:

Friday 12th February :

End of Term

Monday 22nd February :

Start of Term

Tuesday 23rd March

Parents Evening via zoom:

Friday 26th March :

End of Term

Monday 12th April :

Staff Training Day

Tuesday 13th April :

Start of Term

NMPAT: We'd like to let you know that the Northamptonshire Cultural Education Partnership, together with South Northants Borough Council and NMPAT, are running a special and very exciting songwriting project over the half-term holiday.

The project is FREE and available to ANY young person aged 7 to 12 living in Northamptonshire.

The sessions will take place every morning, online on Zoom, from Monday 15th February through to Friday 19th February. Each session will last an hour.

The project is being led by singer and songwriter, Sophie Garner, and part of her Creative Songwriting Journal initiative.

(Find out more about the journal here: The Creative Songwriting Journal (NB: All participants get a free copy of the journal)... and about Sophie's work and activities [HERE](#).)

For the week, Sophie will be joined by some of NMPAT's very own musicians.

Pupils would need to register their interest at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ncep-songwriting-project-with-sophie-garner-tickets-137927991335>

Places are limited so it is important to book up early.

If you or your pupils would like further details or information, please contact Katie Bunting at: unlock@northantscep.com

A prayer for strength

Almighty God,
Whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
Renew your people with your heavenly
grace,
And in all our weakness sustain us by
your mighty power;
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.
Amen. .



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Safeguarding Matters

Always be aware of what children are doing when they're on mobile devices (phones, tablets and laptops), computers and game consoles. Make sure they're only accessing age-appropriate content and games, whilst talking to them about the dangers of talking to, or sharing information with, people they don't know.

If you're concerned about the well-being of any child or adult please speak to either Mr Albert, Mr Tyman or Miss Kirby (our safeguarding leads). For out of hours concerns please contact Northamptonshire MASH (multi agency safeguarding hub) on: 0300 126 1000 (option 1) or out of hours: 01604 626 938.

Contact Details



Please remember to contact the school office if you change, or have changed, your address, telephone numbers or email address.