



Mousehold Infant and Nursery School Mousehold Avenue Norwich NR3 4RS
01603 427012 officemousehold@istnorfolk.co.uk www.mouseholdinfants.com

8th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Usually this would be the first newsletter of the new year. There have been several letters and e mails sent to you since 31.12.20, so well done and thank you for reading all of the information and keeping up to date with the changes, sometimes at very short notice.

I am acutely aware how you must feel with school closures for the second time in a short space of time. The difference this time is that we know it is until at least February half-term. Let's focus on the signs of Spring and a brighter future. The daffodil, tulip and hyacinth bulbs that the children planted in the school grounds in the Autumn are now beginning to show green shoots. There is hope and there will be colour in the weeks ahead.

Positive Case at Mousehold

We have been notified of a positive case of Covid 19 today. The close contacts have been informed and the children who are in the current bubbles in school have been informed by letter today. This is just for your information.

Provision for children of critical workers

Can I please remind you that we can only offer a school place for children of critical workers if it is a day you are **working**. If you are a critical worker and not working then your child must stay at home on that day. We don't want to get into the situation where we are at capacity and have to turn away families who are desperate for care while they go to work. Currently we have just enough spaces for all of our children of critical workers and vulnerable children.

Remote learning

The teachers are keeping the VLE up to date with learning materials. This includes interactive videos and other appealing resourcing. For families who can't access the VLE because they do not have a device at home then we do have some paper packs available. **These can be collected every Monday from the office foyer from 1.30pm-3pm.** The paper packs have activities in but do not obviously have any interactive

Headteacher: Mrs Rebecca Westall Deputy Headteacher: Mr Ian Tolson
Designated safeguarding leads: Mrs Westall, Mr Tolson, Miss Wood



resources. The best option is definitely to use the VLE. We will also put some whole school activities and challenges on our school Facebook page. This might interest some of you.

We understand that trying to provide home education for your children is difficult sometimes. Please be kind to yourselves and try not to worry too much about how much work your child does. Like we said before, in the first school closure, the important thing is that you and your children remain physically and mentally healthy. Spending time together, enjoying exercise outdoors in the fresh air and playing games together is just as beneficial.

Silver Road Foodbank

Silver Road Foodbank are going to do packed lunches for the next two weeks on a Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. They will give out two days worth each time. These can be for families who might need support. No criteria or forms to fill in.

Children entitled to Free School Meals will also be provided with food or vouchers from school.

If you would like to book a packed lunch from Silver Road Foodbank please use these contact details: 07786694325 or jewills064@aol.com

Parent Support Advisor – Mrs Derer

In the next couple of weeks we have a lady joining our pastoral team, called Amanda Derer. She will be our new Parent Support Advisor. She is very experienced, a really lovely lady and I'm sure she will be able to help those of you are struggling in different ways. We will give you more information when we have a confirmed start date.

Support from Norfolk County Council.

This is a webinar for parents and carers. You will hear directly from NCC about the range of support services available to you during this difficult time. Thursday 14th January at 4pm.

Welcome to Miss Roberts

We have a new teacher called Miss Jodie Roberts, who is covering Miss Humphrey's maternity leave. She is here to teach Swallow class for the rest of this academic year. Currently she is teaching the bubble of children from Kestrel and Swallow throughout the main school closure. We are excited to have her as part of our team.

Mrs Z-B

Mrs Z-B, TA in Chaffinch Class, is leaving us on Friday 14th January to begin a new role elsewhere. She will be missed and has made huge contributions to the children's education at Mousehold over the last few years. We wish Miss Z-B all the very best and thank her for hard work

Headteacher: Mrs Rebecca Westall Deputy Headteacher: Mr Ian Tolson
Designated safeguarding leads: Mrs Westall, Mr Tolson, Miss Wood



Mrs Hamling

For those of you who haven't seen the announcement on the school Facebook page, Mrs Hamling gave birth to a baby boy called Stanley on Christmas Eve. We send her and her family congratulations and warm wishes.

Please continue to engage with the school Facebook page. It feels like we are all in this together when we communicate information and news, offer support and celebrate achievements on there.

Have a lovely weekend and take care of each other,

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Westall

Headteacher

Headteacher: Mrs Rebecca Westall Deputy Headteacher: Mr Ian Tolson

Designated safeguarding leads: Mrs Westall, Mr Tolson, Miss Wood





Norfolk County Council

Free parents' information event

Thursday 14th January
4pm-5pm

- Family support
- Family networking
- Early help services
- Winter hardship scheme

Book your place now

www.nccparentsinformationevent.eventbrite.co.uk



JustOneNorfolk.nhs.uk