

NORTHSTEAD NEWS

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I hope that you all had a good Easter and managed to enjoy some time together with your immediate families. We are now all looking forward to the Summer Term and some warmer weather. Hopefully, if everything keeps going to plan, we will gradually return to more normal routines in and around school and may even be able to welcome parents to school for events like Sports Day by the end of term (fingers crossed!)

The children have all returned to school after Easter with great attitudes and they continue to cope amazingly well with all the Covid19 restrictions that are in place.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Lidgley

September 2021 Primary School Starters



If you have applied for a primary school place for a child who is due to start in September 2021, National Offer Day for places is today, **Friday 16th April**.

Dropping off and Picking Up

For those of you who travel by car please be aware that there are lots of roadworks and traffic lights in the area so please leave plenty of time to get to school before 8.45 a.m.

The new pick up times are going well and has eased the congestion on the playground, thank you for your help with this. Please do continue to keep socially distanced and wear a facemask whilst on the school premises (unless exempt).



A Reminder

Just a reminder that unfortunately we are unable to accept cakes and sweets in school to share with the class for birthdays etc.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



The children's University have now started producing a monthly newsletter. This is attached along with this newsletter for your information.



STAY SAFE ONLINE

During Lockdown, we are aware that children have spent more time at home online, as this is a great way for children to stay in contact with their friends. Since returning to school, we are finding many more children expressing worries to adults in school about things they have accessed and seen on YouTube, TicToc and other social media. Many children are sharing that they are frightened by what they are seeing and are confused about what is real and what isn't.

Please can we ask you talk to your children about their online use:

- Make sure you are talking to your children about what they do online
- Discuss any worries they have with a trusted adult
- Talk to them about how to stay safe online
- Ensure they are only accessing age appropriate material

Childline has useful information to help you and your children stay safe online:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>

[Staying safe online | Childline](#)

A strong password means that it's hard for someone else to guess or for a computer to crack. Some people use password managers to store all of their passwords, but these can cost money and aren't always secure so you need to be careful.

www.childline.org.uk

School CLUBS

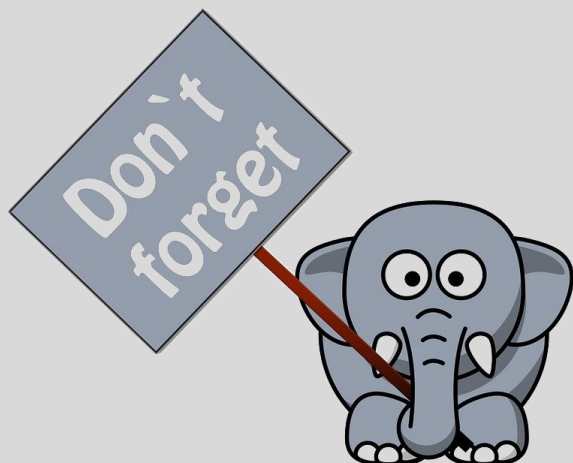
We hope to be able to restart a range of extra-curricular clubs this term. In the first instance these will be limited to the children in each class on a rota basis in order to limit contacts. Some clubs will be at lunchtime, and some may be after school. As soon as we have finalised the details, we will let you know.

Did you struggle supporting your child during Lockdown?



Many parents found it difficult supporting their child with school work during lockdown. If this was you then you could be interested in a fully funded opportunity. It is open to anyone over 18 who is unemployed and is to help increase confidence and improve skills.

You can get in touch at 07754270274 or community@coasttuition.co.uk and ask for either Lauren or Helen



May Day Bank Holiday

School will be closed on Monday 3rd May 2021 for the May Day Bank Holiday and will reopen as usual on Tuesday 4th May 2021.