



The Spire Federation North Cockerington CE Primary School

19th March 2021



Executive Headteacher Update

It has been a fantastic couple of weeks in school. It is so wonderful to see all the children back; the school is full of happiness and smiles. The children are immersed in their learning and enjoying spending time with their friends again. Our attendance for week one has been outstanding with 97% of pupils attending.

Our main focus over the last couple of weeks has been to ensure that the children settle into the school routines again. Well-being and mental health has been a priority in class and where appropriate, our ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) staff have supported pupils too. We have also ensured the children get plenty of active breaks and pupils have enjoyed getting outside.

We have reflected on the Remote Learning provision and staff have found many benefits – it has been great to hear staff talk about how impressed they are with children's learning. Next week pupils will undertake some assessments so that we can inform our Government funded 'Catch Up' activities. These will commence after Easter.

Subject Leaders have been busy reviewing stock and supplies and we are awaiting deliveries of some new resources including books and lots of new sports equipment. We have also purchased a set of e-readers – we will share more information on this shortly.

Whilst undertaking all of the above, we are obviously still ensuring that our COVID risk assessment is being implemented. Our Health & Safety checks on the trim trails are being undertaken shortly too so we are hoping that the trim trails will be in use after Easter. We are sorry about the delay with this but this has been due to waiting lists for the equipment checks.

Finally, we would like to thank our school community for following our risk assessment to ensure that we keep our school community safe.

Becky Dhami
Executive Headteacher

COVID ISOLATION

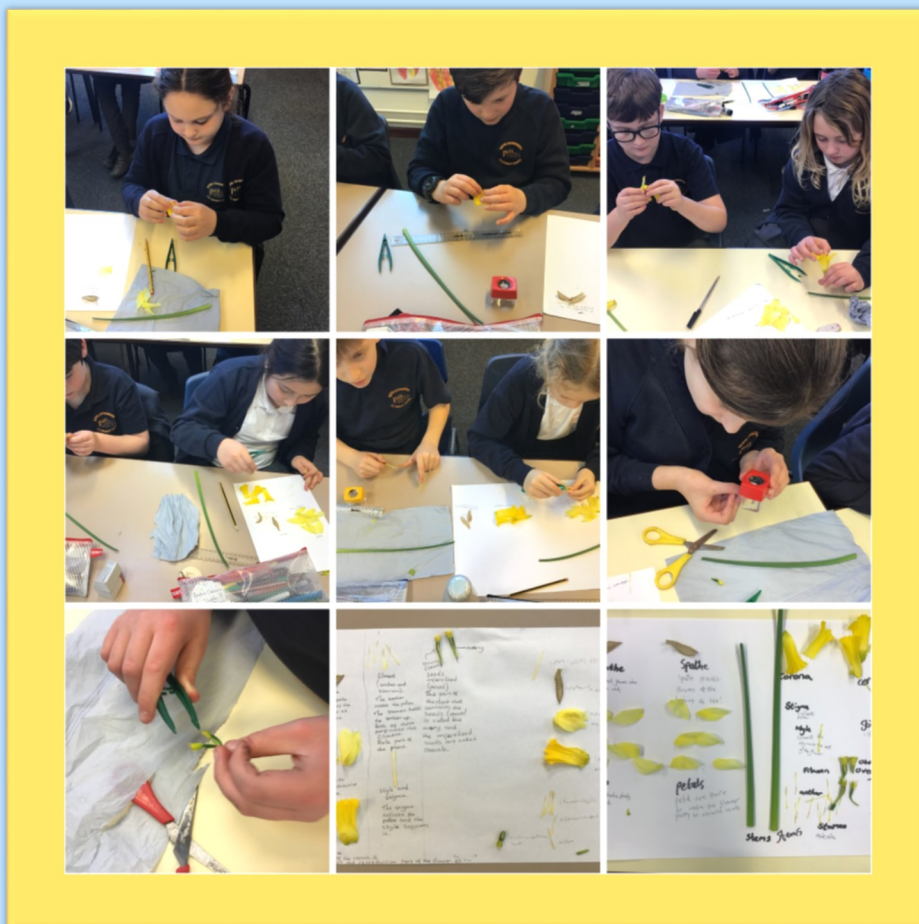
As schools return to full attendance, we understand parents' frustration when their child is asked to isolate at home either after testing positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or because of being in close contact of someone who has tested positive.

However self-isolation is one of the most important things we can do to help stop the spread of the virus and help protect our friends, family and our community. Around one in three people with coronavirus (COVID-19) have no symptoms, and so finding and isolating these hidden cases quickly will help to stop outbreaks before they get a chance to develop.

If your child has tested positive having been tested using a lateral flow device (LFD), positive results must be followed up with a confirmatory PCR test.

Dissecting Daffodils

As part of their topic Sow, Grow and Farm, Owl class have been expanding their understanding of the anatomy of flowering plants through hands on dissection and producing detailed observations and diagrams using scientific instruments and technical vocabulary. We saw some fantastic results –Well Done!



Red Nose Day

Today was Red Nose Day for Comic Relief and to mark the occasion pupils were invited to come to school in non uniform



Red Nose Day continued....



Thank you to everyone who made a donation through the schools "Just Giving " page, together you have raised over £190.00 ! - You are amazing!

Guitar Lesson Update

For those pupils who have guitar lessons with Mr Newby on a Monday afternoon, we'd like to remind parents and carers that the two groups will continue to alternate the timings of their lessons termly so pupils do not miss 10 minutes of the same lesson or play time each term.

This term Owl class are the first group and miss the last 10 minutes of lunch time play and Kingfisher class miss the first 10 minutes of their PE lesson. After half term the groups will switch and Kingfisher will miss the last 10 minutes of lunch time play and Owls will miss the first 10 minutes of their first lesson after



Useful Links

As our newsletters contain a lot of information so please find below a list of useful links you may require regularly to save you searching for them.

- **Free School Meals** –Check you eligibility here: <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals>
- **Cool Milk** - milk is free to all pupils under the age of 5. If your child would like to continue to enjoy milk at school after they turn 5 please order and pay for it here: <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>
- **Lateral flow tests** - You can order kits to test your household, childcare bubble or support bubble if at least one member is a school, nursery or college pupil or works in a school, nursery or college (this includes temporary workers or volunteers) <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>
- **Healthy Minds** -Healthy Minds Lincolnshire provide emotional wellbeing support for children and young people up to 19 years old. If you have a special educational need or disability or are a care leaver we can see you up to the age of 25. More information about the services offered can be found here: <https://www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people/lincolnshire/young-people/i-need-more-help/healthy-minds-lincolnshire>

Diary Dates

- **Monday 22nd March** - Guitar Lessons –Don't forget your guitar!
- **Friday 26th March** - Please complete and submit your google form regarding primary contact information.
- **Friday 26th March** –Deadline for hot meal orders for after Easter
- **Thursday 31st March** –Last day of Term
- **Friday 16th April** - School Admissions 2021 Offers will be available to collect online via LCC
- **Friday 23rd April** –Wrates Photographers will be in school for individual photos and photos with siblings in school. (more details to follow)
- **Friday 7th May** –NSPCC Number Day (more details to follow)