



# 25th February

## School news Update

*Our church school creates a firm foundation where together, with God's help and with the help of others, we learn for life, achieve our best and grow in faith.*

### Covid Update

We are delighted that we are now able to ease some of our COVID restrictions, starting with our first face to face parent consultations since March 2020 and all children playing together outside on the playground. From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March we will also reintroduce Collective Worship as a whole school as well as all children eating in the dining hall together. We are really looking forward to this as are the children; in a recent pupil questionnaire the children told us that they missed being together as a whole school so we are thrilled to be able to do this now.

Sent with this newsletter is a letter from the local authority which clearly explains the Department for Education guidance for schools position since the announcement that from the 24<sup>th</sup> February, there will be no legal requirement to self-isolate after a positive test. It states that children and young people with COVID-19 **should not attend** their school while they are infectious. The current advice from the Department for Education also outlines that Headteachers can refuse access to school if a pupil has a confirmed case of COVID-19 or any of the three COVID-19 symptoms – I am certain that as a community we all have a desire to protect the most vulnerable and so would ask that you continue to let us know if your child tests positive or has symptoms and we will continue to let you know of all positive cases in school. Once again, thank you for your continued support over the last 2 years with the measures to keep everyone safe.

### Curriculum Maps

Curriculum map have been sent home today which outline the key areas of learning for your children. We hope you find these useful and if you have any expertise or resources linked to any areas of learning that you would be happy to share, please do let us know.

### Parent consultations next week

We are delighted that we are able to resume face to face appointments for next week's parent consultations and the slip with the time for your appointment has been sent home with your child today. Please can we ask that you do not arrive more than 10 minutes before your appointment time as waiting areas will be limited. You will have the opportunity to look through your child's books before you speak to the teachers.

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Don't forget  
parents  
evening!

As in previous years, there will be **no after school clubs on Wednesday and Thursday** whilst we have parent consultations. We will ask that you kindly wear a mask whilst in the building (we can supply one if needed) and hand sanitiser will be available too. Car park gates will be open and please enter through the front door by the office.

### World Book day – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March



A quick reminder that we are inviting the children to come to school dressed as a character from a book on Thursday next week for World Book Day. We would like the children to be prepared to talk about the book that their character comes from and maybe something about the book e.g. the storyline, their favourite part or they could read an extract. Please do practise this at home with them and if they are also able to bring a copy of their book to school with them that would be good too. We have also sent home book tokens for each child to use either to buy one of the special World Book Day books, which are available in some shops for £1 or the voucher can be used to pay towards another book.

We are aware that this is a PE day for some classes and we would normally ask that children wear their PE kits into school. However as your child will be dressed up, if your child's costume is not suitable to wear for PE, then please send in their PE kit in a named bag and they will be given time to change.

Thank you to everyone who uploaded a story to be read to the children. I am sure they will enjoy seeing their grandparent, parent, auntie or uncle reading to everyone in their class!

### Amendments to the new menu and dinner money

There are a couple of changes to the published menu – please see below for the details.



#### **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch

Chicken and Tomato pasta or Jacket Potato  
Scotch pancake

#### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

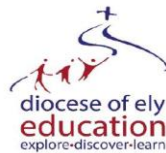
Fish Cake or Cheese Pizza with chips  
Sponge cake

#### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Roast Gammon, Yorkshire pudding and roast potatoes or Cheese and baked bean slice or Jacket Potato  
Fruity Friday

Please forward your dinner money payment now if you have not already done so. The cost of dinners for the next half term is £72.00 (30 days). If your child is in Kandinsky class and you have not ordered a packed lunch for the trip, then please deduct £2.40 from this amount. Please forward payment to the school office or pay direct then follow with an email to the school office with your child's name and the amount paid.

## Bishop Stephen's Lent Challenge



As a school we always take part in the Lent Challenge and the theme this year is 'Brave Believers'. We will think about bravery and courage as well as being courageous advocates of the Christian faith in our lives, our schools, our communities and across the world. The children will reflect on the lives of children around the world who are different to theirs yet they have been brave enough to make a big difference in their communities. We will think about stories in the Bible when Jesus was brave, particularly the time leading up to his resurrection which links with our teaching about Easter. Ely Diocese has linked with the Charity World vision to put together some of the resources for church schools and you can find out more about this charity by clicking [here](#). They also have a free downloadable book, Girls Who Dared to Dream, which is a compilation of 10 short stories of children who dreamed big, thought differently, never gave up, and did things that seemed impossible. They are change makers, writing their own stories, in small ways and big ways. If you would like to share this as a family, it can be downloaded [here](#).

### Hair

Please can we remind everyone that long hair should be tied back for school and any hair accessories should be small and appropriate for everyday use.

### Car park

The safety of your children is the most important thing in the world. We have had a report of a child nearly being knocked over by a reversing car in the car park. Please can we politely remind parents that they are responsible for their children in the car park – they should remain with you at all times. Similarly, as drivers, please can we ask that you are vigilant particularly when reversing. We know the car park is busy but we do appreciate your cooperation to keep everyone safe.



### 18<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief Day

This year's Comic Relief day is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. We are going to ask you to come to school dressed in something red or dressed as a super hero – remember not all heroes wear capes! We are asking for a donation to our Comic Relief Just Giving page – please donate [here](#)

### FUND Raisin!

Please remember to send in your STARS Fund-Raisin challenge box by 2nd March. How much can we raise?





### Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Spring 2022 term  
***Any new dates added in the future will be in bold and italics***

Date	Event
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Lunch Day: see separate flyer
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 7.30pm <b><i>No after school club</i></b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30pm <b><i>No after school club</i></b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day – Dress as a book character
14 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability for Year 5/6
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Kandinsky Trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon Site
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief Day – wear red or dress as a super hero
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Church service - TBC
1 <sup>st</sup> April	End of Spring term 2022
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Teacher Training Day – school closed
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term begins
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank holiday – school closed
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Teacher Training Day – school closed
30 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Half Term
6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Stibbington Residential – Year 5/6
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Summer term closes
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Extra bank holiday owed due to Queens Jubilee. School closed.