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Happy New Year!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school, everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break, full of fun, rest, and family time. It's so lovely to see all your smiling faces again and hear about the exciting things you've been up to. As we start the new term, let's make the most of every opportunity to learn, grow, and help each other. Remember, this is a fresh start, and together we can achieve great things. Let's have an amazing term full of curiosity, kindness, and hard work. Welcome back – let's make it a fantastic start to the year!

I am responsible for me

This week, in Collective Worship, we talked about the importance of "owning our part." This means taking responsibility for your actions, whether they are positive or negative. I explained that when we own our part, we are honest with ourselves and others about what we've done, and we learn from our mistakes. It's important to remember that if something goes wrong, we don't blame others, but instead think about what we could have done differently. By owning our actions, we can make better choices and help create a kinder, more respectful school where everyone feels happy and safe. Children learning to take personal accountability is a hugely important skill that helps them take responsibility for their actions and decisions. When we are accountable, we recognise that our choices affect not only ourselves but others too. As we grow into adults, this skill becomes even more important because it helps us build trust with others, solve problems, and make better decisions. When we take responsibility for both our successes and our challenges, we become more confident and capable in handling life's ups and downs. Personal accountability helps us become reliable, responsible adults who are able to work well with others, face challenges with a positive attitude, and continue to improve ourselves

Miss Stanley

Miss Stanley intends to go on Maternity leave from the end of April/early May till the last two weeks of the Summer Term. In that interim period the children will be taught as one class until Miss Stanley returns. We want to make sure the children are getting good quality teaching so have arranged cover internally so the children will have teachers that already work within the Federation. Mrs Dunkley has kindly offered to work full days on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to ensure consistency. On Mondays and Fridays, the children will be taught by Miss Rodda, one of our fabulous teachers from Mundford. We are really pleased to be able to cover this maternity with top quality teachers. When

Miss Stanley returns the class will be split once more and Mrs Dunkley will return to teaching the 3 weekday mornings,

Governors

On our website there is a section dedicated to the governors saying who they are and their roles: <http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/meet-the-team/local-governing-body/> If you would ever like to contact anyone from our Governing Body please email the school office and they will either forward any emails from you or for confidential matters, give you the email for the governor you would like to speak with.

Uniform Reminder

We have a comprehensive Uniform Policy that lays out what is needed for both day- to- day school and P.E sessions. This can be found here: <http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/gooderstone/our-school/school-uniform/> on our website. Please can you ensure that children are dressed in the correct school uniform, we have seen a number of children attending school lately in various items of clothing that are not uniform such as; hoodies, t-shirts with a variety of prints on them instead of plain and tracksuits with large sporting logos. Class teachers will be monitoring uniform closely over the upcoming weeks to ensure we are all compliant.

Cold Weather

As the mercury is spending much of its time below zero we thought a cold weather reminder is in order. Please ensure that children are coming to school with warm coats, hats and gloves as we will be going outside daily, fresh air is really good for us both physically and mentally. That being said have had children complaining about having cold hands so please provide them with gloves during this cold snap to ensure they are comfortable. In the very unlikely event of a return of the 'Beast from the East' or any other weather system that make conditions too dangerous to open the school we will follow the following procedure:

- We will check roads and surrounding areas.
- We will contact you by 8am using Arbor to say the school is closed- if there is no message the school is open.
- The teachers will provide online learning for your children

Finally, we would like to kindly remind everyone that our staff are here to support and help your children in every way possible. We always strive to create a positive and welcoming environment for both students and families. We ask that all interactions with our team are respectful and considerate, as this helps ensure a calm and productive atmosphere for everyone. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak with us – we're here to work together for the benefit of all our children.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support, we look forward to 2025 being a fantastic year for us all.

Best wishes,



Mrs Godbold