



Updates, information and reminders for February

Covid Updates

With more restrictions lifting, we are beginning to get back to normal at school. Masks are no longer mandatory, Y5 and Y6 are back eating lunch in the dining room and we can start to have events for families to come to!

Reading

Reading at home and at school is still a huge priority for us and we are starting to see the impact that this is having with the children's reading fluency. Children who are practising their reading at home on a regular basis are making substantially better progress than those who are not. Please continue to support your children by hearing them read at least 4 nights each week.

Pathways Care Farm and Food Discovery with the Country Trust

Next week we are welcoming visitors from both Pathways Care Farm, who will be working with Quartz class in the gardens and the Country Trust, who will be cooking up some delicious treats with Emerald and Malachite Classes!

Children's Mental Health Week 7th February

We are very proud to be supporting Children's Mental Health Week and the children will be participating in lots of activities with the "Growing together" theme. Keep an eye on our social media for snapshots of all the action! You can find more information at <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

In addition to this we are going to launch a Mental Health and Wellbeing section on our website packed full of resources that will help raise awareness and provide guidance for our families.

Safer Internet Day 8th February

From gaming and chat, to streaming and video, young people are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. Safer Internet Day 2022 celebrates young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers. We will be holding an assembly around 'Respect and Relationships online' and further information will be sent home.

Additional Bank Holiday for Queen's Platinum Jubilee

*The Department for Education (DfE) has laid regulations to reduce the minimum number of sessions schools are required to meet in the academic year 2021/22 to enable everyone to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen on 3 June 2022. As this falls within the summer half term, Suffolk County Council recommends that all schools take this additional bank holiday on Friday 18 February 2022, therefore the last school day of this half term will be **THURSDAY 17th FEBRUARY***

World Book Day Thursday 3rd March

To alleviate some of the pressure of two dress-up days in one month, we will be celebrating World Book Day a little differently this year! More information to follow!

Red Nose Day Friday 18th March

This year we are going all out for Red Nose Day. The theme is Superhero and we know how many of those we have amongst us! Apart from dressing up as a superhero on the day, we will be selling red noses and doing fun challenges to raise money. Watch out for further details after half term!

After-school Clubs

We have an amazing choice of after-school clubs this term. If your child still wants to join a club, send an email to clubs@becclesacademy.org with your request and we will get back to you.

Volunteers in school

Now that we are seeing restrictions being lifted, we would like to appeal to you lovely parents and carers that may wish to come and help our little people in school. We need particular help with our reading strategy and training will be provided! Please ask for a volunteer pack from the school office if you are interested.

HOUSE POINTS update

Northgate 374

Hungate 297

Blyburgate 305

Saltgate 281



Date for your diary

We would like to invite you to an Open Afternoon on Thursday 17th February from 2pm, for tea and cake and a chance to see some of the wonderful work your children have been doing.

Well done to **NORTHGATE** for getting the most House Points so far this term. Keep up the good work!

TERM DATES 2021-2022

Spring Term 2022

4th January – 8th April

Spring Half Term

21st February – 25th February

Summer Term 2022

25th April – 21st July

Summer Half Term

30th May – 3rd June

PD Days

25th April

6th June



SCHOOL CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

8th Safer Internet Day
16th Year 1 visit to Hundred River Farm
17th Open Afternoon 2pm
18th **Additional Day of Holiday**

MARCH

3rd World Book Day
18th Red Nose Day
24th Someone Special Assemblies
25th Year 3 visit to Hundred River Farm
28th LGB Meeting (4:30 pm)

APRIL

8th **End of Spring Term**
25th PD DAY
26th **Summer Term 1 Starts**

MAY

2nd **Bank Holiday Monday**
27th **End of Summer Term 1**

JUNE

6th PD Day
7th **Summer Term 2 Starts**

JULY

21st **End of Summer Term**

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