

FAMILY COMMUNICATIONS WRAP-UP - FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER

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To Prime Parents of: 

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Dear families,

Thank you for your continued support. We also appreciate your responses to our recent survey on family communications, which we are using to further improve our communications and responsiveness. There is still time to give us your feedback here <https://forms.gle/F7e3JVUXCuFgQUvj8>. In addition you can record your views about our school at any time on Parent view at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login>

1. Ofsted

We are very proud to share the Ofsted report following our recent inspection. It is attached to this email and will be published next week at <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/23/141639>

The inspectors did not award an overall grade because it was a section 8 inspection because we are already judged to be a good school (2017), but the inspector states that “the evidence gathered suggests that the inspection grade might be outstanding if a graded (section 5) inspection were carried out.” As a result we will be inspected again within 18 months.

We are incredibly grateful to all our staff, students and families who make this such a wonderful school.

2. Half Term Free School Meal Vouchers & Activities

We have one more week of school before our two week half term break starts on Monday 23 October.

For families who receive free school meal vouchers you will receive the voucher for the first week of half-term via Suffolk County Council who will send this directly to families. If you have any problems then please contact the SCC FSM team on freeschoolmeals@suffolk.gov.uk.

For the second week of the half term, you will receive vouchers sent to you directly from Unity Schools Partnership. If you have any issues with receiving this, then please contact Mrs T Townsend, ttownsend@unitysp.uk

There are also a wide range of supported activities for young people to take part in across Suffolk

<https://sway.office.com/lug1P9rBG1fCDpLJ>

3. Attendance on Go4Schools

Unfortunately due to a change in IT systems Go4Schools does not always currently show an accurate attendance figure when feeding through from our main management information system. This is an issue that is being resolved by the information system company and Go4Schools. Until this has been rectified, Tutors can confirm your child's current attendance rate and the number of lates this term.

4. Supporting an increase in biodiversity - charity event

Our schools' eco-committee are very active, and after delivering a series of assemblies two weeks ago they are now leading a charity initiative to increase biodiversity, through the Wildlife Trusts Big Wild Walk, www.wildlifetrusts.org/bigwildwalk Please consider helping us to raise £200 by walking 200 km.

1. Join us by walking over the half term break. Email Mr Ryall cryall@tgschool.net confirmation of the distance walked (this could be from an app or smart watch) and include a photo from your “wild walk”. We will record the total distance walked

and award merits to students taking part.

2. You can also make a donation online at www.thewildlifetrusts.enthuse.com/pf/tgs-eco or donate to the bucket by the piano at lunch or break.
3. On Thursday 19 October at 3:15 students can meet by the piano for a "wild walk" with the ecocommittee to explore the biodiversity close to school. Students should bring a change of shoes for this walk.

Abbas and Tollemache also continue to raise money next week through a competition to win a football or a Halloween hamper of sweets.

5. Mental Health Assemblies

This week Mrs Wilby has led a series of assemblies on the positive ways that we can all support mental health for ourselves and others. The slides from the assembly are attached. You may also find this information about the free, YouTube people's, online mental wellbeing charity Kooth helpful, <https://www.kooth.com/parent-faqs>

We wish you all a wonderful weekend.

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