



A letter from Mr Carter

Friday 15th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I sit in the rather chilly office with my coat on writing this letter, it's been great to look back on this week of snowy weather and be amazed by what the school community has undertaken. It has been wonderful to see a wide range of different outside activities taking place in the snow alongside the torrent of high quality work being completed on Tapestry and Google Classroom.

WOW moments - my three highlights of the week!

- Seeing all the wonderful snow related work on Google Classroom and in school - some snowmen still remain!
- The work of the Pastoral team, helping our families where needed and providing much needed support.
- The positive feedback we've had from children/parents and carers about the remote learning that has been in place this half term. Thank you.

Remote Learning

I'm so thrilled to see how natural the use of Google Classrooms is becoming for so many of you. Just a few reminders of the best way to access Google Classroom on a range of devices:

- Desktop PC or laptop - use Google Chrome as your browser and log directly into it
- Tablet/iPad/Phone - download the Google Classroom app from the App Store or Play Store
- Xbox/Playstation - as long as you're connected to the internet with this console, you can access Google Classroom
- Smart TV - if you have a smart TV then you can use the internet browser to access Google Classroom. You can plug a mouse and keyboard into it using the USB ports

Google Meets are being offered to students in a variety of different ways across the year groups. Please ensure that an adult is within the room (it doesn't mean you to be on screen) whilst your child is participating in the session. This is in place to protect your child and the staff.

A remote learning questionnaire will be sent out today for you to complete. Thank you for your time in positively supporting us to keep reflecting upon and reviewing our offer.

Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADS)

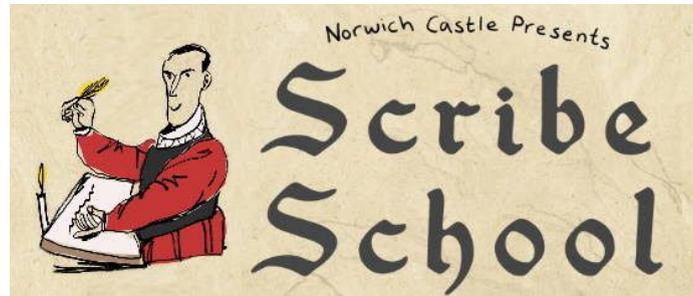
As professionals, we deal with CADS in Norfolk to help support some of our families. Norfolk Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADS) is made up of a team of Consultant Social Workers who have had specialist training and use a coaching style to empower partners to be more confident in working with families and meeting needs.



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The Consultant Social Workers provides advice, support and signposting, identifying the correct services and support for the child or young person. We may contact you to request consent to speak to CADS. Please don't be alarmed: we just wish to help put the right steps in place to support.

Offer from Norwich Castle - Scribe School - write like it's 1121!



This half-term, Norwich Castle proudly invites you to **Scribe School**, a **Free**, brand-new online event for ages 7+ that will help you craft medieval stories, discover lost medieval words and turn you into a scribe! The event kicks off with 3 workshops delivered by medieval characters that promise to be fun for the whole family and they're free to attend! Select your quill and unroll your parchment, let's write...

Scribe School Workshops:

Click on the links to book your place - join all three online workshops and we will welcome you to the Writer's Guild.

- **Tuesday 16 February, 2-3pm** - [Capture the Castle](#) Write your own adventure story!
- **Wednesday 17 February, 2-3pm** - [Ye Olde Comic Strips](#) Design a comic strip bursting with epic quests.
- **Thursday 18 February, 2-3pm** - [Scribe and Scribble](#) Enter the weird world of illustrated manuscripts.

More info at [Half term activities: Scribe School - Norfolk Museums](#)

Note from Miss Scofield

Advance notice - World Book Day is on the 4th March and we invite all children to dress as a book character for the day. More details will follow after half term.

Half Term

Please note that half term is the 15th to the 19th of February. School will be closed and remote learning will not be posted during this time.



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Harleston *resilience* in action!

Congratulations to Scarlett Chenery in Malala, Year 6.



Scarlett has spent **8 years learning and improving** her karate skills. This year she has taken part in the **WORLD'S** largest virtual Martial Arts Championship event. Scarlett had to **prepare and practice for 2 weeks** before entering her video, which was scored by judges from all over the world. In the female brown/black belt category for 10-11 year olds, Scarlett came 2nd! Well done Scarlett for the **commitment** you have shown to reach this level.

Who else has been '*Flourishing and Growing with Responsibility, Respect and Resilience*'? *Responsibility* for themselves, jobs around the home, their pets. *Respect* for their environment, the expectations at home, other people. *Resilience* with home learning, with a hobby, a new skill. Send your celebrations to Miss Moss to be included in the next curriculum newsletter. cmoss@harleston.stbenets.org

Summary

Enjoy the half term. Take some time to get away from the screen, forget what GSuite looks like and enjoy time together as your family. I know that I'm looking forward to some days working on my campervan conversion in the workshop next week! I can't emphasise enough how proud we are of all the students and the support put in place by you all. I read an article this morning which was written by a Mum whose child was having a bad day and I just wanted to share her response to his upset.



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“Do you know that no children in the history of children have ever had to do what you’re doing right now? No children in the history of children have ever had to do school at home, sitting in their bedroom, learning on a computer. You and your friends are making history.”

What we need to remember from this is to tell the children how proud we are of them. That what they’re going through is incredibly hard. We’ve stood and clapped for the NHS, the shop assistants, the emergency service but we haven’t thanked the children enough for bearing this burden on their shoulders for the last year. And, we must also remember that you have all had to play an incredibly important role over this last year in supporting them at home and supporting us as a school community. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Sam Carter
(Assistant Headteacher-Inclusion)