



# Harleston CE Primary Academy

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Dear families,

It has been wonderful to see the acts of kindness happening all around the school so far this February. The school community has really engaged with Kindness Month and so many of our children are going 'above and beyond' in their efforts towards one another. This really reinforces our key values and the commitment that we have for everyone in our school to 'live life in all its fullness'.

A reminder that we are taking part in Children's Mental Health Week from Monday 7th Feb to Friday 11th February. On Thursday 10th February we are going to have a 'Dress to Express' day. We are asking all members of the school community to "Dress to Express" by wearing their favourite clothes, colour or hairstyle! It promises to be a really great day to support and raise awareness of Mental Health Week.

You will receive information shortly about the sign-up process for parents' consultation evening. We will be using the same online platform as in the autumn term and we will use the same booking system for the slots. The two days we have assigned are Tuesday 1st March and Thursday 3rd March; once you have received the information do please let us know if you have any difficulties accessing the site.

Many thanks for everyone's patience with regards to the last-minute changes to our school meals this week. Due to staff absence we have had to adjust things very quickly but the kitchen team have done an amazing job in keeping things going and to continue to deliver such lovely food. A massive 'well done' to them.

Some of the children in the school have produced some wonderful artwork to help brighten up the vaccination centre in Harleston, ready to welcome some of the most vulnerable children in the area as they get vaccinated. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this.

Science achievements of the week: Reception classes have had a wonderful time exploring the school Woodlands during their forest schools session this week, donning their wellies and muddy suits they developed their curiosity and love for minibeasts using binoculars and identification sheets. "Look I found a centipede," Sonny said with great pride.

Our science fact of the week is: *Did you know that the human brain has around 100 billion nerve cells?*

Finally, a reminder that half term is next week, 14th February to 18th February, so we will welcome the children back to school on Monday 21st February.

Best wishes

Mark Carlyle