

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s)

I hope you are all well, safe and that home learning continues to thrive. I thought I would start by sharing a positive and thank your child for their commitment to the work they are completing both remotely and in responding to challenges set. Thank you also for supporting both them and us to do the best that we can.



Positive updates and offers:

Laptop Loan

Nunthorpe is currently loaning over 100 laptops to support learning at home. We are currently supporting a number of families with internet access too.

Laptops for Kids: A big thank you to Laptops for Kids who have helped Nunthorpe with 4 laptops to support home learning.

Teesside Philanthropic: A big thank you to Teesside Philanthropic for the 11 devices to support the laptop loan scheme.

FSM Vouchers: Nunthorpe has applied for over £11,500 worth of FSM vouchers to support families. If you feel that you may fit the FSM criteria due to furlough or job loss please follow this link <https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/resident/schools-and-learning/advice/Pages/Free-School-Meals.aspx>

There are also schemes that Middlesbrough and Redcar have to support families who are struggling these are being shared via our social media streams for your information as we receive them.

Y9 Duke of Edinburgh Award 2021. Y10 Duke of Edinburgh Silver award 2021.

Eight Year 10 Nunthorpe students have currently joined the silver award led by Redcar. They are still accepting further applications and you **do not** have to have completed the bronze award to apply.

Please follow this link <https://forms.gle/4GrrMucbhoVfx1Gj7>

Brilliant Club Scholars programme: A big well done to the 12 Year 9 students who are working with a PHD student on iron depletion in cells to combat cancer. We wish them well on their journey.

Fund raising for Middlesbrough Food Bank: The final figure raised for the Middlesbrough Foodbank was £1300, the commitment from students, parents and carers, and staff for this was really humbling. Well done to Mr Elwood for setting the fundraiser up and also all the contributor's for making it such a huge success 😊.

Strava exercise and well-being competition: We are now have 315 athletes logged, last week we had over 180 hours of exercise recorded, and Mr Smith completed the most minutes (6 hours 37m).....but Mr Tooth ran 2 miles more! Mrs Richardson also set the standard with 6 hours and 9 minutes of exercise. The students came out on top on the top 10 leader board, beating the staff 7-3.

DC2 reports: These are now available to be viewed in the School Gateway App. If you do not have access to this app then please go to the following link: <https://www.nunthorpe.co.uk/news/schoolgateway-announcement/> .

Please be aware that Year 7 students do not have KS2 data or any benchmarks on the reports. This is because Year 7 students did not complete their normal KS2 examinations in the summer of 2020.

Well Being Week 1-5 February - Half Term 3

Staff and students were provided with an opportunity to move away from phones/iPads/laptops/computers for Friday afternoon and benefit from some time devoted to improving their well-being. Nunthorpe Academy promotes well-being every half term and feels it is more important than ever, at the moment. We ask that your child uploads a picture of themselves undertaking activities set and shared during tutor time next week via the Class Chart – Homework section. We look forward to viewing and sharing their achievements with our wider community.

Year 12/13 Parent Review Evening 10th February - Online Appointment Booking

I would like to invite you to attend our Year 12/13 Parent Review Evening on Wednesday 10th February. The academy has introduced a new intuitive and easy to use online appointment booking system. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments. We are confident this will be an improvement to the previous system and welcome any feedback.

Appointments can be made from Friday 29th January and will close on Wednesday 10th February. Parents of Year 12 and Year 13 parents – please be aware that appointments for the Year 12/Year 13 parent review evening can now be made. Please use the following link and register with your details and your child's details:
<https://nunthorpeacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk>

These need to match the details that you provided to us on registering for the academy

Please can I ask that you also take the opportunity to complete the Ofsted Parent View survey. We need as many comments from parents and carers to support improving our practice and offer moving forward.

The link is given here: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/126811/11> and there is also a link in the parents section of our website.

British Red Cross: Kindness activity pack:

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/kindness-activity-pack>

Staying safe a reminder from Public Health – particularly over the half term period

Every action you and your family take to reduce the number of social contacts you have makes a significant difference to breaking the transmission and spread of this terrible virus. The single most important action we can all take at this moment is to stay at home wherever possible and follow the national guidance to not leave or be outside of your home except when absolutely necessary including:

- To shop for basic necessities, for you or a vulnerable person • Go to work if you cannot reasonably do so from home
- Exercise with your household (or support bubble) or one other person (in which case you should stay 2m apart). Exercise should be limited to once per day
- You should not travel outside your local area

- Meet your support bubble or childcare bubble where necessary, but only if you are legally permitted to form one
- Seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse)
- Attend education or childcare - for those eligible (vulnerable or children of critical workers)

Please only send children in to school for critical key worker places if they absolutely cannot be kept at home, parents/carers should keep their children at home when they can. This will also help keep you and your family safe and reduce your chances of getting the virus.

February half-term: The academy will be closed between Monday 15th – Friday 19th February.

We will reopen on Monday 22nd February for vulnerable and critical worker children only, all bookings need to be made via jsinclair@nunthorpe.co.uk by Wednesday 10 February to secure a place. Bookings for future weeks need to be made by 12 noon the preceding Friday. Please also inform us by 8:00am each day if your child is not attending to enable us to have the appropriate number of staff for supervision on site.

Your chance to do something for others: Your NHS needs you!

I am writing to you from NHS Blood and Transplant in the hope that you may be able to help.

We have upcoming blood donation sessions at St Andrews Parish Hall, Teesville throughout February and March, with lots of available appointments. We would be grateful if you could help us spread the word.

We are working closely with the rest of the NHS to keep supplying lifesaving blood to hospitals during the coronavirus pandemic and we need people to keep donating as normal. We have extra safety measures in place and every precaution is being taken to eliminate the risk of covid-19 transmission at our blood donation sessions. Having an appointment to give blood is classed as essential travel and will be exempt from any local or national travel restrictions.

If you would like to support us through these unprecedented times, we have many different print materials which you could display throughout your premises or share through your internal communications, as well as graphics you could use across your social media channels.

If you are interested in any of the above, please don't hesitate to get in touch and I can send across some more information.

I look forward to hearing from you. Holly Billingham (*Donor Marketing Operations Assistant*)
NHS Blood & Transplant

Twitter: @GiveBloodNHS

Facebook: givebloodnhs

Visit www.blood.co.uk



An opportunity to be creative and support Butterwick Hospice:

Are you a budding builder or an enthusiastic engineer? Then this is for you!

We want you to create an original BIG build, based around the theme 'Care'. You can use anything available to you to create your build including building blocks, old boxes, toilet rolls and so on.

Entry fee is £2 per entry. All money raised is in aid of Butterwick Hospice Care. You have until 31st March 2021 to submit your entries!

With categories for infants, juniors, seniors and adults this competition has something for everyone and the winner will receive a special prize.

To sign up visit: <https://www.butterwick.org.uk/events/upcomingevents/butterwick-big-build/>

Alternatively you can call the Business Development Team on 01642 628930 or email fundraising@butterwick.org.uk

Get Ready, Get Set, BUILD!!



And finally:

Tuesday saw the very sad death of Captain Sir Tom Moore who lifted our spirits during the first lockdown by walking laps of his garden to raise almost £33m for NHS charities. After walking the 100th lap, he said: **“For all those people who are finding it difficult at the moment: the sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away.”**

Let's take that positive thought on our way with us.

Take care, stay safe and keep sharing the positives (it could make the required difference to someone at the right moment!)

Kate Kell

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