

CENTRE ACADEMY EAST ANGLIA PARENT NEWSLETTER

Friday 11 March 2022



11 March 2022

Dear Parents,

The focus of this letter is simply to inform you of a variety of events that are upcoming at CAEA. They all have one thing in common: conveying information regarding worthy events. Here goes:

--18 March is RED NOSE DAY which focuses on raising some money for a variety of charities and good causes. Please see the attached letter.

--18 March (no, it's not a mistake!) we are holding a CAKE SALE for students. The purpose is to support our ECO-COUNCIL. Attached is yet another letter!

--We are holding our traditional Easter Service for parents and students on Friday, 1 April at 2:15 at St Mary's church (next door!!)

Now for something completely different: we are enclosing a letter from Suffolk County Council which explains the Council's discretionary grant. Details in the letter.

With best wishes

Mrs Kim Salthouse
Head of School

Dr Duncan Rollo
Principal



Red Nose Day and Cake Sale Friday 18th March 2022



Easter Break:

Easter Service – 2.15 to 2.45 – All parents welcome
School finishes at 3.00pm on Friday 1 April 2022

Summer Term Commences:

School reopens on Monday 25th April 2022

Bank Holiday:

Monday 2nd May 2022

Half Term

School finishes at 12.00pm on Friday 27th May 2022
School reopens on Monday 6th June 2022



Students Who Travel by Taxi

Please could parents ensure that their child's taxi is informed if a child is to be absent from school and does not need to be collected by the taxi. It has come to light on a number of occasions that taxis have arrived at the school at the end of the day to collect students to return home. We have had to explain that the child has been collected for medical appointments/or sent home unwell.

Thank you.

School Diaries

Please could all parents check with their children that they have their school diaries. These should have homework assignments written in. Teachers are also checking these diaries to ensure that all parents and students are aware of the demands being made on the children. The diaries are especially helpful in facilitating communication between class tutors and parents.

Boarding House Contact Details:

Boarding staff can be contacted on the following mobile number during the week, Monday from 8.00 am to Friday 3.00pm. Please can any arrangements for Sunday evening boarding be made in advance prior to 3.00pm on the Friday. The Care Staff do not stay on site at the weekend and will be out of contact during this period.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Boarding Staff - 07555 416 172

Gentle Reminders:

- ✚ If your child requires any medication, please ensure that this is handed into the office or Mrs Beadman. Medication will need to be in its original packet along with the relevant paperwork. The item must be clearly labelled with the student's name and the instructions of administration.
- ✚ Students must not be sent to school if they have a fever/sickness or are feeling ill. Students should be fever/sickness free for 48 hours before returning to school to protect other students from contact with potentially contagious illnesses. Parents will be contacted by the medical staff on duty if a child shows symptoms of illness while in school.
- ✚ All students will need to bring stationery in to school for their lessons, e.g., pens/pencils and crayons.
- ✚ Please check and sign homework diaries every week; the diaries are a very important tool to communicate with teachers and parents.
- ✚ All female students are to wear either trousers or skirts with thick tights when participating in drama lessons or drama activities after school.
- ✚ During the summer please ensure your child has sun cream, a sun hat and appropriate glasses with them; all items should be marked with the child's name.

**www.centreacademy.net | 01449 736404 |
admin@centreacademy.net**



Dear All

Red Nose Day for Comic Relief is coming on Friday 18th March!

Since its launch in 1988, Red Nose Day has become a much-anticipated date in the calendar. It's the day when people across the land join forces to raise money for causes in the UK and around the world. Whatever you do, no matter how small, you can help people to live free from poverty, violence, and discrimination. This includes funding organisations that are supporting people right now in Ukraine, and those attempting to cross the border. You have the power to change lives.

Here at Centre Academy, we like to express ourselves as individuals while collectively coming together to support great charitable causes. In this light we invite your children to enjoy a 'Dress in Red or spots' Day on Friday 18th March. A contribution of £1 from each student wearing red/spots will go a long way to support this important charity. We know that there has been a lot happening in the world and our lives in recent times and we do understand that your child may not feel able to participate in this event. School uniform will be expected from those not wearing red (remember socks/scarves/ as small pops of red count!).

To add to the fun Miss Schears, and the School Eco Council, will be running a cake stall at break time and/or lunch time, selling home baked goods to raise funds for Ukrainian refugees. Donations gratefully received from Wednesday 16th. Students are encouraged to bring a little extra money to enjoy a tasty snack while helping another worthwhile cause.

We look forward to seeing everyone in their finest red/spotty ensembles!

Kind Regards,

Miss Martin, Miss Schears

10 March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

The Household Support Fund

Suffolk County Council is again pleased to confirm a discretionary grant is available to support low-income families over the Easter school holiday. The grant will be issued as a **£30** Edenred supermarket voucher for each eligible child whose family's income is currently below the qualifying income threshold (£616 per month). The grant is designed to help families with their essential living costs during the end of term break. The grant is provided from the Household Support funding the council has received from the government and will be issued by the school to their eligible families. **Families must reapply even if they received a similar grant during the February Half Term holidays as family income may have changed since then.**

How do I apply for a discretionary grant?

If you wish to be considered for a discretionary grant, please complete the form with your personal information at this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/ZNY4HgTaXE>. **You must submit your online form no later than Thursday 24 March 2022.**

Your form will be automatically forwarded to the local authority who will assess your eligibility on the Department for Education's eligibility checking system to confirm whether you currently qualify for a grant payment. Please rest assured that the school will not see your details and, if you prove to be above the eligibility threshold, your personal information will be deleted from Suffolk County Council's database. If you are below the income threshold, the council will need to hold the data to evidence that they have provided you with vouchers and the reasons for it. [Click to see a copy of the SCC Privacy Notice](#).

What happens next?

Once you have been confirmed as meeting the income criteria, you will receive an electronic Edenred supermarket voucher for your child(ren) who attends this provision to the email address provided by you prior to the Easter school holidays. Simply follow the instructions in the email and if you have any issues, an email address is provided for you to contact Edenred to raise these with them. **This voucher must be redeemed before the expiry date, or you lose all rights to it.**

If you feel you are in need of additional support, you may wish to visit Suffolk County Council's Suffolk Advice and Support Service (www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/suffolk-advice-and-support-service) for access to emergency support, the Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, for help with household goods, fuel or supermarket vouchers, and Food Banks for food supplies. You must contact them before 31 March 2022 before the funding window closes.

We are very pleased to be able to support you exceptionally with this funding, where, under normal circumstances, we would be unable to do so.

Yours sincerely

SEND Business Systems Team
Suffolk County Council

Visit the Suffolk Local Offer website

Information about support services and local opportunities for children and young people with SEND - find what you need all in one place: www.suffolklocaloffer.org.uk

Children and Young People's Directorate, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 2BX
www.suffolk.gov.uk