

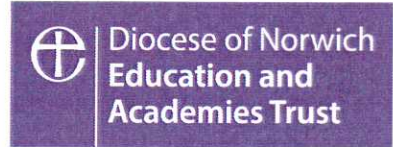


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## Newsletter – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

A number of exciting things have happened at Kessingland Church of England Primary Academy over the Easter break.

One set of Reception toilets have now been completely refurbished, as have the Nursery toilets. The next stage will involve the Reception toilets located at the normal entrance and the facilities used by Year 1 and 2. This will mean that the Reception children will be asked to enter the building using the door accessed by the main playground for the next two weeks, starting on Tuesday. To ease the pressure on the playground, parents are asked to bring the children straight into the Reception classrooms in the morning. The children will be released from the Nursery in the afternoons.

As you will have seen this morning, the Multi-Use Games Areas were also built over the Easter break. We are extremely grateful to the 'Friends of the School' in supporting this project. The long-term goal is to raise enough funding to lay down astro-turf, therefore significantly increasing the area that the children can use during winter months. We will trial having two MUGAs in place on the playground but may switch to one bigger unit in the next few days. Much will depend on how easy it is to welcome the children in the morning and the handover at the end of the day, as we know it will significantly reduce the space available. It is a fantastic facility for our children to enjoy.

The school also had a new phone system installed over the break, including an additional line. This should help to ensure that it is easier to get through to the school office. As part of the new system, there is now an option to report your child's absence before school. It is essential that you inform the school if your child is going to be absent. The school office is losing a huge number of hours making sure that children are safe, as parents have not contacted the school. In many cases, parents have found the line to be continuously engaged so this should definitely help.

The school is currently reviewing a number of ways of improving how we communicate with parents and we are going to start sending home newsletters and general correspondence through Class Dojo. This will help to save time, money and the planet. If you would like help in signing up to Class Dojo, please drop into the office and they will be happy to help.

The Easter Fish Event was held at the St. Edmund's Church Centre over the Easter break. It was another great success with 12 families attending the event, 30 people in total. If you would like to be involved in the next event, I would advise you to book early to avoid disappointment.

We are all looking forward to another busy term ahead.

