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A Word from Mr Rockey

This week we saw the country mark a year since it went into a national lockdown, but with spring in the air, the clocks going forward an hour this weekend and the prospect of lockdown restrictions easing over Easter, we can look forward to the restoration of some sort of 'normality' soon. With that in mind, I would ask that you remain mindful of the restrictions and that the children continue to conduct home testing, twice weekly, in order to help us keep our community safe. That said, I hope you and your family enjoy a restful, chocolate filled, break ready to return to school for the Summer Term on **Tuesday 13th April**. Happy Easter!

Back to School Survey

I hope that you and your children have settled back into a routine of the 'new normal' following the disrupted/extended period of home-learning this academic year. In an effort to ensure that we, as a school, have learnt from the challenges presented by the Covid epidemic, and have emerged as a better and stronger establishment, we would really appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete the [Return to School Survey](#). This is an ideal opportunity for you to share your experiences and to let us know what you feel has worked well and/or where there may be room for improvement. Your opinion is important to us. Thank you in advance.

Symptom-free Covid 19 test kits – available from selected local Libraries

To support the testing of parents, carers and adults in households and bubbles with children in school, nursery or college, public health colleagues are seeking to extend the access to test kits via a range of community collect facilities, and from the week commencing March 22nd selected local Libraries will become a community collect site as part of an initial pilot. [Click here](#) to see the details of the scheme, the location of the libraries participating in your area, opening hours and instructions on how to access the test kits and [click here](#) for a guide to regular rapid Covid-19 testing from NHS track and Trace.



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Uniform Suppliers

In anticipation of uniform checks, which will be carried out after Easter, click here for a reminder of the [Uniform policy](#). Uniform can be purchased from [Birds of Dereham](#) and [Stevensons](#) in Norwich (which is temporarily closed), but you can still shop at both stores online using 'click and collect'.

River Works In Wymondham - Urgent Safety Information

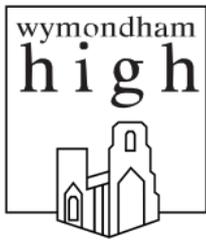
We have been contacted by a project manager at Norfolk Rivers Trust as they are currently working in the River Tiffey at Becketswell Bridge, very close to the abbey. They have received a number of phone calls to say that some young people have climbed over the safety barrier and moved the stones around in the river. We are sharing this information with you in the interest of safety and in an effort to prevent further incidents.

The project team have moved the stones into place to allow them to divert the river to install a series of notched weirs which will gently raise the water levels, allowing fish to move up and over the bridge arches. Currently the bridge acts as a major barrier to fish migration. By interfering with the stones, the young people are creating further work and increased costs. The site is not currently safe for children to be in because of the size and placement of the boulders. When the project is complete, the design has been specially planned with not only fish and ecology in mind, but also to allow for a safer paddling experience in the river.

You can read more about the project in the link to our website below:
https://norfolkriverstrust.org/tiffey_fish_passage_phase2/

Staffing News

At the end of the academic year, we will be saying goodbye to two colleagues in the school with whom you will be very familiar. After 18 years at Wymondham High, Mr Dickson will be retiring, and Mrs Oswick will be taking up the role of Headteacher at Bungay High School. We are very sorry to see them both leave, the contribution they have made to the community is huge. I know you will join me in wishing these colleagues the very best of luck. They will be with us for some time yet and we will more formally recognise their departure later in the term.



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Wellbeing Newsletter – [Click here](#) for the March edition.

Easter Cards For East Anglia Care Home Residents

These are just a few of the eggcellent Easter cards made by some of our Year 7 pupils here at WHA. This class attended school throughout our recent Lockdown from January to March, and on their last day their classroom was buzzing with eggcitement as they were busy making Easter cards for residents in the East Anglia Care Home, a local home on Norwich Road.

The pupils have written very thoughtful messages inside, which I am sure will be greatly appreciated. They will be taken, along with flowers, next week so the residents will be able to enjoy them over Easter.

Thank you Year 7 and have a great Easter!
Miss Righetti & Miss Alothman



Unstoppable

Congratulations to the three lucky pupils who each received a signed copy of 'Unstoppable', by author Dan Freedman, for their brilliant questions to him during his virtual visit for World Book Day.