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Bulletin

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Dear parents, carers and friends of The Nightingale Federation

We are excited to announce that Bacon Engineering, Hingham who completed the steelwork for our new roof, has generously donated £1,000 to our school following the RACC reconstruction. This kind donation will support improvements to the school, including the installation of a low-level safety fence around the perimeter of the circular grassed entrance. A fencing company has already visited to assess the site today, and these funds will go directly towards enhancing the safety of all our children.

Additionally, the Friends of Shipdham School have entered the Tesco Stronger Starts initiative today, to further support the fencing project. Please get ready to collect your blue tokens, as this will soon be available at Watton or Dereham Tesco stores!

In other news, our Ethos Committee has been busy growing and sowing in our Peace Garden. The children have been using gardening tools to prepare the space for reflective moments during lunchtime and break time.

We are also excited to introduce Buddy Stops next to our buddy benches. These designated areas will help our Year 5 and 6 playleaders identify students who may wish to join in activities, fostering a more inclusive playground. Additionally, we are continuing our healthy snack-time and eating drive following our recent visit from Mr Nourish. Please can you continue to help by sending your children in with a healthy snack- we have fruit available too!

A big thank you to the Friends of Shipdham School for organising the Mother's Day Shop. It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to pick out gifts they've chosen for their family members. We also want to express our gratitude to all the families who attended the Nursery and Reception Mother's Day Celebration Stay and Play today. The children loved having you in school!

Thank you for your continued support!

Easter Holiday Notices

The **Big Norfolk Holiday Fun (BNHF) programme** provides holiday activities for children and young people aged 4-16 in Norfolk. Children eligible for benefits-related free school meals can claim 4 free spaces on the Easter programme, whilst paid spots are available on many activities for those who don't. Please visit the link below for further information.

https://www.activenorfolk.org/public/bignorfolkholidayfun/

Bush Adventures

Bush Adventures are offering fully funded Easter holiday session places for children in receipt of free school meals. Based in Thetford, the sessions include activities such as target sports, campfire cooking and shelter building. Lunch is also provided at no cost to families. Please visit the link for further information: Book Holiday Sessions

Norfolk Music

Please find four opportunities below we have been asked to share with our young people and their families, some over the Easter period:

- Playground Proms are performing a free concert for families at East Point Pavilion, Lowestoft this Saturday at 12pm.
- Norfolk and Norwich Festival have put a call out for guitarists to participate in a mass performance to open the festival this year: https://nnfestival.org.uk/musician-callout-high-voltage/
- Norwich Cathedral have auditions in May for both their senior choirs, please share the attachment with any young people who may wish to audition
- Gresham's School are able to offer 4 Grade 5+ piano students a workshop with Mr Christoper Green-Armytage in the recital hall at Gresham's on the afternoon of 12th June. If you have a student who may benefit from this, please contact Heidi Shinn: hshinn@greshams.com

Next week's reminders…

Tuesday – Norfolk Steps part 2 for parents
Tuesday – Enrichment Clubs after school until 4pm
Thursday – Year 6 SATs briefing to parents at 3.30pm
Thursday – Easter Church Service 2pm Parents invited. PE - children in years 5 and 6 to come to school in school uniform.
Friday – Year 6 Trip to Duxford leaving at 8.30am