



# Newton's Weekly Newsletter



Week Ending 26.02.21

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you had a relaxing break with your children over the half term and like us, welcomed the Prime Minister's announcement that all children are set to return to school on Monday March 8<sup>th</sup>. While I understand that some of you may have reservations about sending your child/children back, please be assured we have taken every precaution to ensure a safe return to school. All staff members take a Covid test twice a week and wear face coverings around school and in class and we have increased the amount of cleaning, particularly of high touch areas. The children are constantly reminded to wash or sanitise their hands and to socially distance as much as is possible. We keep year groups in 'bubbles' and keep the classrooms well ventilated.

We will be providing a hot menu at lunchtime and meals will be delivered to classrooms so that children do not mix with children from other year groups as they will eat in separate classrooms. If your child has packed lunch, please send this in in a sealed lunch box that has their name on (many children have the same lunch box). Break and lunch times are staggered to ensure children have plenty of space to play outside and prevent mixing with other children who are not in their bubble.

Children will now **no longer** need to come to school dressed in their P.E. kits, so please ensure your child brings in their P.E. kit with them on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> in a named bag. This will stay in school until the end of term, when it will be brought home for washing.

We have made some changes to drop off and collection times to increase opportunities to social distance.

## Drop off

Gates **open at 8.45am and close at 9.00am** prompt. You can drop your child/children off between these times.

### Walden Avenue gate

Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and sibling groups enter through Walden Avenue – siblings walk to their KS2 class by themselves. Parents exit through Nursery exit gate.

### Askwith Road gate

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 enter through Askwith Road. If parents have to escort their child, they must exit through the car park pedestrian gate.

## Collection

### Walden Avenue gate (exit through Nursery gate)

3.10pm – Nursery and Year 2

3.15pm – Year 1 and Reception

3.20pm – Year 4

### Askwith Road gate (exit through car park)

3.10pm – Year 3

3.15pm – Year 5

3.20pm – SIBLING GROUPS from KS1 Hall doors

3.20pm – Year 6 exit through car park pedestrian gate

Please wear a face covering when entering the school premises. You will not be allowed on the school grounds/building without a face covering. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

If your child has a school laptop which was loaned for the purposes of accessing our remote learning, can you please return this to school on their return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. These laptops will be available at any point in the future, should any child need to self-isolate and have to work from home as a result. Many of you may have seen in the Romford Recorder, that Newtons has been given 40 laptops from Clarion and 6 laptops from Rainham Steel to support our children with a device if the school, bubbles or individuals need to work remotely in the future.

Well done to the winners of the Pancake making competition, it looked like a lot of fun and all entries were amazing and so difficult to pick a winner from each Key stage. Congratulations to the three winners; I hope you enjoy your prizes.

EYFS winner – Wareesha and Syed

KS1 winner – Shahzain

KS 2 winner - Rabiah

We have one more week of home schooling and I know the teachers have planned many fun activities based around World Book Day. We look forward to seeing pictures of your children dressing up as their favourite book character and completing the 10 Star Reading Challenge.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Connolly and Mrs McClenaghan



## Stars of the week



| Class       | Star           | Class      | Star                   |
|-------------|----------------|------------|------------------------|
| Squirrels   | <b>Amayra</b>  | Crocodiles | <b>Rehnuma</b>         |
| Mice        | <b>Eliza</b>   | Penguins   | <b>Junior</b>          |
| Hedgehogs   | <b>Edvin</b>   | Canaries   | <b>James/Musahib</b>   |
| Foxes       | <b>Summer</b>  | Dolphins   | <b>Sephora</b>         |
| Newts       | <b>Olivia</b>  | Pandas     | <b>Farha/Gladness</b>  |
| Woodpeckers | <b>Rishith</b> | Geckos     | <b>Ameer/China-Lee</b> |
| Meerkats    | <b>Anita</b>   | Ducklings  | <b>Sofia</b>           |

# Headteacher Award

These children have been nominated by their teachers for a Headteacher Award and will receive their certificate, pencil and sticker through their letterbox.

**Zarrah** - (Gecko class)

**Aviel** – (Crocodile Class)

**Ella** – (Meerkat Class)

**Mariola** – (Newt Class)

**Tommy** – (Fox Class)

**Temitayo**– (Penguin Class)

**Katie**– (Panda class)

**Ella** – (Woodpecker Class)

**Mahim**– (Dolphin Class)

**Ayaan** – (Mice Class)

**Denas** – (Hedgehog Class)

**Uzma** – (Canary Class)



Well done to everyone for their hard work on Google classroom, you are all doing an amazing job! We are very proud of you and look forward to the day we can all be together in school, celebrating your achievements each week in assembly. Only one more week of home schooling to go!