

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

It has been absolutely fantastic having all the children and staff back in school. They have settled well and are enjoying seeing their friends. Staff have been focussing on re-establishing good learning habits and routines, and assessing gaps in learning in order to plan for the term ahead.

Both children and staff have been working their socks off and I'm very proud of them all for the positive return to full school opening.

### **Parents' consultation evenings**

By now we would normally have had our parents' evenings for this term. We decided to leave these until after Easter to allow children time to settle and get back up to speed. You will receive further information in the first week back after the holidays so please look out for an email. Thanks.

### **Staff Leavers**



Tomorrow we are saying a fond farewell to Mr Tarrant (year 4 leader), Mrs Bringham (NTA and first aid), Mrs Bell (TA in 5B) and Miss O' Connor (Kidszone).

We are very sad to see them leave us but wish them well as they move on to pastures new. Thanks must go to them all for their hard work in the time they have been with us.

### **Playground arrangements**

Having thought long and hard about our playground arrangements at break time, we are keeping things as they currently are for at least the first 2 weeks back at school after the Easter break.

I know that some children will be unhappy with this decision but my primary aim is to keep children and staff in school, and safe!

Once we know what impact the Easter holidays have had on transmission rates locally, there may be opportunity to allow the whole year group to play out together without the need for bubbles. This would only be for one outside playtime each day. Bubbles will be maintained inside no matter what, until we are informed by the Government that this is no longer necessary.

### **Covid notifications over Easter**

If your child develops Covid symptoms over the weekend (27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> March), please isolate them and your immediate family, and ensure they receive a test. In this instance, please let me know by sending an email to: [driffield.juniors@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:driffield.juniors@eastriding.gov.uk) I will be checking this address twice daily and will get back to anyone who emails me as soon as I can.

If your child gets symptoms from 29<sup>th</sup> March onwards, I do not need to be informed because there are no implications in relation to others in school. Simply follow the advice above and adhere to Government guidelines.

### **Happy Easter**

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support for the school and I wish all children, parents/carers, staff and Governors a very Happy Easter.



School re-opens on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April at the usual time.

*L J Laird*