

Coopersale & Theydon Garnon C.E Primary School



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Newsletter – 26th March 2021

Can you believe we have completed 3 weeks of learning and what a delight it has been! The energy, smiles, interaction and positivity filled the school building. What we have seen is resilience, bravery and shared experiences that we will now build upon, enabling us to move away from the unhelpful national narrative of 'catch-up and 'lost generation'. Our children are resilient and determined and they will show these skills in the months and years to come. We look forward to supporting them on that journey!



Since the children have been back, teachers began the process of skilfully assessing children in their learning journey to plan for optimum holistic development. Our annual process of reporting to families will take pace in Summer where we will capture your child's progress and next steps.

Our curriculum aim is to ensure each child reaches their full potential and develops a positive sense of wellbeing and belonging. As a result, next term we will be undertaking a whole-school Learning Journey. We will be working and learning together as a whole school community, and our teachers are excited about planning for this -although it's top secret at the moment!

Easter Break

Today is our last day in school and the children will return on **Tuesday 13th April**. We would like to wish you a wonderful break and hopefully some lovely weather too!

Class Photographs – first day back!

Class photographs will take place on Tuesday 13th April, our first day back to School. Please ensure full uniforms are worn on this day. If Tuesdays are a PE day for your child's class, we will alter the session for the day, so that it can be completed safely in School uniforms and not PE kits. Please also ensure that any hair accessories are in line with our uniform policy.

Contact Tracing – informing the School across the Easter holiday period

Please notify the School via Studybugs, if your child starts to display symptoms in the first 2 days of the Easter break. Do not wait until they have a test result. This early notice to School leaders will help us, if contact tracing is required. The app will be monitored by School leaders across Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th March. After this time, use the NHS test and trace service.

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/

The School admin email will be monitored from Monday 12th April. Do contact us if your child is not able to return to School on the 13th April, due to self-isolation.

National day of Reflection

This Tuesday, the whole-school joined the nation in observing a minute's silence at 12 noon, the day marks the anniversary of the UK's first Covid lockdown. It was around this time last year we were writing a very sombre letter to you closing the school and heading into unknown territory.

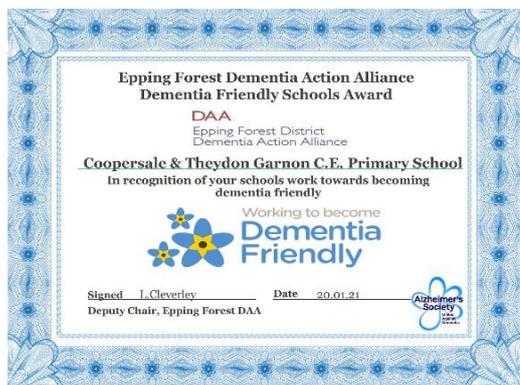




Red Nose Day 2021

We had an action-packed day and some laughs on the way too! Our day started with a whole-school quiz, then some improvised drama and Can you find? Quiz. Finally, each class was then invited to a Comedy Club where they had to compete to become the funniest class of Coopersale! The school voted 'Cherry' class as the funniest with 56 points! In second place was Willow class with 53 points and Sycamore class in third place with 49.5 points. Well done to all the other classes for their amazing efforts. Thank you to every person who donated on our *Just giving page*. We raised a total of £379!

Dementia Friendly Schools Award



As you are all aware, the school have been actively working with our local care home and we were awarded this accolade as part of the ongoing work. Here are some words from Laura Cleverley (Dementia Action Officer) ... *'On behalf of all members of Epping Forest Dementia Action Alliance, I would like to offer you our congratulations on this wonderful accolade. Please find attached your certificate of which I do hope to be able to present to you in person when it is safe to do so! We have been truly blown away with your commitment to providing dementia awareness for the children, incorporating this awareness into the curriculum for most of your subjects and maintaining and developing those intergenerational links with Ashlar House Care Home, Barchester. The wonderful activities you carried out with the care home pre-Covid and the continued correspondence throughout the pandemic is quite remarkable enabling people living with dementia to keep connected and friendships to thrive. Thank you for this excellent example of best practice and keep up your fantastic commitment to further developing our dementia friendly community.'*

Across Easter, we will be building a dementia awareness page on our website, not only to celebrate the wonderful work our School is doing, but also to raise the profile of the cause.

Year 5 & 6 Orienteering

On Wednesday 17th March, Gillian Newlyn a PE Specialist from Davenant Secondary School led a fun session for our Year 5 & 6 pupils. The children had to work as a team to locate markers around the playground and then crack the code!

School Uniform

Leading up to Christmas, we were very disappointed to find out that our uniform provider had cancelled our service. Moving forward, with a positive mindset across the awkward lockdown period, we have successfully appointed a new provider that has come highly recommended. They are local, based in Harlow and able to do in store and online ordering. Across the Easter break, sample products will be approved and once this has taken place, we will advertise the provider to our parent community. Until this time, if you urgently need to purchase uniform items, please see our uniform page on our website, to assist you in purchasing correct colours in line with our uniform policy. Of course, if you wish to wait for embroidered uniforms with our logo, we do expect our new provider to be ready for ordering, shortly after Easter.

Lunch Menus

We will begin with WEEK ONE menu, from Tuesday 13th April. Our three week rolling menu planner can be found on our website.

