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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another very successful week in school and, at the time of writing, all bubbles thankfully remain intact!

Covid-19 Testing

All families with children of school age are now all able to access lateral flow testing kits for use at home. These can be ordered via this link and can be used by family members, but, the current advice is that primary aged children should not be routinely tested by lateral flow devices.

To be very clear, the lateral flow tests are only to be used when a person does not have symptoms.

If your child has any of the three main symptoms (a persistent cough, a temperature over 38 degrees or loss of smell/taste), it is vitally important that you book and take them for a PCR test at a testing site even if you have access to a lateral flow test.

Please also see the letter from Greg Fell that I sent out yesterday regarding the lockdown and the importance of continuing to follow the current national guidelines.

The Bears of Sheffield - Bear Design Competition

Thank you for all of the amazing design entries that have been arriving in shool this week. We will announce the winning designs next week in the newsletter. There has been some real effort go in to the designs and we're going to find it very tricky to decide! Our bear will certainly stand out from the crowd!

Breakfast and After School Club Parent Survey

As you are aware, we have not been able to reopen the After School Club for a number of staffing, financial and Covid-related reasons. We do know that some families have found this difficult so are asking that you complete the survey on the link below to indicate your interest (or not) in us investigating how this service could again be provided to our community. We also ask about your current use and projected use of the Breakfast Club which has reopened.

Please complete the surevy before Monday 19th April. Thank you.

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Yorkshire Sport Competition Winners

Congratulationsto the Year 4,5 and 6 children who won the photography / social media competition for the South Yorkshire School Games Week, for their fantastic moves during their PE sessions with Miss Hitchen and Mr Smith. We're not sure what the prize is – yet, but will let you know after Easter when it is announced!

Fitness Boost

We are making a concerted effort to raise the general fitness levels of all pupils (and staff) at Shooters Grove. We are doing this in a variety of ways; providing more activity during daily lessons, 'daily mile' / focused running around the yards and fields, more equipment on the yards at break times, 2 hours of PE in each timetable each week etc.

We are also encouraging children to be more active at home by building in one or more of the following activities; walking/scooting/cycling to school, going for a daily walk after dinner, going to the park to play football/rugby or throw and catch and scooting/cycling for short journeys instead of taking the car etc.

All of these small changes should help improve general health but also have a positive impact on improving sleep and mental wellbeing. Please support this initiative with your children at home.

School Meals - Special Menu - Thursday 1st April

Back by popular request, and after all the additional exercise, we all deserve a treat!

On Thursday 1st April, the school meal option will be chicken nuggets or veggie nuggets and chips *in a box* with a tub of vanilla ice cream for desert. Please pay via Agora in advance of your child having any school meals. Thank you.

Easter Bonnets/Hats and Easter Holiday

Please note that school finishes for the Easter holidays on Thursday 1st April (we are closed on Friday 2nd April) and we look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed, on Monday 19th April. Unfortunately, this year we are not able to do an Easter Bonnet Parade but your child can wear an

Unfortunately, this year we are not able to do an Easter Bonnet Parade but your child can wear an Easter bonnet/hat (that they have made at home) to school on Thursday 1st April if you feel like getting creative this weekend.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Take care and stay safe.

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Kind regards,

Mrs Louise Chadwick

Headteacher