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Easter 2021 Newsletter



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Hello Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well. It is great to have all the children back in school again and lovely to see you all again on the school run.

From Monday 29th March the Government guidance changes from lockdown to stay local. People can meet outdoors in public spaces and in private gardens in groups of 6 from different households or larger groups if there are only two households meeting up.

If this goes well then on Monday 12th April we should see shops opening alongside cafes, pubs and restaurants outdoors.

Currently the positive cases recorded for our local area are very low, with only 3 recorded cases last week. It is really important that we maintain social distancing and don't meet up with friends and family inside our houses to ensure the number of positive cases stays low and we remain healthy and safe.

Several children have presented with cold like symptoms. This was always going to happen when the children started to mix again and get exposed to each other after months apart. Where children have been unwell you have kept them off school until they have felt better. Some of you have had your children tested with PCR tests to ensure your family has not contracted Covid. Thank you for this, I know it is frustrating when you are not able to send your children to school.

I am really pleased to say that so far; fingers crossed, touch wood, stroke the rabbits foot, throw salt over my shoulder; we have not had any positive cases in school.

Staff continue to monitor themselves with Lateral Flow Tests twice a week. Also, due to many of us being old, the majority of staff have now had their first dose of the vaccine. This is a fantastic achievement and is making our school a safer environment for everybody.

Thank you all for your continued support. I hope you have a lovely Easter break.

Thank you

P. Scragg
Head Teacher

Updates and Reminders

- **Monitoring and Recovery**
 - Once again, after months away from school there are gaps in the children's knowledge. We are doing some simple assessments in reading and maths this week so that we can identify these gaps and target our teaching over the summer term.
 - A key issue that we have identified is that the children are struggling to maintain their concentration for extended periods of time and get tired easily.
 - You can help here by ensuring children settle back into a routine; eating healthily, being active, spending less time sat down playing online games and going to sleep at a normal time. Children tell us they are tired because they go to bed and then spend extended periods of time on their phones. Try to limit their screen time, particularly in the evening as it makes their minds active and they find it harder to get to sleep.
- **Remote Learning**
 - If your child needs to isolate because they have symptoms or have been in contact with someone with symptoms then we can provide a work pack for them to complete whilst they are at home. The website also has lots of activities that the children can log on to and complete online.
- **Uniform**
 - Thank you for sending the children back to school smartly turned out in school uniform.
 - As the warmer weather approaches the children will take layers of clothing off. Please ensure your child's name is in every bit of their clothing so that we can reunite them with their jumpers and cardigans, etc at the end of the day.
- **Pick Up and Drop Off**
 - Thank you for continuing to follow our start and end of the day routines.
 - Please continue to wear your face coverings.
 - Remember the main gate does not open until 8.50am in the morning so please do not come earlier than this.
 - Remember to drop your child at the bottom of the drive and let them walk to their class alone where appropriate.
 - Please stick to your allotted pick up time to reduce the amount of people on site at any one time.
- **Bikes and Scooters**
 - There have been a couple of accidents and near misses over the last couple of weeks.
 - Children are still putting themselves in danger outside of school by crossing roads and riding scooters without looking, putting themselves in the path of traffic causing them to have to emergency break.
 - Please ensure your children have good road sense. Particularly, talk to them about putting their phone away as they approach roads so that they can give their own safety their full attention and not be distracted.
 - We teach the children road safety and cycling safety in school continually and that message needs to be reinforced regularly outside of school.
- **Dinners, Trips and Parent Pay**
 - As you know we have taken the decision to go cashless at school. This means that all meals, after school activities, visits and enrichment activities need to be paid for via Parent Pay.



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- Hopefully you have all set your accounts up. If you have any issues please contact Mrs Walsh in the office and she will talk you through set up.
- Can I remind you that all meals need to be paid for in advance or on the day. If there is a debt on the child's account when we balance up on Friday this will need to be cleared before they can have a school meal the following week.
- The Spring / Summer menu will be sent home this week.
- **School Field**
 - We have noticed a significant increase in people using the field during the school day.
 - This means that we cannot use the field for sports.
 - Please can I ask you to keep off the school field between 9am and 3pm so that we can use the field for school purposes safely.
 - If you or your children use the field in the evening and weekend can you ensure you take your rubbish home when you have finished. Thank you
- **Summer Plans**
 - The Government have cancelled all statutory assessments which would normally take place over the summer term.
 - We will still be assessing the children to monitor their progress and continue to identify gaps in knowledge.
 - Alongside this it is really important to make the summer enjoyable and relaxing, after the year of isolation and lockdown that we have been through.
 - Year 6 have missed out on their residential visit. We hope to be able arrange a raft of activities for the Year 6 to make their last term in school memorable.
 - I am also hoping that Government guidance allows us to get together as a whole school community.
 - We would love to run a sports week and invite you to a whole school sports day.
 - We are also looking at putting on a carnival on the school field. If guidance allows this will be a day of music, arts, fun and laughter where we can get together and celebrate making it through this tough year.
- **Holidays**
 - Government guidance regarding holidays in term time has not changed. I am unable to authorise term time holidays and if you take your children out of school during term time, this may result in you being issued a penalty by the Local Authority.
 - I am very conscious of how expensive holidays are and that there is limited availability for holidays. In order to help people enjoy quality time away with their family I am hoping that we can use our remaining INSET days to create a long weekend either the last weekend in June or the first weekend in July.
 - I am hoping the Government clarifies the issue of holidays soon so that I can confirm these INSET days as soon as possible.
- **Newsletter subscription**
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