

What a strange few weeks it has been! I am sure you will all be so glad to drop your children off at school on Monday and I know the staff are more than ready to have their whole classes back together! Well done to all those children who have kept going with home learning right up to the very end. We are very proud of you! We have really appreciated the levels of support that have been required of you as parents. Thank you also to the children who have been working so hard in school. They quickly got used to new rules and safety measures again and have been a credit to their families. Finally, there is hope on the horizon and the sunshine days we have seen over the last couple of weeks has lifted everyone's mood. Yesterday was a real celebration and it was so lovely to see the staff and children dressed up for World Book Day in school and at home.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 8th March - Children return to school
Staggered times remain in place. Please use the same entrances and exits used in the Autumn Term.

Friday 19th March – Comic Relief – Children can wear their own clothes. We will be selling Red Noses in school for £1.50 each.

Friday 26th March – School closes for the Easter Holidays. Governors held back 3 days this year for INSET days that have to be used for the Staff Training. We were not sure what this year might bring but have now planned the additional dates.

ADDITIONAL INSET DAYS for this Academic Year (Teachers Only)

Monday 7th June

Monday 19th July

Tuesday 20th July

TOAST CLUB – 8:15am

Toast Club will continue to operate from the dining room so children may continue to come in through the main entrance.

Toast Club starts at 8:15am.

Please make sure children do not arrive before 8:15am as we seem to have children arriving earlier but we are not staffed until 8:15am.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – 3:30pm to 5:30pm

This will operate from its new home and the children can be collected from the previous After School Club entrance.

AS WE ARE CONTINUING TO COMPLY WITH COVID RESTRICTIONS AND KEEP OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE, PLEASE ONLY CONTINUE TO USE TOAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB IF YOU HAVE NO OTHER OPTION.

IMPORTANT RULES WE NEED EVERYONE TO ADHERE TO IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE:

- Only ONE person should drop off and collect children from school.
- Please DO NOT congregate in the playground or Church Car Park.
- Social Distancing is vital.
- Face Masks MUST be worn on the school site.
- No dogs are allowed on the school site and please do not leave them tied to entrance gates.
- Children must be ON time in order to maintain 'Bubbles' and keep staff and other children safe.
- We cannot yet invite parents into school for meetings in order to keep our premises as safe as possible so if you need to speak to a member of staff contact the school office to arrange a telephone meeting.
- Please make sure children have all items they will need with them, e.g. water bottles and lunch boxes. These should not be handed into the School Office on a regular basis.
- On PE days – children should attend school in appropriate sports wear. A plain tracksuit is perfect. No expensive trainers please.

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FIRST**

**THE SAFE WAY IS
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EASTER FUNDRAISING

As we will be unable to have an Easter Fayre this year, we will instead be selling raffle tickets in school for a huge whole school Easter Raffle. I will share pictures of the prizes and more details next week.



New addition to our school family.... I am delighted to announce that Mrs Young gave birth to a healthy and very gorgeous baby boy last Friday. George Samuel Young weighed 8lbs 12oz and both he and mum are doing incredibly well and are very happy to be home in their family bubble. Thomas is a very proud big brother and is enjoying giving his new brother lots of lovely cuddles! Congratulations to the whole family.



World Book Day

Thank you to everyone for making such an incredible effort this year. It was amazing to see the children in school and at home taking part. I hope everyone celebrated with lots of reading. There are LOTS of photographs on Twitter so please take a look and I am reliably informed that Mrs Young is super impressed with the effort everyone has made. We can never emphasise enough how important reading is!



Our new school value for March is FORGIVENESS.... Thank you to Foundation 2 for creating our wonderful whole school display. This is a perfect value for this season of Lent which is season of penitence when we think about how we are sorry for the wrong things we have done and try hard to change our ways. Over the last three weeks of this half term we will be thinking about the importance of saying 'sorry' and asking for forgiveness. God will always forgive us and give us a new start.



ON MONDAY, PLEASE RETURN EXERCISE BOOKS WITH THE CHILDREN'S WORK IN FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS AND ANY OTHER SCHOOL RESOURCES YOU HAVE HAD AT HOME INCLUDING READING BOOKS.

Enjoy your last weekend before the school runs begin again! We can't wait to welcome everyone back on Monday. Mrs Ralph