

Welcome back and how lovely it is to see the sunshine! We just need a rise in temperature!

It was lovely to see all the children's smiling faces on Monday when I did a whole school ZOOM. Thank you to all those continuing to comply by the rules as you are helping to ensure our school is safe and stays open. Let's hope by 21st June, we reach the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow and school can run as it used to. Until then, things will need to continue as they have been since September. We are hoping though that this term we will eventually be able to think about how certain things can happen safely e.g. sports days and trips (even if just in our local area). It is highly unlikely we will be able to do a KS2 summer production and this will need to be cancelled as the EYFS and KS1 nativities were but we do hope to be able to do some special things with Year 6 at the end of term.



We have been seeing more and more children coming to school LATE in the morning and being brought to the front entrance. Punctuality is vital and to maintain the safety of bubbles in school. Children need to enter by the correct door.



Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME

Staggered start and finish times are still in place.

Please remember to wear **face masks** on the school site and **only one adult** should be bringing children to school.

Attendance



Well done to Year 2 for the best attendance!

Foundation 1 – 97.9%
Foundation 2 – 99.6%
Year 1 – 99.0%
Year 2 – 99.6%
Year 3 – 93.5%
Year 4 – 96.1%
Year 5 – 94.8%
Year 6 – 95.4%

END OF DAY COLLECTION TIMES – We are also seeing a greater number of children not being collected on time on a daily basis. The latest collection time is 3:30pm for all children who are not staying for After School Club. On some occasions it has been 3:45pm and later before a parent arrives.

This term, for any child not collected by 3:35pm with prior warning we will take the child to After School Club and charge parents for the full session time.

Staff have numerous meetings and jobs they need to do after school and they are being kept from these.

We totally understand when this is a one off occasion or an emergency but for some children this is happening consistently.



As things start to become more 'normal', we are pleased to announce that we intend to offer some extra curricular activities/clubs and 'booster' sessions for children after school for the remainder of this term. To do this safely these will remain in class bubbles.

A letter about clubs will be sent out next week and places will be limited and so please make sure you book quickly. All clubs will start straight after school and will run until 4:15pm. Further details will follow in the 'Club letter'. All clubs are FREE of charge and we rely on the good will of

our staff to be able to do this. In the future we may consider offering some sports clubs that will need to be paid for but this is because we hope to be able to use qualified coaches to do this.

TOAST CLUB – starts at 8:15am

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – can be booked through the school office. Places should be paid for online through Parent Pay. All places must be paid in advance.



Questionnaires - The children have all been completing our annual pupil questionnaires. When we have the results, I will obviously share them with you. I am hoping to send out a electronic version of a 'Parent Questionnaire' next week. This is most likely to come via your email through Parent Mail so you are able to complete it online. Please complete it as the information is really useful to help us in school know what we can do better and what you are pleased with.

Following discussions with Miss Clark and the staff we have decided to allow this year's school councillors to continue in their role next year. Due to bubbles being unable to mix, the holding of meetings and activities they normally lead have been impossible to do this year. This seemed unfair to the elected councillors and so we are delighted that they are all keen to continue next year! Unfortunately, it is unlikely that High School Headteachers will allow our Year 6 councillors to return but I am sure they will be busy enough in their new schools.



Unfortunately we are having more occasions of where children are taking part in What's App groups and Snapchat messages (to name but a few!) at home and this is become unpleasant or inappropriate. These incidents are then spilling over into school. Staff in school have enough to do without dealing with out of school incidents.

E Safety is a very important part of our computing curriculum. If you haven't already seen our E Safety page on the website, please take a look as there is so much useful information about parental controls, Apps, filters etc.

On Monday during our ZOOM sessions we focused again on the Easter story from the point we had left it at before the holiday. On the last day of term, we had focused on the stations of the cross and the journey Jesus made before He was crucified. We talked about the sadness of this before the wonderful and happy celebration of Easter.

During what has been a very difficult year for everyone, Easter was an opportunity to press pause on the chaos around and remind ourselves of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us, the joy of His resurrection and to focus on the Love that He has for all. It was a time to reconnect with our families, appreciating each and every one of them for the wonder that they are.

Although we were still bound by certain regulations and were unable to celebrate Easter in the usual way, I hope you took time to appreciate God's world; the weather, the flowers, the new born animals, the longer evenings and each other.



Time for twos

Our '2 Year Old' provision will open in September 2021. We have a number of names down already but if you think this is something you might be interested in accessing for your child please contact the school office or Mrs Jones as soon as possible.

Have a lovely weekend everyone, Mrs Ralph