

The Spring Term is well and truly underway and it's been another productive week in school. I am sure you have all seen the announcements on Wednesday relating to the easing of restrictions again. Once again, there are not a lot of changes for us directly in a primary school. We continue to do everything we can to keep the children safe in school and so far, we have been very lucky in terms of infection rates, compared to other schools. Please continue to support us in testing children if they show any signs of Covid. Although the Government continue to say the three main symptoms are a cough, temperature and loss of smell and taste, we have seen a number of other symptoms in children who have tested positive including – sore throat, cold like symptoms, diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting, shivery and feeling cold.



COVID-19 SELF ISOLATION PERIODS - It has been all change again in relation to Covid-19 self-isolation periods. It can be very challenging for us in school to keep up with the guidance as it is constantly changing. The most up to date guidance now states that the self-isolation period for people who test positive for Coronavirus has now been cut to 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if your

child tests negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6. The day 5 and day 6 tests should be done 24 hours apart.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. If the result of either tests is positive, your child should continue to self-isolate until they get negative tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

CLUBS have successfully started this week and will run until 25th March 2022. Can I please remind you to ensure you collect children promptly at 4:15pm or their place will be withdrawn. All children will leave via the Main Entrance. Staff give freely of their time which enables these clubs to take place. **WE HAVE BEEN OVERWHELMED WITH RESPONSES FOR CLUBS THIS TERM. IF A PLACE WAS NOT AVAILABLE THIS TERM, THEY WILL BE PRIORITISED FOR A PLACE NEXT TERM.**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Week beginning 7th February – Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 8th February – Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 15th February – Parents' Evening

Friday 18th February – Break Up for Half Term

Monday 28th February – Pupils Return to School

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

Friday 18th March – Red Nose Day (Non Uniform)



Attendance – Our attendance continues to be impacted on by Covid. Well done to Year 3 who have had the best attendance this week.

Foundation 1 – 87%

Foundation 2 – 88.3%.

Year 1 – 90.6%

Year 2 – 90.9%

Year 3 – 94.8%

Year 4 – 90.7%

Year 5 – 87.4%

Year 6 – 89.7%



We have seen lots of fantastic learning going on in school again this week...

I have loved seeing our gorgeous 2-year-old superheroes this week all around school. I feel very safe in the knowledge that we have so many superheroes close to hand to protect us all!

In Foundation 2, the children have been learning about dinosaurs. Last week they received a parcel and a letter from a palaeontologist called Dr Rex. They were so excited about being Dino detectives and helping Dr Rex discover who the eggs belonged to!

Year 2 have been learning about Victorian times. They examined some Victorian artefacts and discussed how they thought they were used. They had some great ideas!

Year 3 have been focusing on the Great Commandment "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and your neighbour as yourself" (Mark 12:29-30). They reflected on how wrong choices can affect us and others and thought of ways they could 'make things right' with help from God.

Year Five have been busy investigating friction in their Science work this week. They can now tell you which surface provides the best friction and why! In computing, Year 6 have used Airtable to input data from Top Trump cards. They used the filter and sort tools to organise their database.

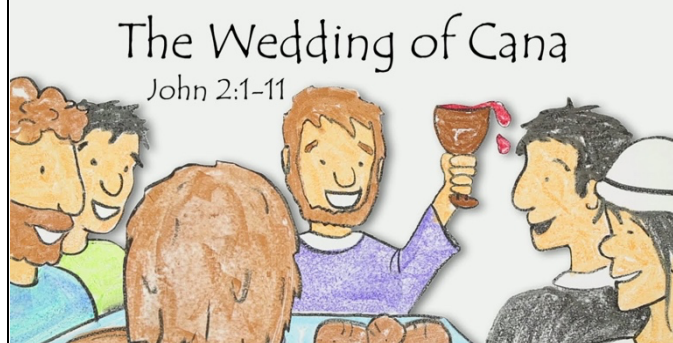
It was fantastic to see how busy Eco Club were this week. They have been learning about ways to take care of our wonderful world and started by using recycled materials to create some great artwork.



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This week in school we thought about the Gospel reading of the 'Wedding Feast at Cana' where Jesus performed his first miracle changing water into wine. Jesus' miracle brings joy to his own mother and gives a joyful celebration to the whole village. Jesus came to bring joy to everyone. Happiness comes and goes, but the joy that comes from close friendship with Jesus stays forever. The Gospel reading reminds us of the joy that Jesus brings when we put our faith and trust in him.

Enjoy your weekend, Mrs Ralph