

At last, there seems to be some 'good news' on the horizon! I am sure the announcement that schools will open to all pupils on Monday 8th March brought welcome relief and if you're anything like me the 21st June is etched on the brain and marked in bold writing on the calendar as the day when hopefully we can return to a more 'normal' way of living! All this is still dependent on us continuing to do the right thing so the infection rate continues to fall but I definitely breathed a huge sigh of relief when I heard that there is an end in sight. How amazing it will be for our children to be

One day



able to see their

grandparents, have playdates with their friends and just generally be able to go out and do enjoyable things again! Hopefully as we enter this last week of 'home learning', it really will be the 'last' one and I am sure you will all breathe a huge sigh of relief when you don't have to look at SEESAW tasks every day. Please, please don't give up or be tempted to think that this week doesn't matter as the children will be back in school soon. Every single day of learning really does count and so please keep going for this last remaining week. You have all been incredible and your children are the ones who benefit from this when they return to school.

Where there is hope,
there is faith.
Where there is faith,
miracles happen.

Blessed are
those who mourn,
for they will be
COMFORTED.
Matthew 5:4

Last week we heard of the incredibly sad news of the death of one of our parents in our school community. Helen Robinson the mother of Jessica in Year 4, has battled cancer for some time with enormous bravery and strength. Please remember Helen and her family in your prayers at this very difficult time.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen.

TERM DATES for 2021/22 have been updated on the school website.

England is still in a national lockdown.
You must stay at home, leaving only where permitted by law, and follow the rules in this guidance.

We look forward to 8th March, when some of the rules on what you can and cannot do will be changing but until then we must continue to adhere to the current National restrictions.

HM Government				
8 MARCH				
EDUCATION	BUSINESS / ACTIVITIES	SOCIAL CONTACT	LARGER EVENTS	TRAVEL
Schools and colleges open for all students Practical Higher Education courses	Wraparound care, including after school sports, to enable parents to work	Exercise and recreation with your household or one other person in a public outdoor place e.g. picnic or coffee Household only indoors Care home residents in England can nominate a single named visitor for regular visits	Funerals (30 people) Weddings and wakes (6 people)	Stay at home No domestic or international holidays

STEP 1

COVID-19 ROADMAP 2021

DATES for after Half Term

Thursday 4th March – World Book Day – Information has been sent about this

Monday 8th March – ALL children return to school

Friday 19th March - Red Nose Day – details to follow

Diary Dates



World Book Day Thursday 4th March

We know World Book Day is going to be very different this year but one thing this pandemic has taught us as a school - is to make the best of a bad situation and embrace the moment! Every class has arranged a 'ZOOM Call' so the children have the opportunity to celebrate this wonderful day. We would love to see the children dressed as a book character whether they are coming into school or marking 'World Book Day' at home. Staff have certificates for the 'best costumes' and we really love the home-made efforts that are always so original.

To coincide with World Book Day our new Library will be officially ready for use when the children return on the 8th March. After consulting with the children in school about the book characters they most like, Miss Oana has been painting a masterpiece in the library. It is going to be amazing now we can use this new space!



As I wrote on SEESAW, we are currently in the season of LENT. It seems like only yesterday we were packing the Christmas decorations away and yet here we are in Lent preparing for Easter!

For some people in Lent they 'give something up' like a favourite food. This act gives us an appreciation of all that we have.

I love the idea of doing something positive and extra special for Lent like helping more at home or giving some pocket money to charity.

On SEESAW I asked the children to think about a Lenten Promise they will make this Lent and when everyone returns to school we will think about the promises we have made and how we are 'preparing' for Easter during this very special Lenten Season.

A final thought.....

History will remember when the world stopped
And the flights stayed on the ground
And the cars parked in the street
And the trains didn't run.

History will remember when the schools closed
And the children stayed indoors
And the medical staff walked towards the fire
And they didn't run.

History will remember when the people sang
On their balconies, in isolation
But so very much together
In courage and song.

History will remember when the people fought
For their old and their weak
Protected the vulnerable
By doing nothing at all.

History will remember when the virus left
And the houses opened
And the people came out
And hugged and kissed
And started again
Kinder than before.

Donna Ashworth

Please make sure you have read the letter on SEESAW about the full reopening of school on Monday 8th March so you are clear about the arrangements in place. Our Risk Assessment has been fully updated and is also available via the website alongside lots of useful information.

Only one more week to go until we see everyone again, stay safe until then. Mrs Ralph