



24th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

The approach to the end of term is always a time to reflect on the successes and achievements of the previous 12 weeks and also an opportunity to consider our areas of focus for the next term. For this term, it is important for us to recognise the progress made with the introduction of remote learning and just how quickly the children adapted to that.

Since being back to school in full, the children have adapted well to the expectations of classroom learning. We all recognise how difficult these transitions can be.

We all move forward with hope and optimism that restrictions continue to be eased gradually and opportunities for greater socialising continue to increase.

For the final update of this spring term, I have the following information for you.

BOOK BAGS

Last week, children brought home their reading books once again. This is a great move forward and one that I know has been welcomed. I would like to highlight two things following this:

- These should only be returned on a Thursday at present. We have a dedicated selection of books for each class that we will be circulating on a rota basis taking into account the period of time in which we have to 'quarantine' returned material. Therefore, at the moment, books will only be exchanged on a Thursday for all year groups.
- We appreciate that the yellow zip-wallets are limited in their functionality to transport books to and from school. Therefore, if your child would find it easier to use a book bag instead, they are free to do so. If your child is in Year 3 or 4 and would like to use a book bag, they are very welcome to as well. ***Please do not send Year 3 or 4 children in with rucksacks. Our corridors are not adequately spaced to be able to store rucksacks in our Year 3 and Year 4 area and would present us with other health and safety risks if children were to bring them to school.*** If your child is in Year 5 or 6, they may also use a book bag or rucksack **on a Thursday** if this makes transporting books easier. ***Please do not bring anything else to school that is not necessary.***

PARENTS EVENING AND WRITTEN REPORTS

At this time in the year, we would usually send out an end of term report. However, due to the restrictions that have been in place for the majority of this term, we will be delaying the sharing of this information for a short time.



Over the last three weeks, teachers have spent a lot of time assessing the children in a variety of areas and analysing the gaps that need to be a focus of learning next term. It is best we wait for that process to conclude so that we have valuable information to share with you.

Therefore, we will hold a parent consultation event towards the end of April, similar to the one held in December 2020, where we can share the outcomes of this assessment with you and next steps for your child along with information on how your child has settled back into school life. We will also finish the year with written reports, as usual.

We will be in touch to confirm dates of these consultations shortly.

COMIC RELIEF

Thank you for your support in raising funds for Comic Relief last Friday. We raised a brilliant **£369.89** in total.

MUFTI DAYS

You will have received communication from us recently that the end of term Friday will no longer be a mufti day every term. I wanted to take this opportunity to give reason why this decision has been made.

This term we held a mufti day in order to raise funds for children in need. This is a simple and effective way for us to raise funds for a worthwhile charity and at the same time provide suitable education about why we raise funds for these charities to the children.

However, as I am sure you will appreciate, these days can be unsettling for the children in school because it's different. By limiting the mufti days to fundraising events only, we are able to ensure maximum focus on learning in the classroom.

GRASS BANK ON PLAYGROUND

A polite request to ensure that your children do not run up and down the grass bank on the playground as you exit school in the evening. This bank is very steep and risks children hurting themselves if they continue to do so at busy times. Thank you.

HAPPY EASTER

As this will be the last major update before the Easter break, I wish you all a happy, enjoyable and safe Easter break when it arrives.

Kind regards

Mr S. Dainty
Head Teacher