

Good Afternoon Everyone

Easter Holidays

There are a number of attachments that may be of use to you for holiday activities during the Easter holidays.

We break up at 3pm on Friday 8th April and return on Monday 25th April.

Family Support for children under 5

The Early Years Alliance are delighted to have been funded by the Bishop Auckland and Shildon AAP to offer free online family learning sessions and parent/carer workshops especially designed to support families with children under the age of five. Over the summer term we are offering two family learning programmes and a range of workshops that cover a wide variety of topics of interest to families. All of the sessions are delivered virtually and are free of charge.

I have attached the information for you and it does look like it would be very supportive for those with younger children at home.

Covid 19

Just to make you aware (although it is affective so many in the community you probably already are...) Covid infection rates within our community is on the rise. It means that some classes have been very stretched for staff and supply agencies are struggling to provide to schools in Bishop Auckland. The children do seem to be showing symptoms that include sickness, sneezing and lethargy as well as teh known symptoms. We would just ask that you are vigilant and if your child is unwell to make sure they do not com into school until they are well or have taken tests to make sure they haven't got Covid 19.

Clubs

The office have sent out the forms for Clubs after the Easter holidays - make sure you apply early to save disappointment. Please do not pay until you have confirmation of a place.

School Dinners

The cost of school meals for children is going up to £2.20 form April 4th. This will be changed on Parentpay for you.

The Summer Menu has been delayed from the provider Taylor Shaw so we will not send it out now until after the Easter holiday. (a shortage of supplies for some ingredients/ products)

Meetings with teachers

Mini reports will be sent home at the end of next week for school aged children. We will send out a slip for you to complete indicating if you would like the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher (this will include Nursery Children). Due to the rises in covid cases we will need to keep any face to face meeting to an absolute minimum. We will offer a telephone call or a TEAMS meeting. In exceptional circumstances we can offer a face to face meeting. Please complete the form and return to school as quickly as possible for staff to organise this. The meetings will take place the last week of term.

Health and Safety

All FS2 children (Mrs Aireys class) and Y6 (Miss Parker) children should have brought a letter home from NHS Trust about the National Child Measurement Programme. If you didn't receive it could you let us know.

Water in water bottles - just a gentle reminder that unless there is medical need the children are only allowed water in their water bottles in class.

Easter Egg Decorating Competition

Entries are due in next week - the theme is the Jubilee and the winners will be announced next Friday.

Don't forget, as times get more difficult that we have a good stock of barely worn uniform. If you let Rachael know what you need she will do her best to organise this for you.

Attendance

Year 6	85.2%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 4	88.9%
Year 3	90.4%
Year 2	95.2%
Year 1	96.8%
FS2	83%
Total	90.7%

As you can see we are struggling to keep attendance at a level that indicates children achieve good levels of progress (96%+). Children cannot be in school when they are ill but we would ask that all other reasons for absence do not add to your child's overall absence that would tip them into the category of persistent absence (90% or less). You will receive their attendance report with the mini report to make sure you are aware of your child's attendance and any negative impact it may be having on their overall learning.

Mothering Sunday

As always staff have been mindful of all family circumstances so all children have had the opportunity to create something for the special 'lady' in their life that supports and helps them.

For all those special ladies out there who give love, help, support and care to children in our community I hope you have a lovely day.

Enjoy the Sunshine whilst it lasts

M Mackenzie and all the staff

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