

Good Morning,

School Activities

Mini Reports - these are coming home with the children tonight. Any child who is absent we will send out via parentmail to ensure you have them before any meetings planned in for next week.

School aged children will also be bring home some examples of their work so you can see how they are progressing.

Parents meetings - thank you for everyone who has sent the slips in. The teachers are organising the calls, TEAMS, or face to face meetings today ready for next week

Trip to the Church - the classes will be having a trip to the Church next week (in classes to keep the number low in the Church) as part of the Easter Story.

Easter Egg Decorating

Thank you to all our entries - they will all have a mini certificate and mini chocolate bunny to bring home.

Our winners chosen by the teachers last night are:

Ellie and Maisie Harris

Maisie Ingyon

Millie Whitworth

Molly Naylor

Alice Lea Hall

Sullivan Jones

Amber Whitworth

Parents / Carers Help

Thank you so much for your generosity when we asked for spare clothes last week. In hard times it is so lovely to have such kind responses

Could we politely request that you continue with the **one way pick up** at the end of the day - it is the very best way to ensure safety for all on the playground

Phone Calls for absences - you can really help the office by letting us know about absences before 9.00am. The sooner we know who is in school and who is absent the sooner we can sort the dinner numbers for the kitchen. It regularly takes half an hour to follow up absences each morning. As part of our duty of care if we cannot get hold of a family to find out the reason for absences we often need to follow this up with a home visit - particularly if it happens more than once over a short period of time.

Tests for children

This year schools are expected to continue with statutory testing. It is vital children are not out of school during these times unless unwell. The following will be taking place:

- Year 1 Phonic Screening **week beginning 6th June**

- Year 2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATS) **during May**
- Year 4 Multiplications Check **to be completed in June (3-week period of time)**
- Year 6 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATS):
 - Monday 9th May - Grammar Punctuation and Spelling
 - Tuesday 19th May - Reading
 - Wednesday 11th - Maths papers 1&2
 - Thursday 12th - Maths Paper 3

Improvements to the environment

Finally, the improvements to Foundation 2's outdoor area which is at the back of school will be revamped to provide a more stimulating and greener space for the children. It has been hampered for 2 years due to Covid so we are delighted that it is finally happening thanks to Grant Funding through the Area Action Partnership.

Living with Covid 19 - next steps

As you will all be aware free testing comes to an end today. In order to keep as safe and on top of Covid 19 this is the latest guidance to follow:

- *symptoms of respiratory infections and high temperature or feel unwell - stay at home and avoid contact until you feel well enough and no longer have a temperature*
- *Children can return to school when they no longer have a temperature and feel well*
- *a positive covid 19 test - stay at home avoiding contact for 5 days (children 3 days)*
- *as vomiting has been evidenced to be an early symptom we will insist on staying at home for 48hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea*

As many of you will be aware we, along with all other local communities have covid cases in school so are grateful for everyone's vigilance. Hand washing, extra cleaning and ventilation continue.

This week's Attendance

FS2	90.4%
Year 1	91.4%
Year 2	91.9%
Year 3	94.1%
Year 4	89.2%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	87.6%
total	91.4%

I have managed to get to mid day without an April Fool! Have a lovely weekend everyone.