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To love God and to love one another

Newsletter 12

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Dear Parents,

COVID Update

As you may be aware, the guidance about how we respond to Covid is changing again as from today. Updated guidance now advises:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

The government intend us to manage the virus like other respiratory infections, this is due to the success of the vaccination programme and access to antivirals, alongside natural immunity and increased scientific and public understanding about how to manage risk. Consequently, regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended.

We will continue to follow a common sense approach as we have done throughout the last two years, in the hope that we can continue on our journey to return to normality.

Easter Service

Our Easter Service will take place, in the church, on Friday 8th April at 1.00pm. All parents are welcome to join us but please remember to leave the central seating for the children. After the service, the children will return to school to collect their belongings before being collected **at our earlier finish time of 2pm**.

We are unable to provide a crèche at this service, and would therefore ask you, if at all possible, to make alternative arrangements for your pre-school children. This is a lovely service, led by children in Year 4 and it is a very moving occasion for parents.

Know your School Evening

Our inaugural 'Know Your School' evening will take place on Wednesday 6th April. It is a fantastic opportunity to find out more about our wonderful school. Our Chair of Governors, Will Pyke, and I will be sharing some of our journey and vision for the future. The evening should last about an hour and we hope to see you there.

Sports Shout-outs!

We would like to wish two of our very sporty children the best of luck in competitions this weekend. Sophie Palmer has got through to hockey regionals in Bristol where she will be playing for a staggering TWO teams and Heidi Collison will be travelling up to London to take part in a national tennis tournament. Go and smash it girls!



Year 3 Paulton's Park

As if being at a theme park isn't exciting enough, Year 3 had the added thrill of snowflakes falling during their visit to Paulton's Park yesterday! The day began with an amazing learning workshop that taught the children how to programme instructions to operate a model of a swinging roundabout. Their faces as they realised they had independently coded and debugged the



computer to start, stop and reverse the ride were priceless! Of course, it was essential that we tested out the rides for the remainder of the day, discussing our scientific knowledge of forces such as gravity, friction and air resistance. The coach trip on the return to school was considerably quieter than on the way there! What a fantastic day!



Key Stage 2 Egg Decorating Competition

Next Thursday (7th April) Years 3 and 4 will be taking part in our annual Easter egg decorating competition. To make it successful, children will be required to bring in one or more **hard boiled** eggs and a design that they can complete at school within 50 minutes! They will also need to bring an egg cup or something to balance their egg in for display purposes.

While we encourage practising at home, the children will be judged on their efforts in the classroom rather than on home preparation!

We can provide general resources such as paint, sharpies, tissue paper, wool etc, but if there is anything special you would like to bring, please do.

We hope everyone will enter into the spirit of Easter fun and we invite you to view all the children's creations in the playground at collection time.

Summer Uniform

Finally, with the warmer weather just on the horizon, a quick reminder that our summer 'shirt-sleeve' order begins after Easter and the children can finally put away their winter clothes in favour of summer dresses and shorts.

Lost Property

We currently have 30 jumpers/cardigans in 'lost property' that are un-named! Please ensure all your child's clothes are clearly named.

The mounting pile of lost property will once again be in the playground at pick up time next week for you take your child's items before they are recycled at Easter. Many Thanks.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Williams'.

Mr. T. Williams

Headteacher

This Week:

To help support you at home and to spark conversations about learning, here is what the children have been covering this week.

	English	Mathematics
Reception	This week in English, we started the week with the story Commotion in the Ocean. We enjoyed reading the poems and guessing which sea creature it described. We then read a pirate story which inspired the children to want to write and draw their own wanted pirate posters.	In maths, we made more complex patterns using sea creatures shapes and much more. We also subitised and counted forwards and backwards. In Let's Explore we have found ways to channel water and make boats move, made turtles to practise our scissor control skills and started to think about the symbols of Easter too.
Year 1	This week in English, the children studied the prefix 'un'. Year 1 understood that the prefix gives a word the opposite meaning; they have also realised that 'un' cannot be added to every word! Throughout the week, we have focused on sentence structure. This has prompted the children to think about full stop placement and ensure that sentences make sense on their own.	In maths, we have studied weight. The children really enjoyed making predictions and comparisons about the weights of different classroom items. We have seen balancing scales in action to cement our understanding of weight.
Year 2	This week in English we have been looking at the different features of poems. We are focusing on senses poems and the children have been very imaginative thinking about what Easter means to them. Hopefully you will enjoy hearing some of them read out at the Easter service next week.	In Maths this week we have started our unit on measurement. The children have very quickly picked up how to measure in cms and meters as well using their knowledge from previous units to help compare measurements and solve word problems.
Year 3	We have been exploring forest stories this week, written by different authors. We have explored how the authors use language to create the mood of the setting. This will lead into some descriptive writing next week, hopefully full of rich vocabulary!	In maths we have been learning to solve problems involving length and perimeter. Maybe at home you could get the tape measure or ruler out and calculate the length around the outside of a shape!
Year 4	This week has been a very busy one for Year 4. Our solar farm trip on Monday was a real success! We followed this up with some brilliantly persuasive emails to our local MP to try and persuade him to help the environment by championing solar power and other renewable forms of energy. Tracy from Earth Energy Education also came in for a really fun and informative science lesson measuring light levels around our school.	The children have worked very hard to consolidate their learning in maths this term with our termly assessments. The children have looked back through these to give them ideas of how to tackle problems a different way and I will be sending home targeted support to individuals over the Easter holidays.

Diary Dates 2021-2022

Spring Term

Wednesday 6 th April	Know your School Evening 7pm
Friday 8 th April	Easter Service 1pm
	Last day of term

Summer Term

Monday 25 th April	INSET Day
Friday 27 th May	Healthy School Day & Fun Run
	Half term begins

Half Term

Monday 6 th June	Queens Jubilee Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 th June	INSET Day
Wednesday 8 th June	School Opens
Thursday 16 th June	Class Portraits
Saturday 25 th June	PTA Summer Fete
Friday 17 th June	PTA Father's Day Sale
Friday 1 st July	Sports Day
Friday 8 th July	PTA Disco
Friday 22 nd July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends