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COVID update

You will be aware that unfortunately, in consultation with the Local Authority, due to a significant cluster of positive cases in school we have had to enact our Outbreak Management Plan. This means that from Monday staff have been wearing masks in shared areas, weekly staff testing is in place and FS/KS1 and KS2 are working as two separate bubbles. Hygiene and ventilation will remain a priority in school. This will be reviewed weekly and we hope that these measures will last no longer than two weeks.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

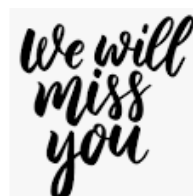
Eco Book Bags

We have been able to source a new supplier for our Book Bags. The book bags are high quality with the school logo and each bag is produced from 6 recycled plastic bottles. The price for each bag will remain the same at £6. Please contact the office if you would like to order.



Staffing News

It is with great sadness that we will say goodbye to Mrs Senior when we break up for the Easter holiday. Mrs Senior has been a wonderful member of staff and we are all going to miss her very much. We are sure you will join with us in wishing all the best in her new role and we hope she will come back and visit us. Mr Burgin will be working in school for the summer term.



Lenten Charities

Easter Egg Raffle

Year 3 will be organising our annual Easter Egg raffle in aid of the Good Shepherd Fund. Children can bring money for raffle tickets from next week. £1 per strip

Mission Together

Year 1 will be organising an Easter Bonnet Competition to raise money for Mission together. This will be £1 per entry and will run in the week beginning 4th April. Children can bring bonnets into school on Monday 4th April and the winners will be announced in assembly on Friday 8th April.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 28th March –Cycling for Year 3

Tuesday 22nd March – Basketball Year 3&4 registered children only

Tuesday 22nd March – Gardening Foundation Stage (new group of registered children only)

Wednesday 23rd March – Y6 Booster class 3-4pm. This will continue until SATs week

Wednesday 23rd March – Y1/2 Football - registered children only

Thursday 24th March – VEX

Friday 1st April – F2 Eye Tests

Friday 1st April – Young Voices Rehearsal

Monday 4th April – F2/Y6 Palm Sunday assembly

Friday 8th April – school closes for Easter Holiday

Monday 9th May – Thursday 12th May – Y6 SATs Week

Lent

We are now in the season of Lent. Lent is a time we prepare for Jesus' Death and Resurrection at Easter. In Lent we pray, fast and give to help us grow in love for Jesus.

The children in school are on a Lent journey during their outdoor learning forest school sessions. We are using the following prayer in school. Please join us in prayer at home by using this with your children.



Prayer for children for Lent

Loving God,
Help us to work together
to share what we have
so that everyone has what they need.
Help us to build a better world
where each of us can become the best person
we can be. Amen



F2/Y6 Palm Sunday Assembly

F2 and Y6 will lead our Palm Sunday Assembly on Monday 4th April at 2.30pm. We warmly invite **parents/carers of F2/Y6 children** to attend. This will be our first invitation to an indoor event for parents/carers since the start of the pandemic is a first step in our plan to move forward safely. We ask that families limit attendance to 2 adults per child and that parents/carers text school to confirm their attendance so that we can plan accurately. Adults should not attend on the day if they are experiencing any COVID symptoms or have tested positive within the last five days of the date.

Masks are not required but you may choose to wear one. Please note that if cases in school are high or increasing, we may have to cancel attendance.

Uniform

Children should wear full school uniform every day except on Forest School and PE days when outdoor PE kit should be worn.

School uniform is black or grey trousers/skirt/shorts (not leggings), white polo shirt and royal blue jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt, black or grey socks or tights and plain black shoes or trainers. **Please note that boots are not appropriate for the summer term and children should wear black shoes or trainers.**

Outdoor PE kit is black or navy tracksuit bottoms, plain white teeshirt and royal blue jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt. Children may choose to wear royal blue Forest School badged tops on Forest School/PE days only.

Long hair should be fastened back. No jewellery, nail polish or make up should be worn with the exception of one pair of small stud earrings and a watch (not smartwatch) or fitbit. Children must be able to remove earrings themselves for PE.

Jess Cup

Congratulations to Lacey Taylor who is this week's winner of the Jess Cup.



Attendance

Congratulations to Year 4 who are this week's Attendance winners. The Attendance Bear will be spending the week in Y4.
Whole School Attendance this week: 87%

Foodbank Friday

Thank you so much for your generous response to our Toiletries Tuesday Appeal for Ukraine. These have all been boxed now and will be delivered to the drop off point this weekend. We will return now to Foodbank Friday as our main collection. Toiletries as well as non-perishable food items are always welcome.

