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Newsletter 11- 9th March 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

Return to school



It has been absolutely wonderful to welcome all our pupils back to school following the national lockdown. Having the children back in their classes with their teachers, teaching assistants and friends is just wonderful to see; it is lovely to see them having fun, laughing and enjoying spending time together. We are hugely grateful to our parental community for your support during the lockdown and know how challenging this period has been for parents. We can now remain hopeful that things will continue to improve and that hopefully restrictions will slowly begin to be lifted over time. Our priority at the moment is to ensure that the whole community works together to continue to reduce community transmission. Please ensure that you continue to follow the national lockdown restrictions so that we can minimise the disruption caused to parents if we have to close bubbles.

Science Week

This week is national science week with the theme of '*Innovating for the future*' and we couldn't think of a better way to engage our children back into school with some practical science investigations. The whole school is taking part in a biscuit dunking investigation whilst class teachers will also be planning other science investigative activities.



Science week poster competition

We will be holding a poster competition linking with the theme of innovating for the future. We would like the children to design their own invention that could be used to help the environment. They could focus on recycling, renewable energy, cleaning the oceans, protecting ecosystems...the choices are endless!

In their design, we want to see:

- A detailed, thoughtful design
- Labels to explain various parts of your invention
- A detailed explanation about how your invention would help the environment

A winner from each year group will be chosen and announced the following week. Entries need to be returned by Thursday 18th March 2021 for the winners to be announced on Friday 19th March 2021. Children should pass their entries to the class teacher.

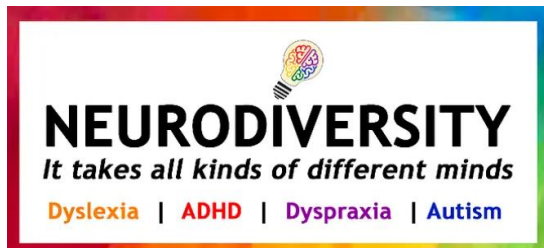
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Neurodiversity Week-

Next week is Neurodiversity week (Monday 15th March 2021- Friday 19th March 2021). This will be a wonderful week where we will be thinking about supporting each other, embracing one another and celebrating difference. We will be joining with lots of other schools around the country to promote acceptance, inclusion and equality. Each year group will be researching and finding out more about different neuro-diverse conditions e.g. ADHD, autism, dyscalculia, dyslexia.



RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) Consultation

The DFE have made statutory changes to Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). These changes have been delayed due to the covid-19 pandemic but are due to commence at the start of the summer term 2021 and all schools will be required to comply with the statutory elements. As a school, we have been working on the necessary statutory changes for a while and now need to consult with parents regarding our RSE policy. Further information regarding this will be sent out to parents this week. Mrs Jones is our PSHE leader and will be leading on this across the school.

Parents' Evening

We have made the decision to delay parents' evening until the first half term of the summer term. By this time, staff will have had the chance to settle the children back into school and will be able to provide more valuable information to parents. We have not made a decision yet as to how these meetings will take place e.g. telephone or face to face etc but will be guided by restrictions that are in place and transmission rates in relation to covid-19. These meetings will take place in week commencing 26th April 2021 and further information will be shared with parents nearer the time.

Homework:

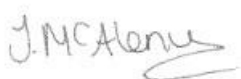
Formal homework will not start this half term. We still expect the children to be reading, practising their spellings via Spelling Shed and utilising TTRockstars but I feel everyone (staff and children) need a little break from Google Classroom for a few weeks. Homework will start again after the Easter break.



End of term:

School will close on **Friday 26th March at 2:30pm** for the Easter break. There will be staggered timings for the end of the day please see below. Children will return to school on Monday 12th April 2021.

Thank you for your continued support,



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Key Dates:

Date	Event
Monday 8 th March- 12 th March 2021	Science Week
15 th March 2021- 19 th March 2021	Neurodiversity week
Friday 19 th March 2021	Red Nose Day – Children can wear their own clothes for a donation to Red Nose Day. Donations to be made via Parent Pay.
Monday 22 nd March 2021	Full Governors' Meeting
Friday 26 th March 2021	Break up for Easter Break at 2:30pm- (F2, KS1 & Junior Siblings) 2:35pm- KS2
Monday 12 th April 2021	All pupils return to school
Week commencing 26 th April 2021	Parents' Evening (decision as to how this will be organised will be made nearer the time.)
Monday 3 rd May 2021	Bank Holiday Monday – School closed
Thursday 6 th May 2021	Inset Day – School closed to all pupils.
10 th May – 14 th May 2021	Swimming Year 5 @2:30pm
17 th May- 21 st May 2021	Swimming Year 5@ 2:30pm
Tuesday 25 th May 2021	Full Governors' Meeting
Friday 28 th May 2021	Break up for half term holiday
Monday 7 th June 2021	Children return after half term holiday
Tuesday 29 th June 2021	Full Governors' Meeting
Monday 19 th July 2021	Break up at 2:30pm for summer holiday
Tuesday 20 th July 2021	Inset Day- School not open to pupils

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