

Dear Parents

Welcome to the March Newsletter. Apologies, as this newsletter is not as detailed as it usually is. However, on balance, I felt you would prefer to receive the latest updates about the running of our school and would understand given the circumstances at present.

The following information may be of interest to you in this current climate of uncertainty. Please rest assured we are following government guidelines and keeping abreast of developments. If there is any change in the information below we will inform you as soon as possible. We have several vehicles for communication with you – texts, emails, VLE and class pages. It is very hard to respond personally by telephone to every parent who wants to make contact about the Corona Virus. We will try our best but we are inundated at present and Office Staff have been advised to prioritise the calls.

We have decided to circulate this letter on paper in an effort to reach as many parents as possible. It will also be available on the VLE as usual, under the newsletter section and emailed.

Mothers' Day Shop:

The Mothers' Day Shop which is scheduled for this Friday 20.03.2020, will now take place this Wednesday afternoon, 18.03.2020. All monies to be passed to class teachers in named envelopes for safekeeping. As in previous years, we will not be allowing IOUs on the day.

Parents' Evenings:

Many thanks to those of you who have shown an interest in attending so far. However, in an effort to keep staff fit and healthy for as long as we can, we have made the decision to postpone for the time being. We are tentatively suggesting new dates of Tuesday 28.04.2020 and Wednesday 29.04.2020, but we will keep you updated as things are changing on a daily basis across the country at the moment, which I am sure you will understand.

Y5 Class Assembly:

In an effort to avoid large gatherings of people, we have decided, reluctantly, to postpone the Year 5 Class Assembly which was due to be performed at 09.30am on Thursday 26.03.2020. We are hopefully rescheduling this event for 09.30am on Wednesday 06.05.2020. We will obviously keep you informed as things develop with the Corona Virus. We reserve the right to delay this date even further if things do not improve with regards to the Corona Virus outbreak.

Easter Festival:

This event is now cancelled as we are no longer holding whole school assemblies and we will not be admitting large numbers of visitors into school for the foreseeable future. We are hopeful that the Easter Bunny will still be able to do his rounds though, as rabbits do not appear to be susceptible to the Corona Virus. Going forward, we will now be holding class based daily acts of worship.

POTS Disco:

The discos (scheduled for Thursday 02.04.2020) are now cancelled until further notice.

Current advice from school regarding Corona Advice:

At present, advice is still to stay off school/work if you develop a dry/persistent cough and/or have a temperature of 37.8 or more. If this happens, please keep your children at home and self-isolate for 7 days. If parents experience the same symptoms you would need to stay away from the school grounds and building. At the first sign of your child being symptomatic you would need to follow the above advice.

Please leave a message on the school answerphone. If at all unsure, we would rather that you err on the side of caution and stay off for the seven days. We will class absences such as these with a 'Y' (unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances). We will keep on promoting our hygiene advice throughout school. This advice also applies to the staff.

*NB Advice appears to be changing on an almost daily basis – Please keep abreast of the daily Government updates to ensure you are kept informed.

Update:

We have a wealth of ways to communicate with you (text, phone, VLE, email) and we will endeavour to keep everyone as safe as possible. We will be in touch with updates. Thank you. Please keep us informed of any changes to details.

Self-Isolation:

If you choose to self-isolate your child there will be many things you can do with them at home to continue with their learning. Tasks could include ...

- Bug Club
- Time Table Rock Stars
- IDL
- Purple Mash
- Reading, reading and more reading!
- Spelling – look, say, cover, write and check of previous spellings
- Current homework
- Simple Maths/Multiplication tables
- Keep a diary/write a story/design instructional texts e.g. How to make a jam sandwich
- Physical aerobic activity (star jumps, jogging on the spot, etc)

This list is not exhaustive, there are many other activities available on-line.

Please be reassured that, if we have no other option than to close school, learning packs are ready for your child/children and daily communication/additional tasks will be available on the school's VLE class pages.

As ever, we will endeavour to keep you as fully informed as we can during these unprecedented times.

Celebration Corner (or HUGGS):

This area of the newsletter is for us to celebrate Huge Unbelievably Great Goals that children achieve outside of the school day...

Jack (Year Two) – Congratulations to Jack who has been awarded his Chief Scout's Bronze Award. What an amazing achievement Jack, we are thrilled for you! ☺

With Best Wishes
Mrs D L Evans