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## Aberford Newsletter

### **Back to School!**

I am delighted that Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March is finally around the corner and that all children can return to school on Monday. Many people have commented that this last period of lockdown has seemed much harder than the first one and the realisation that we are now just about a year on from the start of it all seems a very difficult milestone when restrictions are still in place.

Staff are confident about returning similar procedures as before to maintain safety in school and all continue to feel reassured by our twice weekly covid tests. More information about lateral flow testing can be found in the letter from Sal Tariq, which I will post to Dojo.

We have made thorough plans to settle the children back into school and then assess where they are, in order to continue to track their progress and to plan for next steps. We will continue to ask the children to work hard and try their best but will endeavour to stay away from language such as 'catch up' around the children. We believe that they need to be able to readjust to school life without unnecessary pressure.

### **Parents' Evening**

We have planned for Parents' Evening appointments to be made for the first week after Easter – 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April and will be holding these appointments via telephone or Zoom. We will send more information out next week about how to book an appointment with your child's class teacher.

### **Sports Day, KS2 Performance and other summer events**

We are all hoping that we will be able to keep to the government's target date of 21<sup>st</sup> June to lift all remaining restrictions but appreciate that we will not know if this can be the case for several months. With this in mind, we are keen to only book events that we can also manage within restrictions, rather than be faced with having to cancel them later. KS2 will still be preparing an end of year performance for year 6 pupils but once again, this will be a lower key event which could be broadcasted by video link if we needed to. We have also made the decision that our Sports Day will not be held in the tradition manner which it has been in previous years but will again be an event which we can still enjoy under social distancing precautions if we needed to. We will keep you up to date with any plans we make as soon as we can.

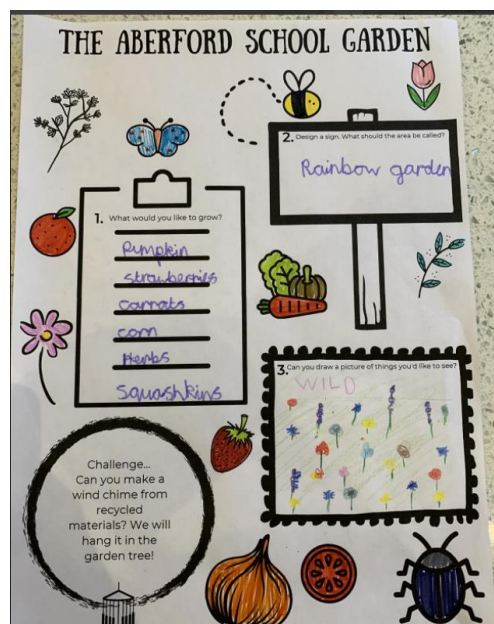
### **Red Nose Day**

Red Nose Day is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March and the theme this year is based around 'heroes'. Children are invited to come dressed as their hero or come in non-uniform for a donation of £1. We think that all our children, staff and parents are heroes this year! Please don't feel the need to go out and buy an outfit; non-uniform is just fine!

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## Competition Winners!

A big thank you to everyone who entered our half term 'design a garden' competition. This afternoon we asked the critical worker children in class 2 to choose a winner for us and this was the winning design by Evora in class 3:



The plaque in the design will be made into a plaque for our school garden.

## Class Photographs

Thursday next week is class photograph day in school. Tempest Photography will be in school to take class photographs so don't forget to come to school smart! (even though none of us have had a haircut in months!) Tempest have a thorough risk assessment procedure in place and class bubbles will not need to mix on the day.

## Hearing tests Y1 and Y2

Thursday is also NHS hearing tests for Years 1 and 2 in school.

I am very much looking forward to seeing you **all** on Monday and hope and pray that this is the last period of National Lockdown that we will have to face.

Mrs Crosslev