



Thursday 25th March 2021

Dear Families

The last time I wrote to you in my February Newsletter, we were still in a period of school closure to some children and hoping to welcome all children back soon. I'm delighted to be able to write this month, from a school that is open to all and feels busy and buzzing with happy children. I wanted to thank you all this month for supporting our full reopening so well. For being so calm and sensible around new drop off and pick up arrangements, remembering all new routines such as PE kit days and working hard to keep communication and engagement between home and school so strong. As a staff team we all feel incredibly proud of your amazing children and how quickly they have settled back into new routines so resiliently and positively. If you have seen our morning movement wake up session on the playground every day, you will see just what I mean when I say our children are amazing. Throwing themselves into giving something new a try and starting our school day in such a positive way. I can't tell you how incredibly lucky I feel to start our school day together in that way, long may it continue! Wishing you all a restful and well deserved Easter Break and we look forward to welcoming all children back on the 12th April. Mrs Waddington.

Covid 19 Updates

Remember, symptoms of Covid 19 are:

1. New, continuous cough
2. High Temperature
3. Loss of, or change in, usual sense of smell and taste

In the event of symptoms developing children should remain off school until a test has taken place and results communicated with school.

School and Trust protocol is to inform families if there has been a positive case in school – either pupil or staff. This will be communicated swiftly and with instruction, following Public Health guidance, of what needs to happen

An Update from School Council

Our School Council continued to meet remotely during the Lockdown period and remain a very active and important part of driving school improvement. Something we are all incredibly proud of. As a group, the School Council would like to thank all the support Comic Relief's Red Nose Day last week. Together school managed to raise an amazing £185 for the Charity. Currently School Council or working towards a long term project of achieving eco status and being recognized as an 'Eco School'. I have written a separate letter with the newsletter this month detailing this further. We have been working with the Kirklees 'Our Voice' Team to learn more about how young people can contribute to looking after the future of their world and have lots of ideas for how we can be more environmentally friendly as a school. A big part of this project School Council are keen to get moving with is improving our outdoor spaces. We have a number of goals and any support, in any way, to achieving these would all be welcomed and appreciated.

Communication

Remember to follow our social media platforms to stay updated

<https://twitter.com/birdsedgefirst>

<https://www.facebook.com/BirdsedgeFirstSchool>

<https://birdsedgefirst.org>

Dates for the Diary

Monday 12th April
First day back for all children after the Easter holiday
Friday 16th April
School photograph
Monday 19th April
Parents Evening
Phone Calls
Monday 3rd May
Bank Holiday
Friday 14th May
INSET Day, school closed to children

Friends of Birdsedge

Thank you for the ongoing support to our wonderful Friends of Birdsedge group, the lottery, raffle and Mother's Day presents have all helped raise some brilliant funds at a time when fundraising events are quite challenged. The group have some great plans moving forwards, as long as restrictions allow, and will keep in touch with you regarding this.

On behalf of school I would also like to thank the group for kindly providing all children with an Easter Egg they will bring home Friday and supporting the Design an Egg competition by providing the prizes. Please do like their page on Facebook if you haven't already:

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofbirdsedge>