

# Spring Bulletins 2021

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

## Weekly Attendance

**Last week, our weekly attendance for pupils on school site was 91.9%**

If your child is absent for any reason, please remember to contact the school as early as possible as we have to monitor attendance very closely.

Please check the revised drop off and collection times for your child/children to support our safer distancing requirements, thank you.



## Message from Mrs. Ducker

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been absolutely fantastic that we have been able to have all our children back since the 8<sup>th</sup> March. I have to admit, my favorite part of the day is when I am on the gate in the morning, and I am able to greet each of them as they walk through the gates ready for the new day ahead.

I am sure everybody is ready to have this break with special ones enjoying some time together, continuing to stay safe until we return on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. The children have been incredible in the way they have transitioned back to school with new routines, determined to continue with their learning and to play with their friends!

## Uniform and PE:

A reminder that full school uniform is expected from the 19<sup>th</sup> of April, including school shoes:

### Boys

- School jumper
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Grey trousers or shorts
- Plain grey/white/black socks
- Black shoes (No boots, trainers, or sandals to be worn)

### Girls

- School jumper/cardigan
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore
- Green gingham summer dress
- Plain grey/white/black socks or tights
- Black shoes (No boots, trainers, high heels, open toed shoes or sandals to be worn)

## Second Hand Uniform:

Second hand uniform is now available to order through Tucasi. Branded school jumpers/cardigans from £3 and trousers/skirts/dresses from £1. If you have trouble accessing your Tucasi account, please let the office know.

We will arrange for your child to bring home any purchases made. Please be aware that this is second hand uniform so there may be some signs of wear and tear. We will be unable to process any refunds.

## Lunches:

Please remember we have a new lunch menu for the summer term, which can be found on the school website. The cut off for ordering lunch for the first week back is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April, before midday.

## Shakespeare Day:

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, the whole school will be taking part in Shakespeare Day as part of our 11 Before 11 initiative. The 11 Before 11 promise is called 'Shake it up Shakespeare'. Children can come to school dressed in Shakespeare themed clothes and will carry out activities linked to William Shakespeare and his plays. Ideas for dress up can include: dresses, shirts, trousers, hats and belts. There is no expectation to buy costumes.



## Go Beanies:

### **Go Beanies Breakfast and After-school Club – Places available after Easter.**

We do have some spaces at the breakfast and after-school club for the Spring & Summer term for parents and carers who don't currently use the club. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis so if you would like to make a booking for your child the quickest way to do so is by texting 07710566727 or emailing ([info@gobeanies.org](mailto:info@gobeanies.org)) 'More information please' followed by the name of your child/children and class name & year group.

Please note that the club operates from the school premises with the breakfast club running from 8am to school start and the after-school club running from school finish to 5.45pm weekdays during the school term. 2020/21 session rates for season pass bookings are £4 for breakfast club and £11 for after-school club which includes food, activities and resources.

## Easter Break:

**Easter activities with Reading Play**

Holiday activities for children are being held at The Hill Primary School over the Easter holidays. Half day sessions (8.30am-1pm or 1-5.30pm) are £11, short days (8.30am-3.30pm) £18 and full days (8.30am-5.30pm) £22. Email [Reading.Play@reading.gov.uk](mailto:Reading.Play@reading.gov.uk) to book or call 0118 937 2632 with any questions.

## Gaming: What parents and carers need to know – information from the Thinkuknow website:

Gaming is loved and enjoyed by children and adults across the world. It can be a way for children to be social, learn new skills, develop team work and relax. However, gaming also comes with risks for children. It can be difficult to keep up with the latest games and how they work. Here we take a look at key safety concerns and how you can support happier, safer gaming for your child.

### How can I make gaming safer for my child?

**Talk with your child about gaming.** Talk with your child to learn the games they like, what the content of those games are and what features the games have. This will help you to understand more about how your child plays games and how appropriate different games are. Once you know which games your child likes, you can use NSPCC's [Net Aware](#) to search for apps and games to find out more about them and how safe they are.

**Learn together.** You can use our resources to teach your child about safer gaming at all ages. For primary age children you can use our [Jessie & Friends](#) (ages 4-7) and [Play, Like, Share](#) (ages 8-10) resources. Secondary age children can access advice about gaming through the [Thinkuknow](#) website, as well as through on-going conversations with you.

**Set boundaries and safety settings.** [Internet Matters](#) make it easier to put safety settings in place, providing step-by-step guides for each console or device. Spend time setting these up with your child and make sure they know how to block and report on the games they are playing. You should also talk with your child to create an agreement for gaming; think about how much time they can spend, which games they can access, if you will allow in-app purchases and what spaces they can play in. For primary aged children it is advisable to have them play in shared spaces/the same room as you.

### How risky is in-game chat?

Gaming is often a social activity for children and talking with friends is part of their enjoyment. However, in-game chat can pose risks such as:

- **chatting with people they don't know.** This can include adults that are seeking to make contact with children with the intention of [sexual grooming](#) and offences.
- **inappropriate or unmoderated chat.** Whilst a lot of chat is moderated, chat is live and there is a risk of exposure to sexual language, swearing or bullying.
- **requests to make chat private.** Once chat is moved off a monitored platform, no one is moderating it. This can be used to pressurise children into sharing personal information, photos, video or chat that they don't want to.
- **offering gifts or trades.** This may be used by offenders to build trust and a relationship with a child, as part of grooming.

Learn more about in-game chat and what you can do to make it safer by reading our [parents and carers guide to in-game chat](#).

### How do I know what games are age appropriate for my child?

Our article on [what's appropriate for your child](#) will help you to understand more about the Pan European Game Information (PEGI) age rating system, which helps parents and carers to make informed decisions around games, giving age ratings and content descriptors.

It is also important to consider your child's individual needs, emotional maturity and experiences to support the decisions you make around gaming. For example, a game may be rated age appropriate but have content that you know your child will find frightening or won't understand.

If you have any worries about the games, your child is playing please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher to have a discussion.

Wishing you all a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Class	Drop off	Location	Pick up	Location
Year R	8:55-9:10am	Hodsoll Rd	3:15- 3.20pm	Hodsoll Rd
Year 1	8:55-9:10am	Hodsoll Rd	3:15- 3.20pm	Hodsoll Rd
Year 2	8:55-9:10 am	Hodsoll Rd	3:15- 3.20pm	Hodsoll Rd
Year 3	8:40-8:55 am	Hodsoll Rd	3:00- 3:10pm	Hodsoll Rd
Year 4	8:40-8:55 am	Hodsoll Rd	3:00-3:10pm	Hodsoll Rd
Year 5	8:40-8:55 am	Hodsoll Rd	3:00-3:10pm	Hodsoll Rd
Sensory room	Bespoke arrangements	As agreed by SENCo	Bespoke arrangements	As agreed by SENCo

If dropping off/collecting **siblings** from different year groups, please arrive at the crossover time –  
**8.55 DROP OFF – TOGETHER**  
**3.15 – COLLECTION - TOGETHER**

Keep safe and well,

Kind regards,

Salima Ducker

Executive Headteacher

## Key Dates:

Date:	Event:
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	End of Pupil Term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Start of Term 5
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2021	Celebration of Shakespeare Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	NSPCC Number Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Cultural Diversity Day



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## Term Dates 2021-2022:

Terms, Holidays & INSETs	Start date	End date
Term 1	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021*	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021
Autumn Half-Term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
Term 2	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021*	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
Christmas Break	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2022
Term 3	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022*	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Spring Half-Term	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2022	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Term 4	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
Easter Break	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2022
May Bank Holiday	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022
Term 5	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
Summer Half-Term	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022
Term 6	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022*
Summer Break	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022**

**\*School closed to pupils.**

**\*\* To be confirmed.**

### **INSETs (school closed to pupils)**

1. Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021
2. Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021
3. Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022
4. Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July
5. Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

