



Friday 19th March 2021

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International Maths Day

On Monday, we all celebrated International Maths Day by spending the whole day doing fun maths activities. We got creative by dressing up inspired by maths! We learned all about the this years National Census and why it is important and did work around this. We also did lots of real life problem solving and outdoor maths! The children looked amazing and had a wonderful day finding the maths in real life situations and the outdoors. Below is a selection of our 'best dressed'.



PE Quality Mark

We are very pleased to inform you that this week school were awarded the PE Quality Mark, with distinction. Mrs Wetherall, who leads PE within school has been working very hard over the last year to gather evidence and complete the application. Well done to her and other staff who have supported.



Training Day

Thursday 1st April will be a training day and school will be closed to all pupils.

Year 3 Reading Books

Could we please remind all parents of year 3 pupils that reading books need to be in school every day.

Thanks Miss Lewis.

Parent Consultations

We were due to have a parents evening on Thursday 25th March and we have made the decision to postpone this until **Thursday 6th May**. The reason we have postponed parents evening is to give the teachers time to assess and observe all of the children after a significant period of remote learning and the Easter break. At parents evening, the teachers will be in the strong position to offer advice and support for the summer term. Normally, we have 5 minutes per child however on this occasion we are offering a longer 10 minute session so the teacher can share with you progress and areas of improvement for the Spring term. Thursday 6th May is polling day and the school is closed to pupils on that day. This will enable teachers to offer times from **2pm-7pm** on that day in 10 minute intervals via the online portal. The appointments will be via video and will have a timer for the session. Further details will be shared by Mr Thorpe in due course.

Easter Celebrations

On **Tuesday 30th March** we will be holding our annual Easter Activities.

Infants (pre-school, reception, years 1 and 2) - will have an Easter bonnet parade. Children are encouraged to decorate a hat in an Easter/spring theme. We will then have a catwalk to see all the children wearing their hats and prizes given to the winners.



Juniors (years 3-6) - pupils can enter a decorated egg competition. Pupils can decorate an egg or create a diorama (a model representing a scene with three-dimensional figures) Prizes will be awarded for an entry from each class. Pupils can bring their decorated eggs into school from Monday 29th.



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher.



Catch up after school clubs

School are in the process of organising catch up after school sessions in Maths and English for targeted children, they will commence week beginning **19th April**. The catch up sessions are offered in addition to catch up for all learners within our quality classroom teaching. Staff are working hard to ensure that the support targets those children whose gap in knowledge has widened since the Autumn term, please note that this may have changed from children who were identified in the last term. You will be informed of the arrangements next week if the sessions are offered to your child. Mrs Howell is leading the project in school.

Tuesday 30th March	Easter Celebration day
Wednesday 31st March	Break up for Easter holidays
Thursday 1st April	School closed—teacher training day
Friday 2nd April	Good Friday—School closed
Monday 19th April	School return for summer term
Monday 19th April	Catch-up after school clubs to begin
Monday 3rd May	May Bank Holiday—school closed
Thursday 6th May	Polling Day—school closed
Thursday 6th May 2-7pm	Parent consultation virtual
Friday 28th May	Break up for half term
Monday 7th June	Start of summer term
Monday 28th June	Training Day—school closed
Wednesday 21st July	Break up for summer holidays