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Weekly Newsletter – 26th March 2021

Well Done and Thank You

A huge well done to everybody on getting to the end of what has certainly been another challenging term! From the unexpected advent of remote learning to adapting to being back in school, I would like to say a massive thank you to all our parents, children and staff for their support, flexibility and hard work. It has been wonderful to have the children back in school these past few weeks and we are all incredibly proud of the way that they have settled back in to our classroom expectations and given their all in every aspect of their learning.

Appointment of Our New Headteacher

Yesterday you should have received an emailed letter from Lynne Lowe, our Chair of Governors, informing you of the appointment of Mr Lee Glynn as the new Headteacher from September. He is very excited to join our KWPS family and I have already been in regular contact with him via telephone and video calls. I know Mr Glynn is keen to come into school as soon as he is able, to meet with the children, staff and our families.

I think the Governors have made an excellent appointment and believe Mr Glynn will be a wonderful addition to the KWPS team. I look forward to working closely with him over the coming term to ensure a smooth transition, before he leads our school into the next stage of its development in September.

Parents' Evening Consultations

Usually we would have held our Spring Term parent/teacher consultations by now. However, we are delaying them until a few weeks back after Easter to give the children a chance to settle back in. We also feel that a much more meaningful discussion about your child's learning can take place once they have had about six weeks back in school full-time. Our ILP meetings will also take place at this time. More detailed arrangements will follow after the holidays.

Positive Covid Cases – Track and Trace

Just a reminder that if your child (or a member of staff) demonstrates symptoms within the next 48 hours and subsequently tests positive for COVID-19, you need to contact school by email at head@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk and bursar@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk. Please use both email addresses as unfortunately my young nephew is very poorly in hospital at the moment so I may not always have the opportunity to check my emails. We will contact the pupils or teachers in any bubble which may need to isolate as a result of a positive test. Fingers crossed this won't be needed. If any symptoms develop after this weekend, then there is no need to inform the school as the usual government track and trace system will operate. Thank you for your support with this.

Lateral flow testing for households

Since January, school staff have been self-testing twice a week as part of the strategy to reduce transmission of COVID-19. Household members who have school-aged children can now do the same.

Test kits can be obtained in the following ways:

- from some employers
- collected from local test centres
- by post
- online

Below are links to government websites which can help with obtaining test kits:

<https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Easter Competition

Please see School Story on ClassDojo or our Facebook page for details of an Easter competition to design your own egg. This can be a decorated hard-boiled egg, a colouring sheet of an egg or an egg made in some other way – time to get creative! There are links to colouring sheets on School Story for those who want them and there will be a prize for the best egg design and colouring sheet in each class. Please post pictures of your entries to our Facebook page or email them to hayley.pye@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk by Friday 9th April. Winners will be announced on Monday 12th April – Good Luck!

Easter Holidays

On behalf of myself, all the staff and Governors, I would like to wish you all a very happy Easter. We hope you all have a wonderful and very well-deserved two-week break, with some hopefully warm and sunny weather.

We look forward to seeing the children back in school at their normal start times on **Monday 12th April**.

Many thanks for your continued support this term.

Best wishes

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