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## Happy Easter

This is the last newsletter before we break up for Easter next Thursday at 3.15pm. (After School Club is available that day). We have all endured another difficult term with a long time out of school for most children and remote learning. The last 3 weeks have been a joy having everyone back in school. The children have again been amazing; they have enjoyed being back with their friends and settled back into school life really well.

Easter for me has always been a time of hope and a time to look forward to good things to come. This year there feels like there is even more to be hopeful for and to look forward to.

The weather is improving, Spring is blossoming, British Summer Time starts on Sunday(!), less people are suffering due to Covid and more and more people are being protected by the vaccination and regular LFD testing.

We still have to be vigilant and do our part but a return to more normal times feels just around the corner. I really hope that at some point later in the Summer term we will be given permission to relax some of the restrictions we have in school like class bubbles so everyone can be back together properly.

When the time comes next week, I hope you all have a lovely Easter break. Take care. Mrs P X



## Congratulations Miss Potter

This week we heard the fabulous news that Miss Potter's baby arrived in the world. Everyone in school has been so excited to hear such lovely news.

Congratulations Miss Potter and Andy on the safe arrival of your beautiful baby boy Enzo. Enjoy every minute of your little family, we know you will make wonderful parents.

## KS2 Residentials

We have been clinging onto the hope that we might still be able to take the KS2 children on the planned residentials in the Summer term. Very sadly we have just received the news that the residentials won't be able to go ahead again this year. We know this is likely to be very disappointing news for the children and an opportunity to make lifelong memories taken away.

Whilst we'll never be able to replace this unique experience, we are working on something else that will be really exciting for the children. More details will follow in due course.

## Maths Support for Parents



White Rose Maths have teamed up with TV presenter, teacher and parent Michael Underwood to bring parents a mini-series called Maths with Michael. Many parents feel like maths has changed and can sometimes find it difficult to keep up to date with modern teaching methods in maths.

These sessions can help bridge the gap between school and home. Episodes are released each **Sunday at 4pm** and **Wednesday at 7pm** for 3 weeks. Previous episodes are also available at the link. <https://whiterosemaths.com/for-parents/maths-with-michael/>

## Home Learning Questionnaire

We hope we never have to return to remote learning but as a school we always want to strive to do our best and make improvements. To help us know what went well and what we could do to make it even better in the future please could you take a few minutes to complete our Home learning questionnaire.

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## Pop Up Shop

Last week we were presented another £717 of donations from the Pop Up shop. Thank you to everyone who supports these pop up shops and especially those who collect the produce and host them. Volunteers are now collecting produce from Aldi as well as M & S! Thank you.

## After School Clubs

Miss Murphy has some exciting ASC plans for after Easter. ASC is now open to all children although they will still remain in their bubbles. Please see the accompanying program and book as early as possible by emailing [afterschool@orton.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:afterschool@orton.cumbria.sch.uk)

## End of Term Service

We will be holding our end of term service virtually on Wednesday 31st March at 9.15am. We will also be saying goodbye to Reverend Alun at this service as he retired on Easter Sunday. We would love you to join us on Zoom using the link below.

Join Zoom Meeting

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# Diary Dates



All diary dates are subject to change.

26.3.21	2.50pm Stars via zoom parents welcome
30.3.21	Virtual Parents meetings
31.3.21	9.15am end of term service
1.4.21	End of Spring Term
19.4.21	9am Start of Summer Term
30.4.21-3.5.21	Hunter hall virtual cross country challenge
28.5.21	Break Up
7.6.21	New half term starts
11.6.21	Wheelchair Basketball
8.7.21	Moving Up Day
16.7.21	End of Summer Term