



## FRIDAY UPDATE – 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

It's been fantastic to have all the children back in school! We've spent this week settling everyone back into school; spending time reflecting on what has happened over the last three months; the routines in school we need to continue with and importantly, what we are looking forward to in the future!

We are continuing with our full curriculum but with a focus on reading, writing and maths as we begin the process of 'catching up' lost learning. You may hear on the media that 'catch up' can happen relatively quickly; in reality this process will take much longer than a term as we want to make sure our children retain and internalise any learning which needs reinforcing; this certainly can't be rushed through in a term. Our children's wellbeing is an equal priority with ensuring academic gaps are closed. At parents evening, your child's class teacher will discuss with you next steps if any additional support is needed. In the meantime if you do any questions or queries please do get in contact with your child's teacher.

### COVID UPDATE

As before lock down, if your child displays any of the symptoms of Covid, please do not send them into school but immediately book a PCR test. Please inform school of this and the result before they return to school. As in the autumn term, work will be sent home for any child who has to self isolate or is waiting for a test result. An independent study pack will be sent home on the first day (Sandra will email this to you) and work for following days will be sent via your child's class teacher.

We did so well in the autumn term and didn't have to shut any of our class bubbles so please do keep following all government guidelines on social distancing until we are fully through all the restrictions. Thank you.

### PARENTS EVENING

If you haven't yet booked on for Parent's Evening, please contact Sandra. Parents evenings are on **Monday 22nd March 3.30pm to 5.30pm** and **Wednesday 24th March 3.30pm to 6.30pm**, and will be via Zoom again this term.

### CAR PARK

The car park has seemed very busy now everyone is back, so please can I ask that children only come to the church gate just before their class's time so that children on the car park are kept to a minimum. For those who are dropping off children at earlier times and who are leaving as other families are arriving, please be considerate of those who are walking across the car park to the church gate. Thank you.

### LETTERS THIS WEEK:

#### GOLF KS2

Letters for the summer afterschool golf club went out this week to Key Stage 2 families. If your child would like to attend please can forms be returned to school as soon as possible.

## **RSE INFANT CLASS**

A letter regarding the theme of PSHE lessons over the next two weeks, which cover part of the RSE (relationships and sex education curriculum) on relationships for infant children was sent out to infant parents earlier this week. If you would like to know any further details about what is covered please contact Miss Wallace. Details of the lesson content is in the letter.

## **RETURNING END OF TERM PROGRESS AWARDS**

If your child was awarded an end of term progress award in December, please could these be returned to school by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

## **FREE CATCH UP WITH ENGLISH AND MATHS COURSES & CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING COURSE FOR FAMILIES FROM LANCASHIRE ADULT LEARNING**

The Family Learning team at Lancashire Adult Learning have had many requests around supporting children's mental health during this unsettling time, particularly those in KS2 from a wide range of professionals, as well as parents enquiring about how they can continue to support their child's learning after substantial periods of home schooling. To cater for this, they are currently offering the courses below via ZOOM to Lancashire parents/ carers.

### **You've Got This: Health and Wellbeing for 8-11yr olds. (Parent/carer only course)**

Begins Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March x 3 weeks.9:30-11:30am

This 3 week course covers practical strategies, tips and ideas to support your child during this unsettling time. You'll have the opportunity to ask questions and share ideas in a supportive environment.

**Enrol here:**

[https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U\\_PublicCourseDetails?uio\\_id=12461](https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=12461)

### **Catch up with Maths/ English (Parent/carer only course)**

Various times/ dates available

These courses are broken down to cover the various stages/ages:

- Reception and year 1
- year 2
- year 3 and year 4
- year 5 and year 6

These short courses, focus on key areas and skills to help parents to help their child 'catch up' and build on and consolidate their knowledge. It will be full of opportunities for parents, to ask the tutor questions about the teaching methods used in school. There will also be lots of ideas and resources available to further help you support your child.

**Enrol here:** <https://www.lal.ac.uk/what-we-do/family-learning/>

If you would like to find out more about what else is offered to support parents you can use the link to visit their website: <https://www.lal.ac.uk/what-we-do/family-learning/>

## EASTER ACTIVITIES

### FOSS EASTER BUNNY PICK A NUMBER RAFFLE COMPETITION



Rosie the Easter bunny has come for a visit!

Hi. I'm Rosie the rabbit, I've come to spread some Easter cheer. I have a **EGGCerlant** prize up for grabs to suit all the family! A **GREAT** big Easter hamper! I hear you cheer!

I'm selling little Easter egg tickets for £1 each. All you need to do is ask your teacher or Sandra to write your name in super neat writing on the egg and pop it in my yellow basket. I'll be in the hall waiting for you!

Near the end of term, the winning egg will be drawn by Mrs Sutton. 🐇

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### ANNUAL EGG DECORATING COMPETITION

The annual egg (hard boiled egg!) decorating competition will take place as usual this Easter. There are Easter egg prizes for first, second and third places in each class and every child who enters will receive a crème egg. It is £1 to enter. Please bring entries on the last day of term – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Entries need to be designed so that children can carry their designs down to school themselves please!

### HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL PUPIL EASTER COMPETITION

Today, the children will be bringing home a flyer with details for a pupil competition organised by our Head Girl (Juliette) and our Head Boy (Oscar). They thought that it would be a good to support a local charity as some charities are really struggling at the moment and they wanted to encourage everyone else in school to think of others in these difficult times. The entry cost is 50p and all money raised will be going to St Catherine's Hospice – a fantastic local charity who do so much for our local community.

As always, have a restful weekend and stay safe,

*Lucy Sutton*  
Headteacher