



## Newsletter Wednesday 23rd February

Dear parents and carers,

I hope half term was an enjoyable break for everyone and not too much damage was caused to gardens or homes by the storms we experienced.

It has once again been a positive start to our new term with children returning refreshed and eager to learn. Class 3 had a lesson with our visitor Emma on Tuesday, learning about building friendships to support their wellbeing. Class 1 are traveling to space and Class 6 are researching life at the time of the Shang Dynasty.

### **The Government has updated their Covid guidance and as a result we have updated our Covid Risk Assessment.**

From tomorrow, Thursday 24 February, the government will remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive Covid test result. Adults and children who test positive for Covid after this date will be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received two negative test results on consecutive days. We are aware that there is now a short supply of LFD tests but if your child has symptoms they should test.

As has been the case throughout the pandemic, our planning has been rooted in keeping our children and staff as safe as possible whilst having everyone in school to learn and we will continue with our existing measures for now, including our hygiene, cleaning and ventilation measures and review them as more detailed guidance is provided to schools over the next few days.

### **PTA non-uniform day reminder**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February** is non-uniform day. Please bring in chocolate prizes for the Easter Chocolate Hamper Hunt. Thank you to our PTA for organising the non-uniform day.



We also look forward to next Thursday's World Book day to celebrate the joy of books and reading with everyone invited to come into school dressed up as a character. We are also looking forward to finding some winners of the boiled egg/potato character creations.

Several letters have been emailed to you this week.

### **Music For Youth**



All our KS2 children are invited to participate in the Music For Youth Festival on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Please return reply slips by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February so that we can plan rehearsals with those children who are able to come along.

### **Social Media Code of Conduct Forms**

A few parents have yet to return the signed declaration form linked to our Social Media Code of Conduct for parents. Thank you in anticipation of your help to return these to school no later than Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February. A copy of the declaration form is attached to this email. A copy of the Code of Conduct was emailed to everyone on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

All our children will be benefitting from Safer internet lessons in the next fortnight to help ensure they know how to stay safe online.

**Other news:**

Our Governors have been busy starting the recruitment process for our new substantive Headteacher as my interim role is due to end in August 2022. The advertisement will be placed next week and I will update you on the outcome in a future newsletter.

The promised funds from the RAF Education Support Fund have now arrived in our school account and Level 3 Forest School staff training has been booked. We have had the offer of some chopped logs to use as seats in our woodland area which we hope to receive soon.

I have also been able to apply for the school to become Co-op Community Champions again. Previously, we have been given some very generous funding towards T-Jazz. This year I have applied for funding towards the development of our Forest School. We are still awaiting news from Moy Park, from whom the PTA have applied for some funds towards our Forest school project too. Before half-term Tesco also emailed us suggesting we apply for their community funding, which I have done, in the hope of being selected to benefit from some funds to improve our EYFS area with some outdoor equipment for imaginative play. I will update you if we are successful at being nominated or receive any additional funding.

Our newsletter is a day or two earlier this week due to the updated Covid news.

Thank you once again for your continued support and understanding.

Kind regards

*Catherine Richardson*

*Headteacher*



**DIARY DATES**

25 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Easter Chocolate non uniform day: Chocolate donations
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day: Children can dress up as their favourite book character.
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Music For Youth Festival, Boston
31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of Term