



FRIDAY 30TH APRIL 2021

School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

It is such positive news that our local area is now reporting one of the lowest number of cases in the country. However, for the meantime we must continue to follow the guidance set out by the Department of Education for Primary schools. Please remember:

- *If any member of the household has ANY symptoms ALL members of the household must isolate until a negative PCR result is obtained.*
- *The lateral flow home tests cannot be used for Primary school children.*
- *Lateral flow tests are a preventative measure to identify asymptomatic cases of COVID-19 in adults.*

We have had a small number families using lateral flow tests to 'rule out' COVID-19 but in this instance if you have any reason to believe your child is possibly displaying a symptom, we must insist that a PCR test is obtained.

By continuing to work together and follow all advice we can help to reduce current transmission rates even further.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend, unfortunately the Spring weather does not seem to be on our side and we will sadly have to wait a little longer for the warmer temperatures.

Sarah Vass - Headteacher

Week starting Tuesday 4th May 2021:

Summer Menu: Week 1



Diary Dates:

Half Term break - 31st May to 4th June 2021

INSET day - 7th June (confirmed), returning to school on Tuesday 8th June 2021.

Lost Property

We currently have a large number of unnamed school jumpers and cardigans in lost property. It is frustrating that these cannot be automatically returned to their owners as they are either not named or the names are illegible. Please find attached a suggested supplier of reliable name labels, please quote our School ID when ordering.

CSSE 11+ 2022 Entry for Current Y5 Children

Registration for the 11+ exam will be from 18th May to 2nd July 2021 inclusive. CSSE schools intend to hold open days/evenings during June/July 2021 subject to Government regulations regarding the pandemic. Please note that the below dates are subject to changes if impacted by the pandemic and any alterations will be updated on the website www.csse.org.uk.

Registration will commence on **18th May 2021**

Closing date for registration is **2nd July 2021**

The tests will take place on **Saturday 18th September 2021**

PTFA School Lottery

Congratulations to the following lucky lottery winners for April;

1st (24) Karen Richardson - winning £47.50

2nd (26) Tamsyn Clark - winning £33.25

3rd (14) Kate Bome - winning £14.25

If you would like more information on the PTFA lottery, please contact the school office.



Not The Sponsored Walk 2021!

It is the final chance to take part in this year's alternative event, please find attached further details with some fun suggestions for the children to take part in over the weekend of **8th and 9th May**. The more people who join in, means greater funds for the school!

Thank you to all those children that have already returned their forms to the school office, we have had an influx of entries this week and every child that sends in a photograph of their challenge will receive a medal.

We would like to send a massive thank you to one of our parents, Jessica McCarthy from Readie Construction, for sponsoring our 'Not the Sponsored Walk' this year!

We are looking for a new Chairperson for our PTFA

Although being Chair sounds a bit daunting, please do not be put off. The role is to lead the team and chair our meetings - not to run every single event single-handed! We have a great team of committee members who have experience organising and running events.

To support you in the role, we have an experienced Secretary, Treasurer and Vice Chair.

As Chair you need to be confident, organised and approachable. You do not need any prior experience just some passion and enthusiasm!

We meet approximately three times a year at Forrester Park or The Prince of Wales Pub in the evening.

If you feel Chairperson is not for you but would like to get involved, we would be delighted to welcome more volunteers to the team.

If you would like more information or to have an informal chat with a member of our committee, please email belinda.hay@sky.com.

