



February 2020

HEAD TEACHERS SPRING MESSAGE

It was wonderful to welcome Mrs Elliott back this week- we have all missed her.

We will soon be wishing Mrs Hall best wishes for the start of her maternity leave and arrival of Leicester City's future footballing champion (if Mr Hall has anything to say about it) .

Mr Kedwards is also expecting a new arrival in the summer- I am looking forward to a lot of baby cuddles.

We will be welcoming Mrs Lupion back to Class 1 after Easter.

The results of the pupil and parent surveys can be found on our [website: Governors section](#) . If there are any individual concerns please do make an appointment to see me.

Thank you for your support with the early opening trial. Feedback indicates that it has been a success. Traffic issues have been reduced. We will continue to open the gate for pupils at 8.35 after the break.

Have a super half term - I am hoping the weather is kind to us all.

Mrs Ward

Essential Information

Swimming Lessons – Years 3 & 5 start 26/2/20 to 1/4/2020

Thank you to those parents who have already paid for the [swimming lessons](#) & completed the goggles slip, lessons start after half term. Please ensure any outstanding payments are settled as soon as possible-we rely on your contributions to trips and events to be able to deliver such an exciting and varied curriculum.

Safeguarding

[Please see the updated information on the website about how we work together to keep our children safe.](#)

Forest School

Learners must bring [clothing for the weather](#) including coats and a change of clothes and footwear. We do not have the capacity to call home for forgotten kit. Dates will be confirmed on diary dates.

PE and Clubs

All pupils will need to wear their PE kits to school on a Monday and a Thursday. If your child takes part in a sporting after school club they can wear their PE kit to school.

[All clubs](#) restart from week commencing 24/2.

Please note; If your child has not been collected from school at 3.20pm they go straight to our Short Stay Club and a £4 payment will be due. This replaces the previous late collection charge.

School Dinners

[School Dinners](#) for the Spring term have now been added to SchoolMoney for KS2 children. Please adhere to our no debt policy and make dinner payments in advance, Many thanks.

Parent Invites to Special Dinners

Will be announced on our Diary Dates, places will be limited.

***Back to School: Monday 24th February.
Easter Break: Monday 6th April –
Monday 20th April.***



General Information

Policy Review

Next term, we will be looking at our Sex & Relationships policy alongside our equality programme and would welcome parent input. We will send out the draft policy and framework following half term. Provisional parent input dates: 2.30-3pm Wednesday 11th March OR 9-9.30am Tuesday 17th March – all parents welcome- please contact the office.

Curriculum

Over the next few weeks you will see some changes to our curriculum pages as we are undertaking our bi-annual curriculum review. This enables us to look at changes in education research, the national curriculum, our approaches to teaching and the needs of our school population.

Wrap around care and clubs

We have, in the past spent a considerable amount of time trying to organise wrap around care on the school site- without success. We are in the process of applying for a grant to develop the facilities in Class 1 for community use- this will enable us to look again at engaging with an outside provider to deliver care on site- please see the parent survey for more information.

After School clubs are organised to offer your children a range of activities they can enjoy with friends, without travel. Our clubs are not intended to provide childcare, they do not make a profit. Teaching staff provide club cover voluntarily, without pay, all other providers make a charge to the school for their services, which is passed on to those wishing to attend. Clubs do not run in the first and last week of terms as at this time the school adults are busy organising learning for the term ahead.

STOP PRESS!

Thank you to:

- All of the PFA members for all of their support and hard work helping to raise money for our school.
- Mrs Tolton, Mr Hart, Mrs Hart and Mrs Cokayne for all their help in school this term.
- Mrs Watson for her support with the gymnastics practice & competitions.
- Mrs Hollingsworth, Mrs Dowling and Mrs Boulter for their help with the Cross Country events.
- Parents for transporting pupils to various events this term.



PE Competitions:

Cross Country

The children did really well battling some wet weather at times! Their achievements have been celebrated in our assemblies. Congratulations to two of our Reception pupils who were invited to the NWLSSP presentation evening – please see our [Blog](#) details.

Basketball

Well Done to a number of our Year 5 & 6 pupils who came second in the NWLSSP Basketball Competition – please see our [Blog](#).

Gymnastics

The results will be shared with you after half term on our Blog.

Music:

Class 3 and 4 have been enjoying [turntablism](#) this half term. Mr. Murray is really impressed by their enthusiasm and growing skills.

Doodle Maths:

If children use this app regularly it shows in their maths work in school. The app enables learners to keep revisiting skills supporting long term memory.

Reading:

Some pupils indicated that they never read at home to themselves or an adult- research indicates that reading is a factor in long term achievement.

Learning Habit Focus:

Courage: Notice when your child bravely shows up and does something out of their comfort zone- praise the courage not the result.

We are always impressed by those who put up their hand unsure of whether they have the right answer.

