

Newsletter



22nd March 2021

Message from Headteacher

Welcome Back Everyone! It has been so fantastic to see all of the children back in school over the past two weeks. I think these pictures say it all! The children have brightened each day with their chatter and giggles and I have been so impressed by the way that they have settled in. It is a real privilege to see the children learning in class, being proud of their achievements and most importantly, enjoying playing with their friends again. Thank you to all parents for following the arrangements at the start and end of the day- we really appreciate the way that everyone is working together to maintain social distancing and wear face coverings. Please remember to contact us at any time if you have any questions or concerns about your children's start back to school or their learning.

Best wishes, Alice Purcell



Pedometers

Some children in school have been wearing pedometer watches, including Fitbits. It is great for children to be taking an active role in their own fitness. It is also important that children are able to concentrate on their learning so if a watch is distracting a child during lesson time despite a gentle reminder, the teachers will ask to keep the watch aside for the rest of the day. Please note that we cannot take responsibility for loss or damage to children's personal belongings in school. Watches with any photo, video or audio capacity are not allowed in school for safeguarding reasons.

Comic Relief

On Friday, the children enjoyed seeing each other in their own clothes and there was lots of cheer around the school. Thanks for your donations which will be given to Comic Relief. We raised £137.



Playground Inspection

The parish-council owned playground at the front of school will have its annual inspection at some point on the 24th March. The playground is still in use but may be unavailable for part of the day.

School Dinners on Thursday 1st April

On the last day of term, the school dinner options will be fish fillet and chips as main and vegetable fingers and chips as the vegetarian option.

Clubs

We are very pleased to be able to offer extra-curricular clubs for classes from Year 1 upwards after Easter. Miss Downing has sent out a letter detailing these, and the activities include:

- Zumba
- Football
- Rugby
- Gymnastics
- Archery and Arrow Tag



Dates for Your Diary

End of Spring Term- Thursday 1st April

Start of Summer term- Monday 19th April

May Day bank holiday- Monday 3rd May

Half Term- 31st May- 4th June

Non- pupil day- Monday 7th June

Summer term ends- Thursday 22nd July

Donations

We have been extremely fortunate to have received some generous donations towards providing devices for children to learn at home. We already have 15 new Chromebooks in school and have more on order. These devices will be used to increase the effectiveness of the teaching of Computing in school, and will also be available for families who need them at home- either if individuals need to self isolate or groups need to be working from home in the future.

One of the donations we received was from the Ide Community shop, who have donated £1000 towards devices and £500 for resources within the pre-school. The children have been busy making thank you cards to take to the shop.

We would like to say thank you also for the parent donations at the end of the Autumn term for class resources such as coloured pencils and dictionaries. These are now in class and being used by the children.

