



In God's Name, We Learn to Love, Love to Learn, Learn for Life

Friday 24th April

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the summer term. I hope this finds you all safe and well. We are missing you all – being in school just isn't the same without you all but I feel that our school community is still as strong ever.

The children who have been in school have been taking part in Joe Wicks' PE sessions, working through their home learning packs as well as enjoying the fantastic weather with some outside learning and play. For those of you not in school, it has been a pleasure to see the photos and videos you been sending to us. The staff have really enjoyed looking at all the pictures on Class Dojo and the school website and sharing all the amazing things that you have been doing. You have been up to all sorts such as: baking, exercising, gardening, school work, performing and creating podcasts – such a great variety of activities. It has been particularly lovely to see you taking advantage of the time you have together as a family.

Home Learning

I would like to thank you all for the fantastic job you are all doing in regards to home learning. I know that it hasn't been easy for some of you but rest assured, we know that you all are doing your best and have embraced this new way of learning.

Class Dojo is proving to be particularly popular. For those yet to log on, we are using it to supplement learning on the school website. Staff are posting tips and links to extra-curricular activities. Alongside this, children can send their work to teachers. There is also a messaging function where private messages can be sent to the class teacher. It is fast becoming the school's main communication tool, at a time when advice is changing so regularly. Don't worry if you are not yet on Class Dojo, staff know who hasn't registered and are sending you any additional information you need to know.



With regards to e-mail enquiries, staff are coming in to school on a rota basis so if they don't get back to you straight away please be patient with them. Also, just a reminder that Miss Barratt works Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Muir, Thursday and Friday so please bear this in mind if you are sending any e-mails enquiries. This is also the same in reception where Mrs Ogrodnik and Mr Farrington would have been starting a job share had we been back in school.

FAO Parents using Emergency Childcare Provision

If you are using the above facility, please can you let me know by Thursday lunchtimes, the provision you will be needing the following week. If your children are in school next week, please can you ensure that they bring a hat and sunscreen.

Staffing

As stated in a previous paragraph, if we manage to return to school at any point this term, Mrs Ogrodnik will be working part-time and sharing the role with Mr Farrington who worked with the class during her illness. He is a very experienced EYFS teacher who has proved very popular with the children.

It is with regret that I have to announce that Miss Deebank will be leaving the school at the end of the academic year as she is moving out of the area. Miss Deebank has played a key role in the development of the school over the past few years and has worked tirelessly to ensure that our Year 6s leave the school the best they can be.



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She will be missed. We are hoping that we will be able to give her and Year 6 the send-off they deserve at the end of term. I hope you will join me in thanking her for all her hard work and in wishing her the best of luck in her new adventure.

Finally

Please remember that we are still here for you. If you need help not just with school work but with your children's behaviour, health, welfare or general safeguarding, please get in touch with us. If we can't help, we will put you in touch with someone who can.

Stay Safe

Best Wishes

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Headteacher