



1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

### NEWSLETTER No: 4 Spring Term

Despite all the challenges and interruption that we have all faced again this term, the children have bounced back and showed great resilience. The children have worked hard at home and the teachers have been thrilled with everyone's commitment to learning. Attendance has been very good with an average of 96% of children attending school.

We have been asked to continue to track and trace positive cases at the start of the holidays until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April. If your child has a positive Covid 19 test, please email the office to report this so that we can trace close contacts. All the arrangements currently in place to keep everyone safe such as staged start and finish times, one way systems, handwashing etc. will remain in place after Easter.

I hope that you have a lovely Easter holiday, see you all on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

#### CONGRATULATIONS!

**Both Mrs Hunter and Mrs de Gilbert have successfully been promoted from Assistant Headteachers to become Deputy Headteachers from the Summer term. They will continue to work part-time in the school as before.**

**Congratulations to Mrs Willson who is expecting her second child. She will be working from home after Easter, continuing to support teaching and learning in Year 5 through remote lessons. Mr Mateo will remain in Oak class for the summer term, Miss Hickling will be teaching Chestnut all week and Mrs Major will teach Willow on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Mrs Major is a very experienced teacher who has held a number of senior leadership roles at previous schools.**

**Our Midday supervisor, Mrs Hand, is moving onto a new job and we thank her for her hard work and wish her luck.**

#### PARENT GOVERNOR

We are very pleased to welcome Vanessa Alinho to our Local Academy Board. This is a very important and demanding role and we appreciate her commitment in supporting the academy.

#### Fund Raising

We have enjoyed a very successful fund raising day, organised by Mrs Charlesworth and Mrs Daly. The children raised a very impressive £290 for Red Nose Day.

#### Easter Fun

Mrs Belshaw very kindly organised our Egg competition and raffle. It has been a while since we have organised this competition and it proved a huge success this year. The entries were very impressive and it was very difficult to choose a winner. Mrs Sills and Mrs Hallam chose the following children:

Silver Birch – Riley-James  
Rowan – Seren  
Holly – Mason  
Hazel – Layton  
Chestnut – Jacob  
Oak – Zachary  
Pear – Amelia  
Willow – Eloise

The raffle was won by Kyla.

A total of £115 was raised which will go to pay for Year 6 DARE T-shirts.

## NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

We have had a playground gym installed as many of you have seen. Thank you very much for avoiding this equipment and not allowing your children to use it at the start/end of the day. We are waiting for a missing item to be installed. When it is all in place, we will train the children to use the gym safely, but continue to ask that it is not used before/after school.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you for ensuring your children are still looking smart and coming to school dressed in the correct uniform. Just a couple of gentle reminders:-

- Shoes **not** trainers
- Girls – **no leggings**, smart trousers

Also, can we ask that you avoid sending in sweets etc. for birthdays. We are still adhering to our healthy eating ethos. We thank you again for your support.

## DOGS and LITTER

Please do not bring dogs onto the school site, no matter how small and cute they are!

Please help us in the fight to improve our environment by not dropping litter in the alleyway or on the driveway. Thanks

## & MORE COVID REMINDERS!

Again, our thanks to everyone for supporting us with everything we have had to put in place. Please remember the following:-

- Limit the number of adults picking up/dropping off to **one** to reduce crowding at the academy gates and Garden Avenue.
- Wear, if you can, an appropriate mask/face covering.
- Avoid blocking entrances/exits to the academy – please stand, socially distanced, on the playground.
- The driveway remains closed to vehicles between 8.25am - 9.10am and again at 2.50pm - 3.20pm.
- Leave the site immediately after dropping off and collecting your children, the shorter the contact the better!
- Maintain the 2m social distancing rule when talking to staff.

## Should your child display any of the COVID-19 symptoms:-

- **high temperature**
- **new continuous cough**
- **loss, or change, to sense of taste or smell**

**Please do not send them into school, let us know and arrange to get a test as soon as possible. If the test result is negative (and your child no longer has any symptoms) they can return to school. If the test is positive, please let us know immediately, so that we can take the necessary action.**

Should you have any questions, or if anything is worrying you, do just give us a call on 9110402.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

As with previous newsletters, there continue to be many dates we can't yet confirm and events that may have to occur in a different way to the 'usual'. We'll keep you informed of specific details as soon as we can. We continue to list events (TBC – to be confirmed) under the months they usually take place, so you have an idea of what we are hoping will occur! There will be additions and possibly alterations to these dates, but we will keep you updated with regular newsletters and other communications.

	<b>EASTER HOLIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Summer Term
<b>May</b>	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	May Day – school closed
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Summer 1



## SUMMER HALF TERM 31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June

### June

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Summer 2
TBC	Healthy Eating week
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	School photographer
TBC	Father's day lunch
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day – school closed
Weds 30 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 transition days – TCA and C-le-W

### July

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	New class morning
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	am Sports Day (weather permitting)
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	6pm - Year 2 - New Parents' meeting
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup>	Family Afternoon and picnic lunch
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Leavers' assembly
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Leavers' Disco 5-7pm
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Final awards assembly
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last school day of 2020-21
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup>	INSET – school closed
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	First day of summer holiday

*Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times. Should you have any queries or problems, please let us know, so that we can deal with any concerns quickly.*

Mrs Sharon Wood  
Head Teacher

