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Newsletter Easter 2022



Dear Parents,



What another busy half term we have had! It has been super to be able to welcome you back in for parents' evenings after two years. I hope that you enjoyed being able to look at your children's work and see teachers face to face. Thank you for being flexible when we have had to move meetings, mostly due to Covid-19 or sporting fixtures.

As you know, we had a visit from Ofsted in March. I would like to thank all of you who took the time to fill in their survey to give your views about the school. As we have not yet received the final report, their feedback remains confidential but we will share the report with you when we receive it. However, I would like to say that, as always, your children did you proud with their good manners towards visitors.

We are still struggling with absence due to Covid-19 for children and staff alike. It is difficult for you as parents to know what to do for the best, especially as we are now losing access to free tests. We have sent out the latest guidance to parents already but this will be repeated at the end of this newsletter for those who may have missed this.

We are also very aware that families may be struggling with the cost of living post-lockdown. As the effects of this continue to bite, more of you may find that you are able to make a claim for free school meals. Children who are on this list are occasionally eligible for other support or treats, so it is a good idea to find out if you qualify. Parents sometimes hesitate to do this because they are concerned that their child may be singled out publicly - I can reassure you that this is not the case. Please also see a list of agencies who might be able to help with the emotional or financial after-effects of Covid-19 later on in this newsletter.

Next term, we are looking forward to some exciting learning opportunities, trips, visits and sporting events for the children to take part in. We are very proud of the wide range of activities that are on offer for the children at our school and we believe that these help them to develop into successful and well-rounded individuals. Please find the dates for next term attached to this newsletter. Please keep it safe as it has the dates of many things you may be interested in, such as Sports Days and Open Afternoon.

I hope that you have a very happy and relaxing Easter break.

School re-opens on Monday 25th April.

Elaine Curtis
Headteacher

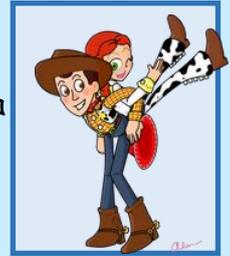


The AFWS Summer Gala is Back!
Saturday 2nd July at 12.00 - 3pm

It was fantastic to welcome families back into school last Saturday for chocolate bingo. It was such a brilliant afternoon of chocolatey fun and laughter. Thank you to all the helpers and everyone that came along to the event - we raised over £600 which will all go towards exciting projects for the children in school.

It was great to see all the juniors enjoying their Discos last Friday - pick and mix and glitter tattoos are back and it was lovely to have mixed year groups in the hall dancing together again. The next disco date is Friday 20th May.

This year's summer gala will be held on Saturday 2nd July at 12-3pm. It will be a Wild West theme so bring your cowboy hat for a Rootin' Tootin' afternoon of Family fun!



The event is still in the planning stage and we will be holding a meeting on Monday 25th April at 6pm at school - everyone welcome as we need lots of new ideas and help to get this show on the road. For further information please contact Jane on 07850544224.

Year 6 SATs will take place from Monday 9th -Thursday 12th May 2022

This follows a difficult two years for all of our children who have done their best to work through, and after lockdowns, in order to keep up with their learning. We are very proud of their hard work and commitment. Please make sure that you do not book any holidays in term time but particularly in this week if you have Year 6 children. These tests are very important in helping us to support them in the next stage of their learning. As well as studying, it is also important that the children get lots of exercise, fresh air, relaxation and a good night's sleep!



Sports Headlines

It's been another bumper half term in the world of William Shrewsbury Sport! Teams from across KS2 have represented the school beautifully with lots of great sportsmanship and even more effort. Not every team won their event, but they all made us proud.

Children have enjoyed taking part in sports hall athletics, football, netball, indoor kayaking, hockey, boccia and dodgeball and there were wins in football, kayaking and hockey.

Our children always try so hard and give their best. They are great sports too - making sure their opponents are ok if they fall over or get hurt accidentally. We are immensely proud of how well they show our values of **respect**, **unity**, **achievement** and **trust** whilst representing the school.

We understand that these unprecedented times can cause financial and emotional challenges for our families. Please don't struggle on in silence, and do ask for help. Below are some links to charities and agencies who could possibly help you.

<https://loveinspirefoundationtrust.org/>

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/burton-trent>

<https://youngminds.org.uk>

<https://www.mind.org.uk>

www.burtonymca.org/food-bank

Winter Support Scheme <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Community/Household-support-fund/financial-support-Winter-2021-22.aspx>

Warmer Homes Scheme <https://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme>

Latest Covid-19 guidance?

There is no requirement for you to test your child. If your child is poorly or has a high temperature and is not fit for school then you should keep them at home until they are well enough to return. The only occasion you should be testing is if you are visiting a vulnerable person or you are medically requested to test (i.e. prior to attending a hospital appointment).

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result will be advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be three days. The government has removed the need for any negative test in order to be released from isolation.

Main points summarised:

- No asymptomatic person should be testing unless visiting vulnerable person visit/medical request
- For pupils if they are positive then 3 days isolation
- No negative tests required for return to school
- No test kits to be distributed to anyone
- If anyone has a temperature they should stay at home until they are well enough to return and have no high temperature

Maximise learning time for your children

We still have quite a few children arriving after 8.55am each morning. Pupils can come in from 8.45am where they have early morning activities to practise prior learning on entry to their classroom. Children being late by just 10 minutes per day are missing out on 50 minutes learning per week. Those regular short bursts of revision activity can make a huge difference!

Car safety around the school

Please be very careful about driving and parking around school. There are concerns about children being dropped off from vehicles that are not parked safely or legally (or that have stopped in front of the crossing patrol). Also, please do not drive into the car park to drop off or pick up children at the beginning or end of the school day unless it is for Breakfast Club.