

North Park Primary School

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March 2021 Newsletter

It has been so lovely to have all of the children back into their classes. They have enjoyed getting back together with their friends and have been doing some lovely things in school.

- Thank you for your support with **Red Nose day** fundraising – and what super costumes! We donated **£142.75** to this worthy cause. Great fun biscuit decorating, red nose and spoon racing, TT Rockstar's Red Nose Challenge and lots of other fun things!
- We are delighted to be able to send home **Easter Eggs** once again this year with all the children – these have kindly been donated by the Town Council for the children in school.
- Our superstar readers have once again been earning their reading worms each week – and the competition is back on for the best Accelerated Reader word score and accuracy in quizzing. So, get reading over Easter everyone and earn yourself that treat in one of the two upcoming competitions this next term!

Reminders:

- All children should attend school; Local Authority continue to monitor attendance and will intervene if your child accrues seven days or more of unauthorised absence in a term (this includes ALL unauthorised absence – holidays and any other unauthorised sessions, including late after registration).
- Mrs Harris will resume collections for the **School Bank** – each Wednesday. If you wish to open an account for your child, please contact Mrs Harris. A student account is a great way of saving, even a little each week, and teaches the children the importance of managing their money.
- **Class Dojo** – please note this is for use if children are isolating and there is a need to learn at home again. If you wish to make sure a message gets to a teacher the best way to do this is by the school office, or by using the text messaging service, as teachers do not have time to check dojo throughout the day while they are teaching and cannot monitor before school or after 4pm at night.
- **A reminder that the teacher professional development days booked in for April 29th and 30th have been moved to 19th and 20th July.** The decision to move these was taken to ensure the children's flow of learning was not interrupted, given that they have all just returned after lockdown.
- The attached diary dates do have a few future activities mentioned and we are hoping to continue booking other activities in future, as soon as restrictions begin to ease. We hope this will also include Year 6 transition and new Reception Starter visits.
- After the Easter break we will let you know about parent meetings; these will once again take place by telephone.

We will continue to follow government guidance next term; to reduce the risk of spreading Covid 19, the same measures will continue after the Easter break, until we are advised differently from the DfE:

- **Staggered start and end times; staggered breaks and lunches** – these staggered times help us manage groups separately. We continue to advise adults wear masks to drop off and pick up, and if you need to come into the main entrance for any reason. We also advise you ensure social distancing when you drop off and pick up and leave promptly and do not stay at the gate to chat. If older children arrive or leave without an adult we ask that you instruct them to go straight home.

Year group	Where	Arrival time	Pick up time
Nursery	Nursery entrance	8.45am	11.45am
Reception	Main entrance	9am	3.20pm
Mrs Wood's Group	Main entrance	8.55am	3.15pm
Year 1	Yard – double gates	8.55am	3.15pm
Year 2	Yard – small gate (byouth centre)	8.55am	3.15pm



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Year 3	Yard – small gate (byyouth centre)	9am	3.20pm
Year 4	Yard – double gates	9am	3.20pm
Year 5	Yard – double gates	8.50am	3.10pm
Year 6	Yard – small gate (byyouth centre)	8.50am	3.10pm

- Children do not require a mask in primary schools.
- There is no routine testing of primary aged children in school.
- Children will be kept in 'bubbles' – this ensures no crossover of pupils and minimises contact
- **Cleaning** - thorough daily cleaning in school, particularly of shared touch points; antibacterial handwash stations for all classrooms;
- **Rigorous handwashing routines**
- **Risk assessments** - in place in school and regularly reviewed. If there is any incident of a child (or adult) displaying the following symptoms, you must not to send children in and should book a test; Mrs Harris can advise on this.
 - **a new, continuous cough**
 - **a high temperature**
 - **a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)**
- **If a child develops symptoms in school** we will:
 - Contact parents immediately and ask that you take your child for a test; if the result is positive other children and adults in that class bubble will be advised to isolate for 10 days.
 - Seek advice from HPA if we have more than 2 incidences of infection in 14 days and advise parents accordingly.
- **Children should wear school uniform** as normal and can bring in packed lunches, water bottles (KS1 and EYFS will be given a water bottle in school), school book bags (for books and other work), and coats as normal, but other stationery resources are not needed as these will be provided by school. Children should also have a PE kit – this will be sent home after use for cleaning.
- Any visitors or visits organised will only be arranged after strict risk assessments are undertaken.
- **Resources** - shared resources are cleaned between use; books returned to school after home reading are put aside for 48-72 hours; we ask that you support us by keeping them safely in schoolbook bags in between being read by children at home.
- **Breakfast club** – open from 8am – please do not send your child before this time as there is no supervision in school until then. This is held in the hall and children are separated into class tables.
- **After school club** – this continues to run as normal, to support with childcare; children are kept in a small, consistent group and the same stringent routines of handwashing, cleaning of resources, etc are followed in the club. Please press the buzzer as normal when you come to collect your child; ONE parent/carer to come in and collect, with only be one adult at a time permitted entry, so there may be a very short wait. Please wear a mask. Please wait at the classroom door and the supervisor will arrange for your child to meet you. If you wish to register for this care please let Mrs Harris know.

Sincerely,

Mrs P Monk



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Dairy Dates

(some dates are provisional subject to restrictions lifting)

March

26 School closes for end of term

April

12 School re-opens after the Easter break

16 Year 5 and 6 Basketball coaching (5 weeks) begins

19 Whole school sporting event – Speed Cones Day

26-29 Parent Meeting appointments - TBA

May

3 School closed – bank holiday – re-opens 4th May

12 KS2 – Escape Rooms

13 Year 6 – Circulatory system day

28 School closes for half term

June

7 School re-opens

10 Chef – Year 2

21 Photograph day – individual photos and Year 6 group photo (no family photographs on this occasion)

July

1 Chef – Year 6

2 Year 6 visit to Weardale House

16 **School closes for pupils for the end of year**

19-20 PD days

