



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Our Rights Respecting thought for this newsletter has to be celebrating everyone being back in school and that they are enjoying Article 28 - the Right to an Education! No matter how well everyone did accessing remote learning - there is nothing like the buzz of having a school full of children again!

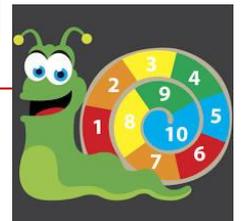


Playground Markings Challenge

Today in our merit board assembly, children were told about a little challenge which will be being shared with them on their Teams or Tapestry over the weekend.

Over the next few months, we are hoping to redevelop our playground area by sprucing up our playground markings! We would like them to have a look at some markings on the internet and find some ideas they like the look of! We want them to think about both playtimes and learning times when designing ideas. Can you help them to use the template we have shared to design their own dream playground using different markings? This website might be good for a start but there are plenty of ideas out there to check: <https://playgroundmarkingsdirect.co.uk/>.

We want the children to try and do this in the next week as we will be collecting in some ideas for each class and their dream playground before the Easter holidays. Thank you.



Back to school guidance

Thank you so much to the vast majority of adults who are supporting us fully in ensuring the safest possible return to school. It is a credit to every one of you that the return has, so far, gone as smoothly as we could expect and we have been pleased to hear so many positive comments from parents. It is a difficult time - and we are all looking forward to when restrictions will be a thing of the past - but for now, let's all keep doing our bit, keep our children safe in school and our families as safe as possible at home.

A reminder to everyone please that the staggered start and finish times are still a very important part of our Covid-secure measures. Staff try their best to ensure children leave class at the stated times, but it is noticeable that parents are still gathering both on the school premises and along the path outside much earlier than needed at home time. We do need to give children their statutory education hours, so we need to stick to the class times shared with you. Please continue the positive start we made to the term and keep to the start and finish times as advised. Thank you.



Walk to School Relaunch!

From next week, we will be filling out our daily travel tracker in school each day once again and trying to earn our monthly badges. We will be actively encouraging children to walk to school or 'park and stride'. Remember, making these active choices are not only good for physical development and exercise but it also helps the environment by using our cars less. Let's see which class can be the most active before the Easter holidays and get the most active journeys logged!



Be Active Challenge Launch

You might remember that we shared the website below with you back in October. A big well done to Jack Smillie in Year 2 who won a prize by logging some active minutes on the website a couple of weeks ago! Remember to search for our school and find your class so your active minutes get added to the right place! Now the weather is improving, and restrictions begin to ease, you might find that you are enjoying trying some new physical activity. Log onto this website: <https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo/log-activity> to log your activity and you never know - you might be the next person to win a prize!



Scouted Bushcraft Days - Easter Holidays



Through our partnership with Approach Too, we are delighted to be able to offer free bushcraft activity days on Monday 29th March and Friday 9th April. An app form will be sent out today for you to request a place for your child. There are 30 places available each day and, as there is sufficient time between the activity days and a return to school, we don't need to limit to class 'bubbles'. Hopefully, we will be able to accommodate all who request a place, but if it is over-subscribed, priority will be given to those children who weren't able to attend the last time.

Virtual Balloon Race

Have you entered our balloon race yet? How far has your balloon travelled? Our Friends of Cleves Cross have organised the race to raise some funds for those special little treats for our children here at school. We haven't had many opportunities to fundraise for ourselves this year, so please support us by entering or balloon race - here's the link to get set off. Only £2 per entry and you can enter as many times as you want to. www.balloonrace.com/Foccers




COMIC RELIEF

Comic Relief - Friday 19th March

Well, what do we do to celebrate Red Nose Day this year? The responsibility was passed to Year 5 to choose and unanimously - it's a 'Pyjama Day!' I am sure we can also cope with red noses for the day too. Please remember to send in a £1 donation for the privilege of coming to school in pyjamas and we will pass this on to Comic Relief.

So, Friday 19th March - a very chilled day for us all here at school and at the same time raising some much needed funds to help others in need.

Easter Egg Competition

We certainly can't miss our Easter egg competition again this year! We will need to do it virtually though, but I am sure that won't mean that you are any less creative! Entries to be shared with your class email please no later than end of the school day on Thursday 25th March. Winners will be announced at Friday's celebration assembly. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize in each class and, because we know mams and dads just can't help themselves from getting in on the act, there will be a 1st and 2nd adult entry prize across school too.



Parent Meeting

Parent discussion sessions

We would normally be organising opportunities for you to meet with your child's class teacher within the next couple of weeks, but this year, we are going to delay the sessions slightly. This will give your children more of an opportunity to settle in and make your discussion session much more relevant and up to date. The sessions will take place week commencing 19th April and you will receive an invitation to make a video or telephone appointment over the next two weeks.