



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14th May

Headteacher's update

The government have stated that they want more pupils to return to school after half term, starting with Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. We are currently finalising plans and should be in a position to give you all the **details next week**. We are obviously going to take every step we can to minimise the risk to pupils and staff. However the government has stated that early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff. We will, therefore, work through the hierarchy of measures set out in [implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings](#):

- avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms
- frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices
- regular cleaning of settings
- minimising contact and mixing

Children in these year groups will access **more formal learning** in school although this will still not be the whole national curriculum. As parents you will have to decide whether you want to send your children back to school. There will be no financial penalties if you choose not to although your child may miss out on education and time with their friends. I am sure before you make a final decision you will want to know all the details which we will send next week. Children in other year groups will continue to be provided with **online learning tasks** whilst key worker and vulnerable children will continue to be offered a place at school.

There is a good video on the BBC website which shows how schools have **reopened in Denmark**. Although there may be some differences with how we do it many of the principles are the same. The video can be found at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/world-europe-52649919/coronavirus-inside-a-reopened-primary-school-in-the-time-of-covid-19>

Stay safe and help to control the spread of the virus by following the guidelines.

Uniform

Next week you will be receiving an order form for uniform for September. It is important that you complete that and send it back to us by the **end of June** so we can make sure we have enough uniform in stock for September. Payment can be made on collection.

Free school meals

Your child may be able to get **free school meals** if you get any of the following: Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year; Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance; Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance; Child Tax Credit, not entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190; Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999; Guarantee element of State Pension Credit; Income Support Working Tax Credit 'run on'.

If you are on any of these please phone school and we can help you apply online. You will receive a **food voucher** each week while the children are off and school will receive **additional funding**.



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This week in school

This week in school the children have planted seeds, made puppets and clay models as well as having fun at forest school and outside. We also need to say a massive thank you to Mr Boyle's mum who made our children dolls and hero capes.



Values Star of the week

The following children have been nominated by their families or teachers for demonstrating politeness or enthusiasm: **Damson Bond, Mya Saida Hamzaoui, Joshua Hart, Keira Grindley, Dilawar Khan, Ethan Lancaster, Joe Hunter, Sam Lloyd & Keira Croft**

Learners of the Week

The following children have been awarded learner of the week for the learning they have completed at home: **Sofia Moroney, Alice Hunter, Zhyar Shariff, Emily Kinloch, Jack Taylor, Zayn Aslam, Eric Melling, Kaitlin Westby, Megan Belsevica & Rodrigo Da Silva Galhofo**

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to **Joshua Scott, Bailey Masterson, Omobola Oyekoya**

School pupils of the week

The following have been selected for their good behaviour and attitude in school this week: **Brandon Everill, Alyssia Carter & Thomas Boyle**

Guidance on the wider opening of education and childcare settings

Guidance for parents and carers as schools and other education settings in England open to more children and young people can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>



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