



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd May

Headteacher's update

This week we have been finalising plans in order to meet the governments expectations that more pupils will return to school after half term. Details went out on Tuesday and staff have been in school this week sorting out their classrooms alongside looking after the pupils. Since then we have seen ongoing speculation about whether the date is going to change from the 1st June. We have also seen other local authorities stating that their schools will not be returning on that date. At the moment I still intend to open to pupils in reception, Year 1 and 6 on 1st June. However, the government are reviewing their measures on the 28th May so things may change. If they do then we will contact you via our usual channels. I personally feel that we need to start moving towards normality and I intend to allow my own child in Year 12 to return to college as soon as he can do so. However, I also understand parents' concerns about the timing and the possible risks involved. This is a complex issue and one on which every parent will have a different opinion. Remember during the rest of this term, nothing is set in stone and should you change your mind then just let us know. The easing of the lockdown has certainly seen more people out and about. Remember for the moment you should only be meeting one other person from outside your household and keeping 2 meters apart from them. Stay safe.

Half term

Next week should have been half term. As a result, teachers will not be setting work or be expected to respond to emails. However with the exception of Monday, school remains open for key worker pupils. Thanks to the staff for continuing to go above and beyond.

Uniform

A reminder to complete the order form 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

The latest vouchers will be emailed out over the next few days. Remember if you are on any of the qualifying benefits to complete an application online or ring school and we will help you to apply. My current understanding is that vouchers will continue after half term.

Guidance for parents and carers on supporting their children's education during the coronavirus outbreak

The DfE have updated their guidance on helping primary school aged children learn at home to include information on the wider opening of educational settings. The guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>



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This week in school

This week in school the children have painted self-portraits on canvas and taken part in a mini sports day.



Values Star of the week

The following children have been nominated by their families or teachers for demonstrating politeness or enthusiasm: **Isabella Carter, Alice Hunter, Leo Joyce, Abigail Foster, Surrayah Mohammad, Bobby Highton, Fatima Jiva, Leila Mellett, Corey Clarke and Thomas Boyle**

Learners of the Week

The following children have been awarded learner of the week for the learning they have completed at home: **Alexander Newton, Mohammed Usman, Scarlet Stobbs, Imogen Highton, Rowan Futter, Lily Newton, Chrystal Pardon, Corban Futter, Dylan Hughes and Nicoll Krupowicz.**

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to **Jacob Catterall and Keira Croft.**

School pupils of the week

The following have been selected for their good behaviour and attitude in school this week: **Lewis Roberts, Sheza Khalid,**

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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