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Newsletter

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End of Term

Dear Parents,

Well, we all made it through this very strange term. Who would have guessed before Christmas we would be teaching half the school at home and half the school in school for most of the Spring Term. I have said it before and I will repeat it now, we managed to do it so well because of the excellent teamwork between the teachers and the parents. The impact on the children could have been significantly worse but thanks to all the hard work everyone put in over this period I know the children will recover from this quickly.

To help with that the recovery we have been doing a lot of tests on the children. We have tested every child for their reading and spelling age. We have done phonics testing and some spelling testing for the Year 2. All of this information will help us to measure the progress children are making over next term. Do not worry too much about any actual result, while we all like to know numbers the figures have no context at the moment, they have just given us a baseline to start on. We will talk to you about how your child is doing and the progress they have been making next term.

The return to school is not all about academic progress though, we have been carefully monitoring children's wellbeing as well. Many parents have come to us with concerns they have and I hope that in those cases we have been able to give you all the support we can. If you do have worries about your child's emotional wellbeing please do let me or the class teachers know and we will do everything we can to help.

This past term has been very busy for us all and there has been little time to reflect on what we have done. I would very much like to capture the positives and negatives of the past term to see what we have done well and any areas we could have improved on. One of the easiest ways to do this we think is to use the Ofsted Parent View website. This has some simple questions with space for comment and it stores the information all in one place. Can we please ask parents to just think back over the past term and leave a review on the parent view website. The link is <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/register> alternatively search for 'Ofsted parent view', the more parents we have do this the better picture we can build, we really appreciate any time you can spare to do this. If you have any individual comments to make please feel free to email me directly.

Getting school uniform is difficult at the moment, we have a lot of very good quality second hand uniform available in the school office for parents to help themselves to and make a small donation. Please do have a look, you would be doing us a favour by helping us find a good home for it. This is still a difficult time for many families and there are other ways that the school can help, if you need any help at all, please do let us know. Parents can also get support from Citizens Advice <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/contact-us/contact-us/> or the Bordon Food bank on 07966 522911

I hope that you all manage to have a lovely Easter break and the weather is kind to us all. As restrictions lift hopefully life can begin to get back to some form of normality. We look forward to seeing all of you when school re-opens on Monday 19th April.

Matt Greenhalgh
Headteacher

Parking and the School Car Park

Can we remind parents that the school car park is for staff use only. Parents must not use it to drop of children in the morning or collect in the evening and it should not be used as a way to turn around to drive back up School Road.

We know that parking is difficult around any school and we do not want to make things hard for parents but this is about the children's safety.

Children cross in front of the car park gates and are crossing School Road to get into school. We do not want an accident and we need every parent to respect the rules. Parking on the double yellow lines along School Road is dangerous and the way a number of parents turn around at the end or in the school car park is going to lead to an accident.

Please take time to park safely and walk your child to school. Five minutes of your time could save a young child's life or stop someone getting seriously hurt. There is plenty of parking opposite the skate park which is only a 5 minute walk.



Stars of the Week

26th March

Milo Morgan
Joshua Pateman
Reuben Keet
Marco Anamani
Levi-Ann Ward
Finley Newens

1st April

Cameron Bellis
Leon Mendy
Penelope
Robinson
Sabrina
Wilczkowiak
Grace Harding
Seth Farr



Hogmoor Magic Mile

Visit Hogmoor Inclosure over the Easter holiday and help discover whose eggs the terrible trolls have stolen. Once you've followed the trail and discovered who the eggs belong too, head to Café Hogmoor to claim your prize!

(Self-guided trail running between 2nd April – 16th April. Prizes only available between 2nd April and 5th April)

Leaflets can be collected at Café Hogmoor or printed here – <https://www.wbcommunitytrust.co.uk/easter/>

Attendance and Holidays

The attendance at school has been fantastic this term, thank you. Please do keep letting us know if your child is off school ill. We do have to phone any parent where we have not had a reason for an absence.

While holidays abroad still may or may not happen I thought it would be worth outlining the government rules on holidays. The school is not able to authorise any absence for a family holiday, no matter what the reason. Parents will often say that due to work or family circumstance they have no choice or need a holiday., sadly we have no flexibility on this issue.

If families take a holiday of five days or more they will be fined, that fine happens once and then parents are taken to court. So if a family goes on holiday and has a fine in Year R then takes another holiday in Year 2 there is no fine, technically it is straight to court.

For the remainder of this academic year we will be as flexible as we can but in September any flexibility we have been given ends. Please think carefully when booking holidays about holiday dates and the small print of booking holidays and them then getting cancelled. We do not want to see any parent fined and definitely do not want parents in court. We know the value of family holidays but on this issue the school has no power to change the law, we just have to enforce it. Please speak to us if you have any questions.