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Dear Parents and Carers,



We have got to the end of what has been a very strange and mixed term. None of us had the start to the year that we had wanted, with lockdown meaning that the majority of our children had to learn from home. This brought its challenges to everyone. Well done and thank you to those parents who supported home schooling and did a marvellous job in what have been the most testing of circumstances. It has been challenging for school staff as well, acting very quickly to support children both in and out of school as well as facing many of the same issues as you at home. Thank you for working with us and for your messages of support; working together helps to keep our school community strong.

It was wonderful to welcome children back with the full re-opening of school. Generally, there has been a lot of excitement and happiness at being back and being able to see classmates again. As expected, there have been some difficulties in returning after lockdown, and staff are supporting through pastoral care and development of the curriculum. I will write to you further after the Easter break about initiatives to support both physical and mental wellbeing in our community.

Hertfordshire County Council has asked us to share this important update with you ahead of the Easter holidays:

As we go into the Easter holidays, and some Government guidance changes around socialising outside and outdoor sport, it's so important that we don't let our guard down and increase the risk of Covid-19 outbreaks when schools return.

From Monday 29 March, you can:

- Meet up outside (including in private gardens) with six other people, or as two households
- Take part in formally organised outdoor sports with any number of people (outdoor sports venues and facilities will be able to reopen)
- Childcare and supervised activities will be allowed outdoors for all children

You and your family can continue to keep yourselves and others safe by:

- Washing your hands regularly, for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water or using an antibacterial hand sanitiser if soap and water isn't available

Diary Dates

(New events highlighted)



March

26th - End of term 1.10 - 1.40pm

Easter Holidays

April

12th - Start of Summer Term
- Online registration opens for consortium tests

16th - National Allocation Day
(Reception places 2021)

Happy Bags
19th - Nursery Allocation Day

May

3rd - Bank Holiday

- *Keeping socially distanced, staying at least 2 metres away from those not in your immediate household*
- *Wearing a face-covering where required and when it is difficult to socially distance*
- *Self-isolating and getting tested if you develop symptoms or receive a positive lateral flow test (LFT) result*
- *Not socialising indoors with anyone who isn't in your immediate household. You're not allowed to have sleepovers or playdates, even if your child is in a school bubble*
- *Not sending children back to school ill or with symptoms of Covid-19 after the Easter break - if your child is sick, please keep them at home*

Thank you again for playing your part and helping to keep our schools safe and open for face to face learning.

We wish you all a safe and happy Easter.

Hertfordshire County Council

I would reiterate all of the above. We have been so fortunate in that we have not had to close any bubbles as yet - I don't think this is the case for most schools - and we do all need to keep doing our bit to help everybody to stay safe.

Track and Trace: We still need to be informed up to the 1st April if there have been any positive cases in school. Please email the school office with the subject heading COVID if you do have a case to report so that we can inform other families and staff if necessary.

Parking on the Zig Zag lines: Unfortunately, we seem to be back to the age-old problem of parents parking on the zig zag lines outside school. It is illegal - even just to stop and drop off - and there is signage informing that it is not permitted. If people do not stick to the rules (the law!) then I fear it is only a matter of time until there is an accident. Please do not park on the lines outside school at either drop-off or collection time for the safety of everyone. Thank you.

Decorated Egg Competition: There has been a great response to the egg decorating competition. We have been so impressed with the creativity of all the entries and it has been very hard to choose a winner as each egg has its own unique character. After much deliberation, the winning egg is Willow in Nursery and the runners-up are Bertie in Nursery and Kimi in Year 2. Well done to our winners - and well done to everybody who took part. The children at school have had the chance to look at photographs of all entries on Teams today.

Kings Langley Library Reopening: Wish Upon a Star

Kings Langley Community Library will be reopening on 10th May. They would like to involve local primary aged children in an art activity which they will then use to create an uplifting Library display. They have designed the Wish Upon a Star activity to help provide a positive focus and as a reminder of better times ahead. Attached is a leaflet with template. Any decorated stars would need to be ready for collection from school on Wednesday 5th May.



Value Award: Forgiveness	Reception: George		Year 1: Evie	Year 2: Alfie
	Year 3: Ollie	Year 4: Bethany	Year 5: Lottie	Year 6: Ethan
Star of the Week	Reception: Connor		Year 1: Oliver	Year 2: Owen
	Year 3: Joe	Year 4: Liberty	Year 5: Caleb	Year 6: Georgie
Headteacher's Trophy	<p>Thomas W (Y6) is a polite, fun and responsible pupil. Although he was the only boy throughout lockdown who was in class in Y6, he just got on with it! He worked hard at every task given to him, challenged himself when necessary and showed patience and tolerance within the classroom. He persevered to beat personal bests in fitness challenges - helping to motivate others. He helped with the communications between children at home and at school, creating helpful videos, and was always polite and friendly with adults. We have loved seeing his confidence grow with music and art this year and his qualities of self-motivation and independence are much appreciated in a busy classroom. His quiet confidence, lovely nature and positive attitudes and values make Thomas popular with his peers. We are so lucky to have him in Y6 - thanks for making us smile, Thomas!</p>			

Each class have made Easter cards to send out to Chipperfield Care and other residents of the village. They did the same with cards at Christmas, and it brought such hope and some cheer to people who have felt quite isolated during the pandemic. Year 4 have led an assembly today on Easter and explained the religious significance of different foods that we eat at this time of year: pancakes, hot cross buns and Easter eggs. It has been a fantastic end to the term and now everybody is ready for a rest!

We look forward to seeing you back in the summer term when the value is *Cooperation* and the PSHE Jigsaw theme is *Relationships*.

Best wishes, take care and have a lovely Easter break.

Caroline Moore

Headteacher

