**Principal’s Newsletter – 09.03.21**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

It was great to welcome everyone back to school yesterday morning. There were lots of smiling faces and, despite a few butterflies (children and staff) initially, everyone was soon back into the swing of things. It was lovely to be on dinner duty yesterday and playground duty this morning and see the children playing together again and it has been a pleasure to walk around the school and see classrooms full once more with the sound of the children. Miss Lomas has organised some exciting Science activities to run through school this week and it was great to hear KS2 children singing outside today in preparation for our Easter assembly in the last week of term. Over the next couple of weeks teachers will also be carrying out some tests and gap analysis tasks to check what the children have retained from the online teaching and what we need to address over the course of the Summer term. We’ll be holding parent-teacher meetings early in the Summer term to share this information with you.

**Family Testing**

You will have received in a separate communication last week details of lateral flow testing kits for families which I would encourage you to use to help to ensure that the return to school runs as smoothly as possible. Please could I highlight the guidance that anyone who has tested positive for Covid recently should not carry out the lateral flow tests for ninety days after your positive case.

**Easter**

As part of our return as a school community we are currently selling raffle tickets for a great selection of Easter eggs. We will draw the raffle and distribute the eggs to our lucky winners on Friday 26th March. We’re also going to film some Easter assemblies in the final week to share with you in the same way as we did at Christmas. We’re really looking forward to hearing the sound of our children singing together again and will be welcoming Pastor Les into school for these assemblies as well.

**Comic Relief**

Comic Relief Day will be on Friday 19th March. There will be an opportunity to come dressed in something red on that day for a £1 donation to this charity.

**Class Photographs**

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 25th March to take class photographs. We appreciate that some classes will be in PE kits on that day so class teachers will liaise with you around this.

**Holiday Club**

Watch out for the posters about our Easter holiday club which will run from Monday 29th March until Thursday 1st April between 9.00 and 3.00 each day. Miss Adams has lots of fun activities each day. The cost will be £15 per day. Please book on to this through Parent Pay.

**SEN Reviews**

Thank you to everyone who has booked in for SEN Reviews in the week commencing March 15th. This will provide an opportunity to meet with class teachers and support staff to talk about current plans and look at future targets. If you haven’t already received an invitation, watch out for one coming through soon to take part via Microsoft Teams.

**Y1**

We will be welcoming Mrs Mahmoud into school for a few days over the next two weeks so that she can spend time with Y1 and meet you as well. She will be teaching our Y1 class while Mrs.Priestnall teaches over at Atlas Academy during the Summer term. I am sure you will give her a warm Edenthorpe Hall welcome.

**World Book Day**

If your child took part in the sponsored reading event, please could you ensure any forms are returned to school next week and the money collected is paid into Parent Pay as soon as possible. Hopefully we will have raised some money to be able to purchase some new books for school.

**Baby News**

Congratulations go out to our sports coach Miss Adams as she is expecting her first child in September of this year. I know that you will join me in wishing her all the best. She will be continuing with us throughout this school year and will return next year.

**Calendar**

We’re really hoping to be able to bring back some sense of community and a return to the buzz around school in the Summer term. With that in mind please see below some provisional dates for your diaries:

26th March: School closes for Easter

29th March-1st April: Holiday club (places to be booked)

15th April: School reopens after Easter

Week commencing 26th April: Teacher-parent meetings on Teams

27th April: Y1 Safe Touch talk

3rd May: Bank Holiday Monday – school closed

28th May: Sports sponsorship event

28th May: School closes for Spring Bank week

7th June: School reopens

14th-16th June :Y6 PGL

15th June: Y5 puberty talk

17th June: Nursery transition morning

21st June: This week we hope to stage an art gallery for parents to come in to view

29th June: Y6 conception and birth talk

2nd July: Reports out to parents

5th July: Summer fayre (afternoon)

6th to 8th July: Transition days – children in new classes

9th July: Whole school trip (no charge)

12th July: Family picnic and sports afternoon

13th July: Y6 concert

16th July: Final assembly 10.00

16th July: School breaks up for Summer

Thank you once again for your continued support, patience and engagement. We’re really looking forward to some greater sense of normality hopefully over the coming weeks and months.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Moody

Principal