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Easter Holidays

It seems a bit odd that having just returned to school we are entering a two week holiday, but here we are! I imagine that everyone will enjoy the break from school work which you have all worked so hard on, at home and school since the beginning of January.

Contact Tracing

School continues to play an important part in the contact tracing programme in the national effort to limit the spread of coronavirus. As part of this, I am required to be 'on call' to receive messages from parents about their child should they test positive for the virus in the first six days after the end of term. If your child is unwell with symptoms of the virus, then please ensure that they are tested at a local centre and that you inform me via my direct email lpaylorsutton@langdon.kent.sch.uk as soon as possible after receiving a POSITIVE result so that I can decide what to do if necessary, to inform contacts from within school.

The DfE recommend schools ensure parents and carers are aware of the following information:

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours since being in school**, the school should **not** be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **within 48 hours of being in school**, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

From 8 April 2021 onwards, NHS Test and Trace will manage any cases in our pupils and their close contacts accordingly.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

I am able to share with you information about an exciting opportunity that your child/children aged between 5 - 16 years may be able to access during the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays. The Department for Education is funding local authorities to commission provision during the school holidays, which includes free, high quality activities and access to nutritious food for 4 hours per day over 4 days at Easter, 16 days in the Summer and 4 days at Christmas.

Due to the current national restrictions, we expect there will be a smaller number of available providers over Easter and a list of these providers can be requested through contacting Mrs Howson in our school office. Please note that the providers included in this list will have demonstrated they meet safeguarding and health and safety requirements.

For more information about the HAF Programme please follow this link

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/holiday-activities-and-food-programme>

We are very pleased to see that the Government is supporting families to access high quality activities and nutritious food during the holiday period and we hope that your child/children will be able to benefit.

Free School Meal Provision

Over the Easter break we will be distributing Wonde school meals vouchers to parents of children who are eligible for benefits related free school meals. These vouchers, provided by KCC, will ensure that all children have access to at least one satisfying meal a day.

PLANT REQUEST

Mr Sear has started to plant up the garden at the front of the school and is going to work on a new border at the back of the school which will incorporate seating for the children to use at playtimes. He is taking out the spreading, low growing plants from the back of the borders in the garden and is planning to introduce some perennials that will come up year after year and give more height, structure and colour. He is particularly looking to introduce mid-height range plants.

If you are heading to the garden centre over the Easter holidays and wish to gift the school a plant, we would be most grateful. Now is the time that we are all working on our gardens and improving them after the winter months so alternatively, if you have any perennials that you no longer want, or need to divide, in your own garden, Mr Sear will gratefully receive any contributions. We are particularly hoping to introduce plants that are colourful and attractive to insects.



PTFA EASTER EVENTS

This year, we will once again be running our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle.

Easter Egg Hunt: On the last day of term, Thursday 1 April 2021, the children will take part in an Easter Egg Hunt which will be held in the school grounds or around the local village. The PTFA are providing a prize for each child who completes the hunt successfully.



Raffle: On Monday 29 March 2020, children are able to wear their own clothes to school in return for the forfeit of an Easter Egg donation. The donated eggs will be raffled off on the last day of term - Thursday 1 April 2021 - in school. Tickets will be on sale from the classrooms during the week beginning Monday 29 March at a cost of 20p per ticket/£1 a strip. Please note, this is a raffle and there will be some winners and some losers. Please prepare your children for possible disappointment if their ticket is not pulled out of the hat on the day. We will be limiting winners to a total of three eggs, as in past years; this seems most sensible in terms of how much chocolate children may potentially bring home!

ARRIVAL AND COLLECTION TIMES

In order to ensure that we are following social distancing guidance and therefore encouraging good systems to prevent virus spread, we ask parents not to arrive too early for drop off in the morning or collection at the end of the day which may lead to closer grouping by adults or children. We also encourage people to socially distance when off the school premises. We do understand that you may want to catch up with each other but please try to follow the two metre rule and encourage your child to do so too.

Just a reminder of the times for arrival and collection; please ensure that if your child is in Key Stage Two they don't come earlier than 9am as the classroom based staff are not always ready for the children to enter the classroom whilst they are still preparing for the day ahead.

LEARNING AND PROGRESS MEETINGS

We have postponed this term's Learning and Progress Meeting until **Monday 24 May 2021**. The reasons for this delay are to allow for the full reintegration of the children back into school and for staff to consider how well your child has settled and to give time to consider where they are with their learning and what progress has been made since December, including during the period of remote education. The meetings will be online once again using School Cloud. More information will come to you next term about how to book your appointment and how to access it. Appointments will be available from 9.00am until 6.00pm.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the parents who presented the staff with a huge hamper of goodies this week to thank them for their work with the children and families during the period of lockdown. It was very much appreciated.

And, on behalf of everyone, huge thanks to one of our parents for the cream cakes this week. They were very welcome indeed!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event	Time
1.4.21	Easter Egg Raffle and Treasure Hunt End of Term 4	Afternoon 3.00pm/3.15pm
19.4.21	Beginning of Term 5	
3.5.21	Bank Holiday - School Closed	
4.5.21	Full Governing Body Meeting - Budget Setting	3.30pm-5.30pm
10.5.21	Year 5/6 Bikeability course - Monday to Thursday, dates for your child to be confirmed	
14.5.21	Tempest Photography - Class photographs	
18.5.21	Full Governing Body Meeting	3.30pm-5.30pm
24.5.21	Learning and Progress Meetings	9.00am-6.00pm
28.5.21	End of Term 5	3.00pm/3.15pm

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