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NEWSLETTER: 12th April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,



A warm welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed the Easter holidays and had time to relax with your families.



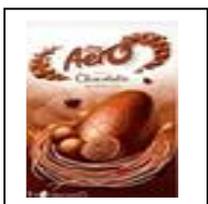
The Eastertide Season continues for another few weeks and concludes on Pentecost Sunday, 23rd May.

Please see a copy of the Wednesday Word, attached to this newsletter, for details of the gospels and activities families can completed together.

Pope Francis reminds us that **'Jesus is always ready to encourage and support us'**. There are times when we all need encouraging: that is, to be inspired with courage and to have our hope renewed, especially when we are afraid or going through difficult times.

Do you know anyone who may need your encouragement? Choose a way to encourage someone during this Easter season. Perhaps you can: offer words of support; let someone know when they are doing something well; tell someone about the good news of Jesus' resurrection; give someone a helping hand if they are struggling.

THANK YOU TO OUR PTA



On behalf of the children and staff, we would like to say a big THANK YOU to the PTA who ensured every child had an Easter Egg this year! There were lots of very happy children on Easter Sunday!

COVID19 UPDATE



As the country takes its next steps out of lockdown measures on 12th April, the school has reviewed its safety measures to ensure they are in-line with the most recent government advice.

The COVID19 risk assessment has been reviewed along with the safety measures in place, to keep everyone as safe as possible. The arrangements in place prior to the Easter holidays will remain until further notice. These include:

- a one-way system for entering and leaving the school premises
- face coverings to be worn by all adults on the school premises (unless medically exempt)
- social distancing at all times
- regular handwashing/sanitising

School will continue to inform parents/carers if there are any positive cases and if classes/bubbles need to be closed on the advice of PHE (Public Health England). We will continue to support children's learning remotely, if they need to isolate.

We understand how challenging these closures can be for families and we do not take the decisions lightly. School is continuing to adhere strictly to the safety measures in place, however, we cannot eliminate the risk of infection completely, we can only reduce it.



We appreciate all that our parents/carers and visitors are doing in adhering to the additional safety measures we have put in place to keep everyone safe. For more information on our safety measures, please see the school website, <https://bsf-leeds.co.uk/>

FLEXIBLE START AND FINISH TIMES

Just a reminder that the school start and finish times are flexible to enable parents/carers to adhere to social distancing. Children can be dropped off anytime between 8:45am and 9:00am and pick up is between 3:15pm and 3:30pm Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

ATTENDANCE: up to 1st April

Reception: 97.4%

Year 1: 97.2%

Year 2: 98.4%

Year 3: 97.1%

Year 4: 98.0%

Year 5: 97.2%

Year 6: 97.8%

Overall: 97.6% Well done!

Government Target: 95%

School Target 97.5%

Congratulations to Year 2 who are our ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS for the Spring Term!

BIRTHDAYS: 22nd March – 1st April

Congratulations to:

Natasza, Tommy, Rennezae, Tessy and Efosa

SAFEGUARDING



There are lots of ways in which we can keep our children safe. One simple way is to **talk to them**. Ask them if they are worried about anything.

Please also see the link below to useful resources for parents/carers in supporting their children's mental health.

<https://www.mindmate.org.uk/im-a-parent-or-carer/resources-for-parents/>

YEAR 4 PING PONG SESSIONS

Good news! Year 4 will be starting Ping Pong sessions from Thursday 15th April. Every Thursday morning, for the next 6 weeks, the children will learn new table tennis skills. They will need to wear their PE kits please.

SPRINGBANK HOLIDAYS

Monday 31st May - Friday 11th June. Children return to school on **Monday 14th June 2021.**

YEAR 4 SWIMMING

Year 4 will resume their swimming lessons from Monday 19th April. They will need to bring a swimming kit and towel. Children may also bring a piece of fruit for after their lesson.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK: 3.15-4.15pm

With coach Suj,

MONDAY Sports – Y1/2

WEDNESDAY Football – Y5/6

THURSDAY Sports – Y3/4

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please contact the school office to book and pay for a place for your child at Breakfast Club.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

If your child would like to change from school dinner to a packed lunch or vice versa, parents/carers will need to give two weeks' notice please. This is to ensure the kitchen staff can place the correct orders to meet the needs of the children.

PLACES AVAILABLE

Due to recent movement in some classes, we have places available in the following year groups: **Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2.**

Please let friends and family know.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS



It is vital that we have correct contact details for your child, in case there is an emergency, and we have to contact you. We should have at least 2 contacts on our system.

Please contact the office admin team to ensure your details are up to date. If your details change at any point during the year, please ensure you let us know. Thank you.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Thank you, as always, for your fantastic support! God bless.

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