5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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# Headteacher's news

We are all really excited and looking forward to having all of our children back in school with us from the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.



We know that you appreciate that things will not revert to that we knew as 'normal' prior to COVID any time soon and in order to keep everyone safe we will continue to maintain the social distancing and measures that were in place during the Autumn term 2020. Full details of our arrangements have been sent out via Parentmail and are available on our website along with our risk assessment. https://www.stcuthberts.leics.sch.uk/page/?title=Coronavirus&pid=84

As always, our systems will only work and keep everyone safe if you play your part. Sticking to staggered time slots, not congesting the gate areas and wearing face masks in the school grounds are a vital part of this. Please do help us.

We are going to do all we can to make our children's transition back in to school a safe, supportive and engaging as possible. We look forward to sharing all of our learning with you over the next few weeks. Have a safe and enjoyable weekend and we will see you all on Monday.

Mrs J Hawkins

# **Diary Dates**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March All children return to school

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March Comic relief

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March End of the spring term

#### Uniform

On Monday we ideally would like all children to return in full school uniform and have their PE kit in school. I realise that shopping is limited at the moment, but please do your best if your children have grown out of their current uniform. Tesco's online and Asda online are all selling basic school uniform. If you have been unable to organise this by Monday, then please aim for your children to be fully back in full uniform as soon as you are able.

Comic Relief, Red Nose Day- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March We would like to support Comic Relief this year by having a non-uniform day. This can include wearing something red. We ask for a £1 donation from each family which will be donated to Comic Relief.



# Reading books

If you have any school reading books at home, please send them in to school on Monday. This is particularly important if you have books from our benchmarking scheme (Year 1-3 children)

Thank you

# Covid-19

### Lateral Flow Testing

Some of you may have seen that the government is now offering households with primary age pupils a lateral flow test. This is to help stop the spread of the virus in people who are showing no symptoms. These are not available via school but please look at the link for more information.

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff

## Latest Guidance

Please see the link below for the latest guidance from the NHS. If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms. https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/

## Afterschool Clubs

With all children back in school, Metcalf Sports are able to offer club places to all. If your child would like to attend an afterschool sports club, please complete the form sent via ParentMail and return it to school paying £13.50 directly to Metcalf Sports. This covers the cost of the club for the three weeks the children are in school before we break up for the Easter holidays.



### World Book Day

Thank you to everyone who took part in our World Book day celebration on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March. We saw some amazing costumes from staff and children at home and in school- thank you for your support. We also shared lots of bedtime stories, with staff and children wearing their pyjamas or onesie to provide a little extra comfort to the day!

We will be sending home a World Book Day £1 voucher with each child on Monday. When they get their book token, all you need to do is to take it to your local bookseller and swap it for one of the ten World Book Day books! Take a look at the 2021 £1 voucher books here <a href="https://www.worldbookday.com/books/">https://www.worldbookday.com/books/</a> This year participating booksellers will honour the tokens beyond the 28th March, while stocks last.