



Newsletter - 16 April 2021

This half term school value: A sharing school through kindness, celebration and love

Welcome back to the summer term, although the recent frost, ice and snow has confused me and Mother Nature a little!

Reflection

I wanted to start this newsletter with this week's, I wonder question; I wonder... When Jesus was on the cross, how did he feel? –Rufus Yr3. Please discuss at home because we have had some really thought provoking and empathetic ideas here in school. We have also respected a life of service for HRH the Duke of Edinburgh with an uplifting presentation produced by the Diocese of Leeds to be shared in all their church schools during collective worships. The children have been hugely engaged with his inspiring life and through his faith he has been service to the country, Queen and beyond. On a royal theme, year 1 have been writing letters to invite HRH The Queen to share afternoon tea with us at school – unfortunately, she is unable to attend, but we have received a rather lovely reply from her Lady- in -Waiting thanking us for the invite and the, 'letter and splendid drawing of a cake stand laden with delicious goodies'- Ralph Yr1.

Curriculum

As the Government Roadmap to the reopening of the country continues, we are also looking at our Roadmap for school. Staff are currently working on the half term curriculum newsletters which will be sent this week and show curriculum themes, timetables, and any Covid safe events and activities. Please refer to these overviews to support your child and also to offer any help or involvement with the current themes if you have a skill, talent or expertise in an area of learning.

Safeguarding

Back in December, we informed you of an external safeguarding audit we had commissioned with Leeds Safeguarding Team. The audit was thorough and extremely helpful in assuring and supporting the good practice found in school and we were particularly pleased that our safeguarding curriculum along with some other areas in school came out as exemplary. We will continue to keep safeguarding as a top priority because it is an area that constantly changes. Therefore, we will continue to post any helpful parent updates to you when appropriate.

Drop-off/Pick-up

Please could we remind families dropping off KS1 children at the Westville Road gate to **arrive at 8.50am** and no earlier.

With the sunny evenings upon us, please can I remind everyone to still vacate the school grounds immediately and avoid congregating while children are left to play – we still need to keep Covid safe with 'Hands, Face, Space'.

For health and safety reasons, you **must** refrain from driving into the school car park – this is **strictly** for; **staff, Blue badge holders and construction vehicles**. Please ensure that if you ask anyone else to collect your child, then they are given the information to keep out of the car park.

COVID Symptoms

Just to remind you that if you or your child present with Covid symptoms, you must get a PCR test. Lateral Flow tests are not sufficient to confirm an infection.



Building Progress

We are in constant contact with Imran Khan, client manager for the expansion build and Bradford council to progress the works. We have currently been given an August date for full completion and we are pushing hard to ensure that this is a reality. We have also secured confirmation that the works will now include support with extending the EYFS outdoor space and also levelling and making good the area which currently has the green modular classroom on.

The busy buzz around school is joyous as children laugh, learn and engage together 😊

Mrs M Robinson

Learning hand in hand together with God