



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school after the Easter break. I hope, with restrictions beginning to lift opportunities to meet up with friends and family were able to take place. The children have returned to school with excitement, displaying positive attitudes. They have settled well in their Bubbles and have quickly got back into the routines of the school day.

Thank you to you as parents and carers for supporting your children on their return. I also very much appreciate you following the systems in place, as this helps to keep our community safe.

Mrs. S. Hawes

Curriculum

As Covid restrictions begin to lift, our commitment to provide a rich and varied curriculum can return. Our Y3/Y4 children are already participating in the 'Learn to Swim' programme and we welcome back in to school our peripatetic colleagues from Tees Valley Music Service.

Newsletters

Individual class newsletters, detailing exciting topic and curriculum information, have been sent to all parents this week. Children are motivated by the new themes and there is a real buzz of excitement as new learning is introduced and explored. Please continue to log onto SeeSaw to find out what's happening in school this term.

Parent Consultations



Thank you to all those who have booked their parent consultation appointment via our new system. We hope you found the process straightforward. If not, please ring and we will be more than happy to help.

The system is open for bookings. Appointments can be made from today and but will close on Sunday 25th April at 4pm, this will allow staff to finalise appointment times prior to the event. Apologies in advance for any glitches incurred.



For those still needing to book, please visit the link below;

<https://wolviston.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

National Tutoring Programme

Covid-19 has caused unprecedented disruption in education during the last year. Teachers, staff, parents, and children have worked tirelessly to limit any lasting learning loss, evidenced through our learning platform.

Through our in-depth assessment process, class teachers have identified any misconceptions and/or gaps in your child's learning, this informs learning direction & planning.

You may have heard that the Government have recently introduced a National Tutoring Programme (NTP) to make sure children, who are most affected by the pandemic, are not left behind. We have received additional funding for this initiative and I am delighted to welcome back Mrs McKenna, a very experienced teacher and trusted colleague, who will provide additional reading, writing and maths intervention with children from Y1 to Y6.

Information regarding your child's assessment will be shared by their teacher, during your parent consultation.

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

Please inform the school office of any changes to your contact details. This includes your address, telephone numbers, email and your emergency contact's contact information. If you are unsure if we have the correct information on our system, please email.

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BIRTHDAYS



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| Nursery | Olivia, Bobbie |
| Class 1 | Harry, George, Lila |
| Class 2 | Beau, Louie |
| Class 3 | Luca, Ryan |

We wish you all a very, Happy Birthday!

Gardening

With signs of Spring popping up all around, members of our Gardening Club have been busy around the school helping tidy and prepare for the up and coming season. Mr Carter, the caretaker, has been busy painting fences and flower boxes, whilst the children have been carefully weeding, cutting back and trimming the garden area with Mrs Hope.

All is set for another successful year, an array of seeds have been planted and when the frosty mornings disappear our little seedlings will be planted outside.



Tallest Beanstalk Competition

You will remember our chosen theme for World Book Day was Jack and the Beanstalk, as part of the activities we provided all children with some 'magic' beans to plant and grow at home. In a bid to inspire future gardeners we would like to run a little competition, open to all children. Over the next few weeks we would like to see who can grow the tallest beanstalk. We will need evidence so you will be asked to upload photographs of your beanstalk onto our learning platform, SeeSaw. You can upload photos at any time, but no later than **24th May '21**. The winner will receive a selection of gardening items; a planter, watering can, age appropriate tools and things to grow. **Good Luck!**



Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. The start of Ramadan is slightly different each year, depending on the position of the moon. Once Ramadan starts, Muslims try hard not to eat or drink during the day. This is called fasting.



During Ramadan, Muslims pray and reflect on how well they live their own life and use this time to remember those less fortunate than themselves.

Not all Muslims observe Ramadan and children do not fast, as it is important they continue to eat and drink during the day.



This year Ramadan will begin on the evening of Monday, 12th April and will end on Tuesday, 11th May. At the end of the month Muslims will celebrate by having a special evening meal called **Iftar**. Presents are given and special clothes are worn in celebration. This festival is called **Eid-al Fitr** and is predicted to start on 12th May.

Important
Dates

Bank Holiday Monday

School is closed 3rd May '21

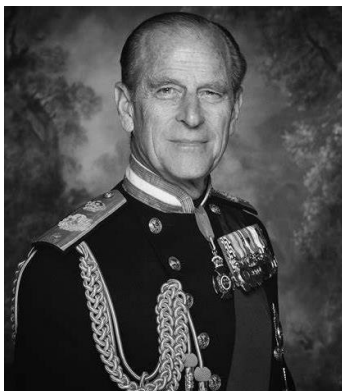
Half Term

31st May '21 - 4th June '21

Sad News

Our thoughts and prayers are with Her Majesty the Queen and members of the Royal Family as they mourn the loss of Prince Philip who died earlier this month.

Prince Philip lived a very long and happy life.



His Royal Highness
The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
10th June 1921 - 9th April 2021



The Current National Lockdown Guidance

12 April: What's changed?

Some of the rules on what you can and cannot do changed on 12 April. However, many restrictions remain in place. You must not socialise indoors with anyone you do not live with, unless you have formed a support bubble with them, or another exemption applies. You should continue to work from home if you can and minimise the number of journeys you make where possible. You should [get a test](#) and follow the [stay at home guidance](#) if you have COVID-19 symptoms.

You can read the '[COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021](#)' (the roadmap) for more information on how COVID-19 restrictions will be eased in England.