



# Measham C of E News

## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Massive congratulations to Ana in Year 5 who has come first place in The Queen Mother's Handwriting Awards in Key Stage 2! Many many schools across the Midlands and the surrounding counties take part in this competition and there were thousands of entries!

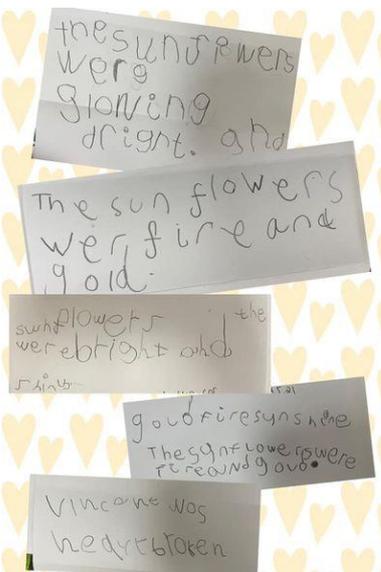
The judges were so impressed with Ana's letter shape, punctuation positioning and overall presentation! We are so proud of you Ana!!



It's been another busy few weeks Measham CE! Children have been outside, enjoying our new foot prints on the playground and trying to complete 11 laps around the perimeter to make it a mile a day, EYFS have made the most of the dry weather having fun with the diggers and mixing potions with their home-grown herbs in their outside area, Year 1 have been fascinated watching their caterpillars grow and Year 6 have been creating algebraic equations in Maths!



This week would have been SATs week for our Y6 pupils, but this year has once again been very different for our oldest pupils. It has been nice for the children not to have been focussed on tests in the same way that they would be normally- although we know that this group would have taken them in their stride! We have still got lots of exciting things planned for the Year 6 children this term, even if we may not be able to do all of the things that we would ordinarily be able to, rest assured, there is a lot more to look forward to at Measham before they move onto secondary school.



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## DfE Guidance/Covid Road Map

The Government have announced some changes to Covid restrictions for the public from Monday 17th May, however the recent update to the guidance for schools has very little changes to the guidelines that we must follow. This means that we must continue to implement the Covid safety measures as advised both by the Government and by Leicestershire Local Authority, these include:

- Face coverings must be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas).
- Maintaining distinct groups or 'bubbles' that do not mix, whatever the size of the group, they should be kept apart from other groups where possible.
- Children should maintain distance and not touch staff and their peers. (The government acknowledge that younger pupils might find social distancing hard)
- Avoid large whole school gatherings and gatherings of parents.
- Keep movement around the school to a minimum.
- Use staggered break times and lunch times and also at the start and end of the school day.



However, I think that it is important that we take a step towards normality now, for the sake of our children's wellbeing and I believe that we can do this within these updated guidelines.

With this in mind, we will be combining our classes, to create slightly larger bubbles, EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children will become a bubble, Year 3 and Year 4 children will become a bubble and Year 5 and Year 6 children will become a bubble. This will allow us to mix the children a bit more outside at playtimes, at lunch and for assemblies- this is an important step for our children as they get used to negotiating and playing alongside other children again in preparation for transition for the next academic year.

Covid cases in our area are currently very low which is why we feel that we can now make this change. In the event of a positive Covid case, the 'class bubble' would still need to isolate- staff would then be asked to identify any close contacts from the other classes within the bubble to reduce numbers of children having to learn remotely. My continued thanks to you all in supporting the school to implement these guidelines.

## Cycle/Scooter Safety

We are keen for children and parents to cycle to school but please cycle/scoot safely at all times and particularly on the roads close to school. If old enough and if safe to do so, children should cycle on the road not on the pavements. The footpaths alongside the road are narrow and are busy at drop-off and pick-up times with pedestrians, so please do take care and slow down or dismount if the area is congested.

We still have two unclaimed scooters in the 'scooter park'. Please take them home if they are yours! Thank you!

## Collection and communication

Please could you ensure that all changes of collection for any children are emailed or phoned through to the office by 2.30pm.

The class email addresses are no longer being used (due to all of the children being back in school) so please use the office email address for communication. [office@measham.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@measham.leics.sch.uk)

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## PE kits

As you know during the Covid pandemic, the children have been wearing their PE kits at school on the day that they have PE. This has been really beneficial to the children, they have been able to participate in more physical activity at school because they have not had to use as much time in the lesson to change into/out of their PE kit and much less time has been spent looking for lost kit or uniform!

**From September 2021 we will continue to ask the children to wear their outdoor PE kit to school on outdoor PE days. They will be able to remain in their PE kit all day.**

## Kids Cabin

Kids Cabin is back open for business if you are needing help with childcare. Please call into the office if you need more information.



## Pre-school

If you require a place for your little one in our Caterpillars pre-school, please contact the school. Thank you!

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Regards,

Sylvie Newman  
Executive Headteacher

### Diary Dates

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<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	School closed May Bank Holiday	All day
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Non-uniform day	£1 donation
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Class photographs	Morning
	School closed for half term	3.15pm
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	School reopens	8.45am
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	School closed for Summer holidays	3.15pm
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b>	School reopens for Autumn Term	
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b>	School closed for Bank Holiday	

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