



Measham C of E News

Friday 16th October 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,



Since the last Newsletter both the staff and children have had a very busy time at school celebrating harvest! Thank you so much for your generous donations of tinned goods, dried foods and other non-perishables for the Marlene Reid Centre, we were absolutely overwhelmed with your generosity!

Although we could not all visit the church this year, we were so proud of our children for their excellent Harvest celebration videos which were added to Facebook yesterday. We hope you were able to share the post with family and friends and were as proud as we were of the children. Thank you to the staff who worked hard behind the scenes to put the video together.



Mental Health Awareness

Mental health problems can affect anyone, any day of the year, but last week we asked children and staff to dress in yellow/rainbow colours to show their support for mental health. We spent the day, thinking about what we can do you look after our own wellbeing and the wellbeing of others. A great way to live our school values and to demonstrate how we can show that we Love our neighbour as ourselves.



Face Coverings

Thank you so much to our parents and carers, for wearing face coverings at drop off and collection times; this really does help to keep everyone safe. We do ask that you try to stick to your timings and ask you not to gather on the roads outside school. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Absence from school

Please remember if you phone school to report your child's absence, please make sure that you give the reason for absence for our records.

PE kits

Please remember that our school PE kit for outdoors is as follows:

- ✓ **White** school logo PE shirt (or plain **white** T-Shirt)
- ✓ **Black** shorts/joggers/leggings with their red Measham school sweatshirt over their PE t-shirt
- ✓ Trainers

As children are now wearing their sports kits to school all day on the day that they do PE, it is even more important that they are wearing the correct kit.

EYFS will now be doing PE on a Wednesday morning so please come dressed in the above PE kit. Thank you!

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Remote Learning

As you are aware our Remote Learning Plan is in place to ensure that in the event of partial school closure or individual cases of self- isolation, we can continue to deliver the curriculum to students remotely.

Our provision for immediate Covid related absence is as follows: you might have to check this with Juila as I'm not 100% sure of the details!

- Read your school reading book x20 minutes per day
- EYFS/Year 1 and 2 practise phonics
- Practise spellings
- Practice times tables on Times Tables Rock Stars
- BBC Bite Size: You'll find daily lessons for home schooling in Maths and English for every year group, as well as regular lessons in Science, History, Geography and more.
- Oak Academy Online Classroom: Some great online lessons and resources. There are two options for using these resources. Either you can follow a set plan of lessons across a range of subjects, or you can access particular lessons in certain subjects.

Further remote learning will be set by the class teacher for individuals or groups each day on Seesaw, following a Covid related absence of 48 hours or more.

We ask that children submit learning onto Seesaw by 5.00pm each day so that it can be marked and the next day's learning can be set. If you have any questions about Remote Learning, please contact your child's class teacher.

End of Key Stage SATS

SATs week for our current Year 6 children will take place in the week beginning Monday 10th May 2021. National testing for Year 2 children will take place during the month of May 2019. We will be holding information meetings regarding testing arrangements for Year 6 and Year 2 later on in the school year. (These may need to be virtual meetings.) **PLEASE DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS DURING THIS TIME.**

Apply for a School Place – Primary/Secondary

The deadline for applying for a Secondary School place is **31st October 2020**. The deadline for applying for a Primary School place is **15th January 2021**.

- For secondary applications, the simplest way is online at: www.leics.gov.uk/admissions.
- For primary applications, please collect a form from the school office.

If you need any further information, please contact our school office who may be able to help or the Admissions team on admissions@leics.gov.uk or 0116 305 6684.

Harry Potter books

We have lots of our older children who are currently enjoying Harry Potter books but due to their popularity, we don't have enough! If you have any spare ones which you no longer need, we would be very grateful for them in our school library. Thank you!

Snacks in school

You are welcome to send in a snack for your child to enjoy at break time. Please remember that we are a healthy school and this should ideally be a piece of fruit. EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children are provided a piece of fruit for their snack in the morning. Please also remember that we are a nut free school.

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Wow!

Well done to Amelia who has had 35cm of her hair cut off and she has chosen to donate it to the Princess Trust. What a wonderfully kind thing to do Amelia, well done! And your new hair cut looks lovely!



Dates

Friday 16 th October	School closes for half term	Our staggered drop off and collection procedures will remain in place until further notice.
Monday 26 th October	School re-opens after half term	
Tuesday 27 th October	Y1/2 Creaturama Day – via Zoom	Morning
Friday 30 th October	Individual School Photos (there will be no photos with either younger siblings or in school siblings)	Morning

Half Term

School will close for half term on Friday 16th October and will re-open to children on Monday 26th October. ***Our staggered drop off and collection procedures will remain in place until further notice.***

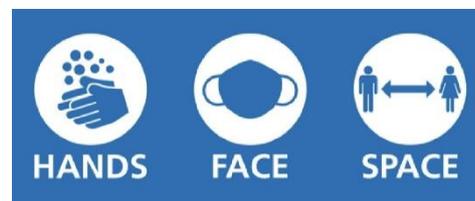
As always, if you have any questions or queries, do not hesitate to contact school.

Regards,

Sylvie Newman
Executive Headteacher

If you are Displaying ANY of the three main Covid symptoms:

- **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



You **MUST** request a COVID test immediately. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Remember if your child develops non- COVID symptoms, i.e. cold, blocked nose etc. It is **your responsibility** to decide whether they are well enough to attend school. If they come to school, we will assume that they are well enough to be in school and will monitor them if the non-Covid symptoms are mentioned. If they are not well enough to attend school, you must follow the usual procedure. Call the office to say that your child will not be in school and give the reason.

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