



Measham C of E News

Friday 2nd October 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Walking around school this week has been an absolute pleasure!

The children are all working hard in class and are enjoying their time outside with friends. Our new EYFS children have made a super start to their school career and are quickly learning The Measham Way!

The weather has certainly turned colder, please make sure that your children are appropriately dressed for school, with a warm coat and hat/gloves; advice remains that we get the children outside as much as possible, so they definitely need to be wrapped up! Advice for schools also suggests that we should ensure that the classrooms are well ventilated so children will need their school jumper and cardigan in school each day too.



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 understand that there may be some parents/carers who are exempt, but we ask that where possible, adults dropping off and collecting children should all be wearing a face covering.

We have also been asked to discourage parents from gathering outside school on the pavement as this makes it more difficult for families to enter and exit the school site safely. Parents should stay 2m apart. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Harvest – Thursday 15th October

This half term we would ordinarily be walking to church to celebrate Harvest and inviting parents and carers to join us. However, due to the current Covid crisis we will not be able to celebrate in the usual way. We still aim to mark the festival by celebrating in school so look out for pictures and videos from our children on Facebook on Friday 16th October. We will be collecting tinned goods, dried foods and other non-perishables to donate to the **Marlene Reid Centre** for the Homeless. Please send any donations into school with your children on Thursday 15th October and we will collect them at the gate as you enter the school grounds.



Parents Evening

We will be sending home a 'settling in' report for each child on Monday 12th October. Enclosed with the report will be a couple of pieces of work from your child which will give you a little flavour of what they've been doing in class. Due to Covid '19, we are unable to offer you a face to face parents' evening but your child's teacher will be calling you for a telephone conversation to discuss your child's work, progress and any areas for development. These phone calls will be made by 30th October. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that siblings' phone calls will be made at the same time.

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Our PFA need you...

Our next PFA meeting, via zoom, will be 8th October and our AGM is 26th October. If you would like to join one of these meetings or would like any more information on what we do and how you can help, please contact us on pfa@measham.leics.sch.uk.



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!

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.

Reading books

We are now in a position to change our reading books every day in school, so please make sure that your child brings their book to school every day and if they have read it, then we will change it. Thank you!

New Chair of Governors – Mr Matt Pope

Hi! I'm Matt, Measham's new Chair of Governors and I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I was born and raised in Measham and I have now been a parent at Measham C of E Primary for 6 years with all 3 of my children now at the school. My background is in business and music, both for work and hobby, having worked and lead teams both here and in the Far East. I enjoy a busy life here in Measham and currently teach Maths, Science and Music. I'm excited to come to the role of Chair and want to bring my passion for education, industry and management to the role. We are living and working in unprecedented times and we, as a school, are ensuring that your children are safe, cared for and educated. I'm looking forward to working alongside and supporting the fantastic team that we have at Measham.



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Job Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a cleaner in the SureStart centre. Please contact Mrs Whittle in the school office for an application pack.

Covid procedures:

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.

Displaying ANY of the Covid symptoms:

If your child develops 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/>

I know that the difficulties with testing have been widely discussed in the media this week, but our school experience has been that test results have been coming back quite quickly, enabling families to return to normal life after only a short period of isolation. If you have any symptoms, seek advice from the NHS and get a test...and don't forget to inform the school office!

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

Regards,



Sylvie Newman
Executive Headteacher

Dates

Friday 9 th October	MIND Day – dress up in yellow or rainbows No donations	All day
Thursday 15 th October	Harvest Festival – please bring tinned or dried food donations	
Friday 16 th October	Non uniform - £1 donation for PFA	All day
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

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