



# Measham C of E News

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for joining the teachers on Zoom this week for your child's parents evening. We were pleased to be able to offer you this opportunity to discuss your child's progress and we hope that you found them useful. If you missed your slot or forgot to book an appointment, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

We hope that you are enjoying this warmer weather and are taking the opportunity to meet with friends and family in gardens and outside spaces. It does feel that things are edging towards a little more normality and as the weather continues to improve, the sunshine really helps to lighten the mood!

At this point, there are very few amendments to the guidance for schools and as such, we will be continuing to implement the Covid-19 measures that we have in school. This particularly means social distancing, the staggered start and end to the day and the requirement to wear face coverings when collecting and dropping off your child. Thank you for your continued support.

The summer term is always busy and in usual circumstances would be full of school and PTFA events, particularly towards the end of term. We will bring you further information about any relaxation of rules in school as soon as we can, but please understand that anything planned will be subject to the Government guidance and the continuation of the 'roadmap' out of lockdown.

## Sunny Weather

As I write this newsletter, the sun is shining. I would encourage parents to send children to school a sun hat for playtime, as the sun is at its strongest when the children are playing outside. Please can you make sure that sun cream is applied before school.



## Kids Cabin

Kids Cabin is back open for business before school as well as After school 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 complete the initial questionnaire and return it to school. Feel free to pass the form on to a friend if you don't need it or pop in and collect another! Thank you!

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## Places for September

We are very excited to offer places to lots of new children ready for a September 2021 start! We can't wait to welcome new children and families to our Measham School family.

## Bank Holiday

Don't forget that Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May is a Bank Holiday and school will be closed. School will re-open on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

## Attendance Matters

More than ever following the period of school closure your child's attendance matters; regular attendance is crucial if children are to achieve well. As a parent/carer it is your responsibility to ensure that a child of compulsory school age attends school both regularly and punctually. Please do not be surprised if we ask for evidence of medical appointments, this is so that we can accurately record the reason for your child's absence. We will contact you if we are concerned about your child's attendance, this might initially be a conversation or we may write to you. If a child's attendance does not improve, we will contact the Attendance Welfare Officer for advice and guidance and they may contact you directly.

## Scooters and bikes

It is lovely to see so many children using their scooters and bikes to come to school and I am grateful to parents for encouraging their child to walk their scooter or bike whilst on the school grounds. Please also encourage your child to 'park' it neatly! Thank you! We also have 2 scooters that have been left at school for a long time, please take them home if they are yours!



## Please see information below from Leicestershire Local Authority about the use of Lateral flow tests with children:

- **Lateral flow tests are not suitable for use on young children.** Primary aged children are not included in the mass asymptomatic testing programme; only secondary and college age pupils, along with their families should be taking lateral flow tests twice a week.
- Families who have access to LFD tests must be very clear that these are only to be used for **regular testing where no one is suspected of having Covid-19**. The purpose of these tests is to spot cases in the community that we wouldn't otherwise have known about.
- Families should not use these tests on themselves or their children if they have symptoms. **A PCR test at a national testing centre must be booked where infection is suspected.** A lateral flow test could fail to spot someone who is just developing an infection but a PCR test will not. Having symptoms, getting a negative LFT result and assuming you are virus free could result in you spreading the virus to others.
- To book a PCR test, visit: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

## Changes to collection arrangements

Please let the school office know by 2.30pm if there are any changes to your collection arrangements, either by telephone or via email [office@measham.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@measham.leics.sch.uk)

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Regards,

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Executive Headteacher

<b>Diary Dates</b>		
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	School closed May Bank Holiday	All day
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Class photographs	Morning
<b>As above.....</b>	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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