



Newsletter

Spring 2021



Dear parents / carers

It has been lovely to have the children back in school again and we have been delighted at how brilliantly they settled back into their routines and environment on their return to school.

I would like to extend my thanks to you all for the great job you did with home schooling and supporting the children with their online, live lessons. We have all had to learn new skills during this pandemic!

I hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday.

Mrs Bailey



Job Vacancy

We are looking for someone to join our team of lunchtime supervisors. The daily hours are 1 hour 15 minutes Monday to Friday anytime between 11.30am and 1.30pm as required. This is a permanent position, term time only.

If you are interested, please email the school office on:

office@rusheymead-pri.leicester.sch.uk

Closing date is 9.00am on Monday 22nd March

Remote Learning



Over the last 8 weeks we have been providing remote teaching over Microsoft Teams. It has been a learning curve for us all but everybody seems to have enjoyed the live lessons and resources provided and the feedback has been positive. During this time we have been able to provide over 160 devices to families and I am sure you will agree that they have been beneficial in supporting your child/ren in accessing their live lessons.

During the lockdown period attendance has been monitored in each class and I am happy to announce that the class with the highest attendance across the last 8 weeks has been Elder class. Well done Elder class!

Thank you to everybody for supporting your child/ren in their learning online. It has been a massive achievement for our school in such a short space of time and everybody has learnt new technical skills along the way.



Feedback from the children



Here is some feedback from some of our pupils on this period of remote learning.

"We get to see our teachers and friends and get to learn online."

"I think the best thing about the remote learning is that we can do learning very safely in our home."

"The teachers are doing a great job on teaching us and I appreciate the hard work."



School Attendance and Punctuality during the Covid-19 Pandemic

Returning to school.

It was announced that from the 8th of March 2021 it will be mandatory for all pupils to attend school as per government guidelines. Therefore, every child must return to school. The law states that it is a 'parents' duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school.

The School Attendance Officer monitors attendance daily. Your child's attendance should not fall below 96% unless there are medical reasons for why this may happen. If attendance falls below 92% the school is required to notify the Local Authority.

Reporting a child's absence.

If your child is ill or absent for any other reason, you must contact the school on the first day of absence. Most of our parents and carers are very good at remembering to contact the school on the first day of their children's absence and we thank you for your co-operation. Please continue to contact the school on the first day of your child's absence.

Arrival and collection of children.

In order to support social distancing, we have introduced staggered arrival and collection times for each year group. If you are unsure of the times which relate to your child then please contact the school office for clarification.

If your child is late in the morning then you **MUST** take your child to the Main Office to sign them in as late. This is so we can mark them as present. These late procedures are in place so that every child is entered onto the register and can be accounted for in the event of an emergency.

Please note: In accordance with our school's Charging and Remissions Policy, if your child is collected late then a charge of either £10.00 or £20.00 will be issued depending on how late your child has been collected.

Leave of absence during term time

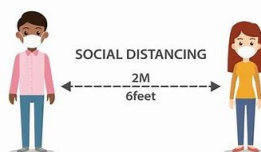
Please be aware that **holiday requests will not be granted during the term time**, however if you choose to take unauthorised holiday then action could be taken towards you. The ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct, will also be applicable.

As stated by government officials, if you choose to take your child abroad then please follow the quarantine guidelines upon your return.

We understand that these are difficult times for everyone. If you have any concerns, anxiety or circumstances that are making things difficult, please contact the school office.



STOP CORONAVIRUS



If you or anyone in your household has just one of the following symptoms of Coronavirus, you and your whole household must self-isolate immediately and arrange to have a Coronavirus test. The symptoms are:

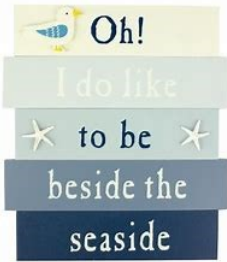
- **A high fever**
- **A new continuous cough**
- **A loss of taste or smell.**

It is vital that the whole household self-isolates for 10 days or until you receive a negative test result. If you are unsure about your symptoms, please telephone 119.

If you receive a positive test during the holiday, please email: office@rusheymead-pri.leicester.sch.uk to report this. This is so we inform others who need to isolate.



Curriculum News



Nursery

This term we have welcomed some new children into our Nursery who have all settled in brilliantly and are enjoying the Nursery routine with their new friends. We have also welcomed a new teacher, Ms Dixon who has enjoyed welcoming the children back to school and is looking forward to sharing all of her exciting ideas with the Nursery in the next few weeks. After Easter the children will be learning all about the Seaside and what happens during the summer so we are looking forward to enjoying as much time in our outdoor areas as possible, and maybe even learning some new songs!



Reception

Welcome back! It has been a delight to welcome our children back into Reception this term and it is amazing to see how much they have all grown! We have been very proud of how well our classes adapted to their online learning during the lockdown and it fantastic to see the improvements that some children have made with their phonics and writing. We would like to say thank you to those parents that worked so hard to support their children at home. In Reception, we are very much looking forward to starting our new topic which is all about keeping healthy with lots of fun activities planned! We are hoping to introduce our topic with an activity day which will see children planning and making their own obstacle courses and trying out lots of different fruit and vegetables to make our own salads! We are also hoping for lots of sunshine so that we can enjoy our outdoor area!



Year 1

This half term Year 1 have been learning the story 'The Ugly Duckling'. We have learnt the story using our Talk 4 Writing actions and this has helped us sequence and write the story. We will also be learning about diary entries, what the key features are and how to write them. We will be writing a diary entry based on The Ugly Duckling's day.



Year 1 have been busy building on their knowledge of animals and humans through our topic Paws, Claws and Whiskers. We have looked at different types of animals including reptiles, mammals and birds. In addition, to this we have learnt about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. This term we have also been observing the changes between Winter and Spring in our Science lessons. We also went on a Spring hunt to look for signs of spring.

We hope you have a lovely Easter break with your families.



Year 2

We are very proud of the children's home learning throughout the lockdown period and how adaptable they were to the changes that occurred. They were punctual and eager and we noticed they were using all areas of their home to be successful learners, whether it was the kitchen table, sitting on the floor or in the bedroom. They were enthusiastic about our Pirate topic and World Book Day activities. We also wanted to thank you the parents for your continued support throughout this challenging and ever changing period, we couldn't have done it without you. It was lovely to see the team effort from families to participate in our PE sessions as well as the creative activities. There was some very imaginative work produced. Now the children are back in school we have all been very excited to continue our learning journey. After Easter we will be starting our new topic 'The Scented Gardens'. We will be launching this topic by becoming gardeners for the day, designing and making our own miniature gardens, planting some herbs and interviewing our own in-house gardening expert.





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Year 3

Year 3 have coped amazingly well on Teams over the last few weeks. They have developed new skills and developed independence. We are proud of everyone who has tried their hardest to learn. You've shown determination to complete activities while at home and concentrate against the background of family life. The children have shown great interest in learning about the Stone Age, the Romans, Light and dark and all the different maths topics that we have looked at. It has been impressive to see your "No Screens Wednesday" projects to show that you can learn in a variety of ways. In particular, we have learnt about hunting during the Stone Age and this led us to investigating their food, prehistoric animals and homes. We produced some cave art to show how we would like to be remembered in the future.

Next term, we are looking forward to celebrating Spring. We will be continuing our studies about the Romans and, maybe even have a socially distanced battle!



Year 4

Mrs Houghton, Mr Morrish and Mr White are so proud of how you have coped with the changes and adapted to our remote learning since Christmas. It has been lovely to see you all working together as a team and supporting us and your peers with their use of Teams and the different applications for learning. You should all be incredibly proud of yourselves, we are!

Year 4 have enjoyed their rivers topic, "Misty mountain, winding river" this half term and as teachers we have been impressed by your correct use of new topic vocabulary to discuss the journey of a river.

Our new topic is called, "Traders and Raiders" so be prepared to begin with the once mighty Roman Empire falling to pirate raiders and strong warriors that are, The Saxons! Greedy for land, these Germanic warriors land their small sailing boats on the coast of Briton. During our first week back we will be challenging you to make a team sailing boat carrying the weapons, tools, supplies and farm animals you will need to make your new home in AD 410 Britain.



Year 5

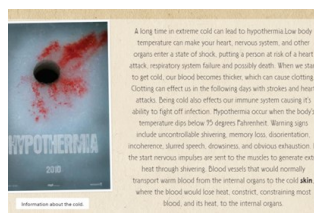
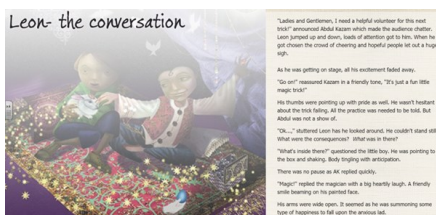
The Year 5 team were all so impressed and proud of our classes for their hard work and resilience during the challenging period of lockdown. They adapted so well to using Microsoft Teams and were so patient with the teachers as we also got used to the new technology! We managed to do news reports, Oracy presentations and continue reading our story 'Aquila' on Teams. Thank you also to all of the parents who supported their children to access their learning.

After Easter, our new topic will be called 'Beast Creator'. The children will be developing their knowledge of living things and their habitats. We will be kicking off this topic by investigating our school grounds and seeing what habitats we can find!



Year 6

A huge well done to all of the Year 6 children for persevering last term and demonstrating an amazing attitude to their remote learning. The teachers have been incredibly impressed with the brilliant work that they have produced, especially their presentations on Microsoft Sway. The children quickly adapted to this new way of learning and they were able to show off their technical skills!



We will be turning into fantastic biologists after Easter as we start our new topic 'Blood Heart' where we will explore the circulation system. The children will also discover how to lead a healthy lifestyle by carrying out an experiment measuring the impact of exercise on our heart rate!

NOTICE BOARD



Free Nursery Places

We will have part-time places available at our nursery in September for children who will have turned 3 by 31st August, 2021. If you or anybody you know is interested in a place, please contact the school office.

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Pre-school



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Secondary School & Young Adult

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Not sure where to start looking for help ?
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Apps to help you and your child, plus there is information
on being referred for specialist help, how to find
counselling and parent support.

Contact Details and Medical Conditions

Please ensure the school office has the correct contact details and are notified about any changes of numbers and addresses, along with any medical conditions. It is important for the school to have the correct information so we can contact parents/ carers should we need to.

School meals

This is a reminder that the cost of the school meals will be charged at £ 2.30 per day, £ 11.50 per week.



School drop of and pick up times

| Year | Arrival | | Leave | |
|------------|---------|------------|-------|------------|
| 6 | 8.30 | Gate 2 | 3.25 | Playground |
| 5 | 8.30 | Playground | 3.20 | Playground |
| 4 | 8.40 | Gate 2 | 3.15 | Playground |
| 3 | 8.40 | Playground | 3.10 | Playground |
| 2 | 8.50 | Gate 2 | 3.05 | Playground |
| 1 | 8.50 | Playground | 3.00 | Playground |
| Reception | 8.50 | Nursery | 3.00 | Nursery |
| Nursery am | 9.00 | Nursery | 11.45 | Nursery |
| Nursery pm | 12.30 | Nursery | 3.15 | Nursery |



Please continue to wear your masks when arriving and leaving school. This is helping to keep us all safe!

Please arrive promptly at your allotted time so that the children from different year groups do not mix



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