

Coronavirus

We are following all the latest guidance from the DfE regarding Coronavirus, which at the moment includes keeping schools open.

In school, children are reminded to wash their hands regularly with soap and water and hand sanitiser is available for those who wish to use it.

Pupils, staff and visitors should wash their hands:

- before leaving home
- on arrival at school
- after using the toilet
- after breaks and sporting activities
- before food preparation
- before eating any food, including snacks
- before leaving school

Please do not send your child to school for 7 days if they have:

- A temperature
- A new cough

Please note that we will be applying this rigidly – if your child has been off with a cough or a temperature, we will not accept them back into school until the 7 day period has been completed.

If schools are ordered to close....

Staff are working on contingency plans to set work online. Please notify the school office by 18th March if you do not have a means of accessing the school website at home, so that we have time to prepare alternative resources.

Thanks to our staff!

We have been struggling with a high level of staff absence for the past two weeks and I am sure that parents would wish to join me in thanking those staff members who have given up their planning time, or worked overtime to cover for absent colleagues. It is much appreciated.

Please don't forget to use [easyfundraising.co.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.co.uk) when you order online to earn funds for our school!

As a maintained school, from time to time we may carry signposting information about organisations offering goods or services that may be of interest to members of the community. This is a community service and does not constitute an endorsement of the goods or services by the school.

If you have any difficulty in accessing this newsletter, or require it in a different format, please contact the school office on 01844 208 225

Honesty



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Pushchairs in school – volunteers needed!

We are looking for a solution to the safeguarding concern raised by the need to open the glass corridor doors in the mornings to take pushchairs out after the staff member has left. A parent has suggested that we could have parent volunteers each morning, who could remain in the corridor after the doors have closed to let parents with pushchairs out and ensure that no one came in through the doors. We only need 1 person each day, so the more volunteers come forward, the less often people would be asked to do it! If you are able to help with this, please let the school office know. Thank you.

Meet the Chair of Governors

Tim Kidd, our Chair of Governors, will be in school on Wednesday 25th March if anyone would like to drop in for a chat. Tim will be in the library area in the entrance hall and would love to meet parents and carers.



Eco Club Green Flag renewal

We are delighted that we have recently had our Green Eco Flag renewed. Thank you to the Eco Club, all of our children, and to the parents and staff who worked so hard to support this application

Our school has been an active member of the international Eco Schools initiative for a number of years and was recently awarded it's fourth Green Flag status. This achievement reflects the way that our children learn about the environment and make a real impact within their school and at home. You may have seen Eco School initiatives such as our apple pressing day, annual Biodiversity Day and the Terracycling scheme for recycling biscuit and crisp packets and used pens. Eco Schools is led by pupils, with a lot of help from a dedicated parent committee with school support from Miss Nolan. The main way that children (between Year 2 and Year 6) participate is through a weekly club, on a Friday lunchtime. Two children from each year (10 children in total) are chosen each term to be eco-monitors within their classroom and to participate in a range of fun learning activities. These include practical things like making bird feeders and beeswax wraps to pond dipping, learning about where our food comes from, delivering assemblies on topics such as reducing waste and energy use, and much more. We are looking for interested parents who would like to help run the Friday lunchtime club (12.30-1.15) starting next term. If you would like to help or have any questions, please get in touch with Karen Lunan: karenlunan@hotmail.com.

Diary Dates

March

Tuesday 17 th	Architectural Workshops for Y1, Y3 and Y6
Tuesday 24 th	Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm
Wednesday 25 th	Tim Kidd (Chair of Governors) in school for anyone wanting a chat
Thursday 26 th	Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm
Friday 27 th	Parent Council Meeting 2pm
Monday 30 th	* Y3 Egyptian Day

April

Friday 3 rd	Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 20 th	Back to School for all

*More info to follow