



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend.

Thank you for all your generosity on Friday - we raised £125.30 for Red Nose Day!

As part of our Easter celebrations we are planning an Easter Bonnet Parade on Thursday, 1 April 2021. All children are invited to make their own Easter bonnet at home and bring this into school. We will have a remote assembly and children will be able to share their bonnets with the rest of the school.

Children in Year 1 and 2 are currently completing assessments in reading, maths and writing. The results of these will be made available to you in our teacher / parent meetings which are due to take place when we return after Easter. The office will send out further information later this week in regard to the teacher / parent meetings.

The children have been discussing house team names with their class teachers and we hope to share the final names with you by the end of this week!

Mrs Cunningham, joint class teacher of Ruby Class, will be taking a term's leave of absence next term to form an assistance bubble with her sick and elderly parents who live in Sheffield. She feels torn in making this decision but also feels this to be very much the right thing to do at this time for their situation. Ruby will continue to be led by Miss Avenell, with the assistance of Mrs Cook and Mrs Crowley.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Richmond,
Interim Headteacher*



Little Stars!

This week we are celebrating the achievements of the following children who have received awards for exceptional work and wonderful behaviour or attitude to learning.

Head Teacher's Award

Yr R

- Hendrick
- Brooke

Yr 1

- Emirali
- Vienna
- Freddie

Yr 2

- Ella-Louise
- Ruby P

Class Teacher's Award

Yr R

- Daisy M
- Nathan D
- Wyatt

Yr 1

- Jack H
- Holly R
- Charlie B
- Callum

Yr 2

- Toby H
- Daisy J
- Isabelle N

Well done to these children!

End of Term finish times

School finishes for the Easter holiday on Thursday 1st April. Collection times are outlined below:

Year R—13.05pm

Year 1—13.10pm

Year 2—13.15pm

Children return to school on Monday 19th April.

School Lunches

Week commencing 22nd March we will be on **Week 1** of the dinner menu as detailed overleaf.

Easter Raffle

If you would like to enter our Easter Egg Raffle this year, to be in with a chance of winning our lovely Easter goodies, please return your form to school with the payment on/before Wednesday 31st March. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term.

There are plenty of copies of the letter in our reception area. You are more than welcome to enter more than once if you choose.

PTA Easter Bonnet competition

On Friday 1st April the Walsh Infants PTA are inviting the children to come into school wearing their Easter hat creation.

We will be providing a hat template for you to use if you wish, but please be as creative as you like!

A winning hat will be selected from each class and each child will receive an Easter treat.

COVID-19 Tests

We are aware that there is some confusion about the variety of COVID tests now available.

If a member of your family is **showing symptoms** of COVID-19 you must book a **COVID-19 PCR test**, either at a drive through centre or order a postal PCR test kit which is then sent off for PCR analysis. The results of these test normally come back within 24-48 hours.

The lateral flow, rapid COVID-19 test are **not suitable** for anyone showing symptoms. These tests are for routine use for people who are asymptomatic.

If any member of your household is showing symptoms you must book a PCR test for them.

If your child is returning to school following self-isolation you must contact the school office, before bringing your child onto the school site. You will need to confirm that a negative PCR test result has been received.

Week 1 – 22 Mar

<u>Monday</u>		<u>Tuesday</u>		<u>Wednesday</u>		<u>Thursday</u>		<u>Friday</u>	
Red * Cheese & tomato pizza with sweetcorn (v)		Red Pork sausages & mashed potato with baked beans		Red Roast chicken, roast potatoes, stuffing & vegetables		Red Beef spaghetti Bolognese with baby carrots		Red Fish fingers & chips with baked beans	
Green Macaroni peas		Green Quorn sausages & mashed potato with baked beans		Green Quorn chicken fillet, roast potatoes and vegetables		Green Tomato Pasta		Green Cheese and tomato pin wheels with chips and beans	
Jacket & cheese		Jacket & cheese		Jacket & cheese		Jacket & cheese		Jacket & cheese	
Jacket & beans		Jacket & beans		Jacket & beans		Jacket & beans		Jacket & beans	
Jacket & tuna with mayo		Jacket & tuna with mayo		Jacket & tuna with mayo		Jacket & tuna with mayo		Jacket & tuna with mayo	
Pudding Watermelon sails (v)		Pudding Vanilla shortbread (v)		Pudding Jelly		Pudding Fruit yoghurt (v)		Pudding Chocolate muffin (v)	

Reminders

What to do if a member of your household is showing COVID symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **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

(Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.)

This is a reminder of guidelines sent out earlier in the autumn.

- The person showing symptoms should request a test and the entire household must self-isolate at home pending the test result.
- This means that you should keep your children at home until the result is received. Please inform the school on the first day of absence.
- If the test result is positive your whole household must continue to self-isolate until the date advised by the NHS. Please advise us of this date.
- Please keep in communication with the school and inform us if any other member of your household develops symptoms and subsequently has a positive test result, as this could impact on our school bubbles.
- If the result is negative we ask that you send your child back to school as soon as possible. Please send them in on the day that the result is received if that is practical, or on the next day if that is not feasible. If your child is the one who had the negative result they can return as soon as they are well enough. Please inform the school of the negative test result.

Please follow these guidelines very carefully to help us keep our community safe.

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing (laminar flow test).

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below.

Please share the information below with your parent networks to help answer any questions they may have:

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm. Tests are **not available from schools or colleges**.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Spring Term	
Thursday 1st April	Come to school wearing your Easter Bonnet	
Thursday 1st April	Easter Raffle will be drawn	
Thursday 1st April 2021	Last day of spring term	Finish time Year R—1.05pm Year 1—1.10pm Year 2—1.15pm
	Summer Term	
19th April	Start of Summer Term	8.45—9.00am
3rd May	May Day Bank Holiday	
10th May	Class photos (for those who have signed consent forms)	
28 May	Last day of term before the start of the half term holiday	Approximate finish 3.00pm
7th June	INSET Day—school closed to children	All day
Wednesday 21st July	Last day of summer term	Approximate finish 1.10pm (to be confirmed)

Inset Days 2020/21:

7th June 2021

(one more inset day still to be confirmed)