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# March Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another quick term over and time for a well-deserved break! I can honestly say that this half-term has been the best that we have had for two years—it almost felt like normal school life: the learning has been fantastic, there has been sporting competitions, we have performed twice at the King's Lynn Corn Exchange, we have had parents in through the school gates to watch the Samba band, school trips and even 'quiet' singing in the assembly once again! Most importantly, we have managed to do this with only low levels of staff and pupil absence, and certainly no serious illness that we know about. As always thank you for your vigilance and support, as this has been key to the success of the term.

With summer now approaching, this term has given us huge hope that things will move ever further back to a normal provision, where we can start having you in the school again with the aim of holding in-school parent meetings and a summer fair—conditions allowing.

**COVID changes for this year** The school will be required to update its COVID risk assessment again over Easter and so this will be sent in due course; however, the DfE did release some guidance yesterday around isolation which will form the basis of our risk assessment:

- *adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature*
- *children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home. They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend*
- *adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days*

The Senior Management Team will discuss this guidance over the next couple of weeks and provide some clearer information on April 20th, the day before the children return.

**Parent Survey/Parent Teacher Meetings** Thank you to the 86 families who were able to complete the parent survey over the last couple of weeks. Essentially, we are here to serve you and your families and therefore, it is very helpful to know whether our efforts are being successfully received. Of course, we will not be able to please everybody, all of the time, as each family has different needs and we must balance limited resources to meet them all, but we are really encouraged that in all areas, over 90% support the steps we are taking. As is required, we have attached a full break down of the results and tried to offer explanation where possible. However, I would again like to stress the importance of arranging a meeting, emailing or grabbing a member of staff at the gate, as we cannot address issues, unless we understand the impact that we may be causing.

In addition, can I thank you all for persevering with our online parent meetings once more, where we were able to discuss 96% of our pupils with parents and careers. Having taught for many years, I can honestly say that this is one of the most valuable parts of the school year in which we can share all that your children achieve. I am excited to say that our hope is to return to in-school sessions in the summer, where we can share even more in terms of their work.

I would also like to thank the teaching staff for some very long days at the end of the school term.

**PTA** Members of the PTA have finally returned through the school gates. Can we say a massive thank you to the volunteers who braved a day in the 'snow' to ensure that the children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt today. They will also be back tomorrow to run our first ever fun run with 73 due to participate.

Can we also thank the PTA and parents for supporting the raffle so well. This has helped raise over £1000, funds that are greatly needed after a two year pause—these funds directly impact your children and help pay for things like the school library and trim-trails.

It is our hope to run a summer disco and a school fair, however, I am sad to say that this may be a last hoorah as the group is now small in number with several key parents, those of Year 6 pupils. Therefore, if you could help in anyway, please let the school know as it would be a shame for the children to miss out on these great experiences.



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