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26th March 2021 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of this extremely unusual term, I would just like to take this opportunity to express my pride and admiration in how brilliantly everyone in our school community is working together in the face of the immense changes to our lives that the battle against the Coronavirus pandemic has caused.

Our school community has ensured that we have adjusted and adapted to another new normal. Staff have worked tirelessly, not just over this term, but over the past year. The most recent lockdown has been the most challenging as staff delivered lessons at school while providing lessons for those at home too. You, as parents, shared the role of teacher over the last year too which has not been an easy task. I hope that everyone in our school community enjoys their well-deserved break; that the sun shines and you enjoy the time with your families too.

School will close today at 3pm and will reopen on Monday 12th April at 8am for those attending Bounce Breakfast at 8am.

Reporting symptoms after the school closes for Easter Holidays

Dear Parents and Carers

The Grove Primary School will close on Friday 26th March. If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus, you must book a test.

If your child develops symptoms up to and including March 28th which result in a positive test up to 1st April, you must inform the school at enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk Please note this will be checked daily between 9am and 10am up until 1st April and then again from 8th April. The school mobile will be unavailable so you must contact school via email.

All messages must come via the school email and staff will not be expected to respond to Tapestry messages during the holidays.

Please include the name of your child, their class and the date that their symptoms started, as well as your own contact details.

From Monday 29th March

If your child develops coronavirus symptoms from Monday 29th March onwards, they must be tested and, if positive, follow the advice of Test and Trace. **You do not need to inform the school of any symptoms which occur after this date.**

Free School Meal Vouchers- Easter Holidays

Families should have received Free School Meal vouchers to via email. If you have not received yours or have any issues, please contact the school office today or via

enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk

Attendance

Remember that it is important that your child attends school as often as possible. If your child is not in school, they are missing out on vital learning.

If your child is sick/unwell or has an appointment, you must contact the school office.

If a child has to take a coronavirus test, we would ask that these are emailed to the school email address enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Punctuality

We will continue with our staggered drop offs after the holidays. We would ask parents of Nursery and siblings to arrive promptly at 8.30am. This is to allow you to drop your child/ren off at the Nursery gate before we allow other families onto the site.

Families with surnames A-M are asked to drop off between 8.35-8.45am and N-Z between 8.40 and 8.50am. Please note registers and the gate close promptly at 8.50am.

Parents are reminded to consider residents in the local community and park away from residents' driveways. We would also remind parents that the expectation is to drop children and leave Oakfield Lane as soon as possible.

After School Club

Our After School Club will continue to run until 4pm until at least the end of April. We would remind parents that this service is for working parents so if you do not require your place that you inform us as soon as possible. Parents must complete the survey and return it to book their place. Our next survey will be sent out to parents on Friday 9th April for the week beginning 12th April.

Costs remain the same at £2 per hour and all balances must be cleared- on Parentpay- before a place can be booked.

Phone Contacts

If parents/carers change their phone number or address, you must inform the school office as soon as possible (even during lockdown). We must have contact details in the event of an accident or illness or even to check in with families

Nursery Places

We have places in our morning, afternoon and 30 hours provision. If your child has turned three or is due to turn three during the Easter holidays, please contact the school office. Thank you

Support for Families

Hi everyone, just a reminder that we have strong links with the Foodbank in Consett and can refer families in need. We are in tough times where we all need a little extra help and support. The Foodbank have lots of stock in at the moment and I can issue vouchers in a confidential manner. Please contact me via the school mobile or ring the main school number and ask to speak to me. The voucher can be filled in straight away and sent home with your child in an envelope. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks Rachel C

Thanks to those families who signed up to our Easter project. We hope the ingredients and additional food items will be useful. Thank you to Rachel C for organising too.