



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well. It has been lovely to welcome back all of our children this week, and to see them looking so smart in their uniforms and ready for learning.

Requests to Fast

During the Holy Month of Ramadam, it is important that parents understand the school's responsibilities to those children who may wish to consider fasting.

For your information, we have been advised that children under 10 years of age are not required to fast. Children can become very tired when they do not have regular meals and are sometimes unable to safely perform the activities expected of them during the course of a school day. Therefore, I want to explain the procedures that will be followed to ensure the wellbeing of your child or children:

- ◆ 'Request to Fast' form - Parents who wish to give permission for their child to fast during Ramadam whilst at school, will need to complete, sign and return a slip giving permission for their child to do so.
- ◆ Requests for food - As the school is required to take care of all pupils and cannot ignore the needs of a hungry or thirsty child, the staff will comply with requests for food or drink received from a child, even if a completed permission slip has been provided.
- ◆ Illness - If a child appears to be experiencing adverse physical or emotional effects due to fasting, even if a completed form has been provided and we may call the child's parent/carer if we feel that it is necessary to do so.

I hope that the above is clear, but please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office or at the beginning or end of the school day, if you have any questions.

After School Clubs

We are delighted that we are finally able to resume providing after school clubs from Monday. There has been a very good response but, as you will appreciate, places are limited due to Covid restrictions. There are still some places available in two of our clubs and so, if your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and is interested in taking part in the Change for Life Sports Club (Wednesdays) or is in Year 3 or Year 4 and is interested in taking part in Writing Club (Thursdays), then please contact the school office. There is no charge to take part in these clubs.

Playground

Both the key stage 1 and key stage 2 playgrounds are understandably busy places at the end of the school day and myself and the whole staff are grateful that the vast majority of social interaction that takes place is polite and civil, while at the same time observing Government guidelines. However, there are a very small number of parents who allow their children to ride their bikes/scooters in the playground and to play unsupervised on the climbing frames at these busy times. I respectfully ask these parents to keep their children by them while waiting to collect their elder siblings from school. This is to avoid unnecessary accidents happening to either themselves or others.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.

PE kit and School Sweatshirts

A number of children are wearing a range of fashion/ branded sweatshirts and hoodies which are unsuitable for PE. Please be reminded that the school PE Kit is a white T-shirt (either plain or with the school logo on it) and black or red shorts. Tracksuits should be blue or black.



School Closure Dates

School will be closed on Monday 3rd May for the Bank Holiday and on Thursday 6th May as Marsh Hill is being used as a polling station for the Local Elections. Class teachers will provide both remote learning and paper based resources for the closure on Thursday 6th May. School will also be closed to pupils on Wednesday 12th May and Friday 2nd July for staff training.

Summer 2021

School closes for Half Term: Friday 28th May, 2021

Return to school: Monday 7th June 2021

School closes for Summer: Tuesday 20th July 2021

St. George's Day



Today is St. George's day when we honour England's patron saint on the anniversary of his death; April 23rd is seen as England's national day. St George's Day has been observed in England since the early 15th century, and at that time was considered as important as Christmas. It is still celebrated with activities such as traditional Morris dancing, Punch and Judy shows, flying the English flag, and singing the hymn 'Jerusalem'.

I wish you all a happy, safe and peaceful weekend.

Mr. J Cusack

Head Teacher