



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers

With the school being fully open to all children for the last three weeks, we have at last been able to say goodbye to home schooling! The children may have only had a short term in school, but we have certainly been very busy - we have been checking for gaps in learning, looking at our wellbeing, moving away from technology based and screen learning where possible, learning to socialise, play, think of others and our own feelings again. We are delighted with how the children are settling back in, and encouraging them to chat to someone should they have any worries about their learning and the changes that everyone has been through over the last, very unusual, year.

As the weather is slowly getting better, we have been moving some of our lessons outside and will continue to do so after the Easter break. Naturally, we cannot guarantee the weather so please ensure that your child is dressed accordingly for the day - sending layers for warmth, ensure that your child has a coat, and hopefully as the weather cheers up, ensure that they have a sunhat. Being very optimistic, when the weather really warms up, please remember to apply sunscreen before school - children should not bring any cream into school for use during the day please.

We are looking at lots of different activities to enhance our children's learning, which is something we have always embraced. With this in mind we are busy looking at activities that can be held both outside at school and the more traditional school trips. Any trips outside of school will be fairly local, related to our curriculum, held in class/year groups and within all Covid guidelines. We are excited to inform you that we already have planned visits for Year 2, EYFS and are in the process of investigating and confirming details for years 1, 3 & 4. Sadly, we are unable to offer the usual residential visit for Year 6, but have arranged two days of activities instead, but have already booked for Year 5 to, hopefully, be able to have the residential option next year.

Plans are also under way to try to bring visitors/events to school, to be able to offer outdoor activities - maybe scientific or even travelling through time. Please bear with us as we need to ensure that all Covid precautions are adhered to, but be reassured that we will continue to source activities for all children for the remainder of this academic year and beyond.

Anyone who has had a school laptop over the lockdown period is welcome to keep hold of them a little longer to be used for homework and holiday tasks - although we are trying not to use too much technology in school at the moment, additional tasks will still be set in this way.

## **Goodbyes**

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Yates at the end of this term as she moves on to new adventures and lots of walking with her beautiful dog, Charlie. Mrs Yates has been part of our team here at Trimley for nine years and will be greatly missed by staff and pupils.

## **New Menu**

Mrs Jeffrey will be offering a new menu after the Easter break, this will run through into the new academic year until the Half Term in October. The menu has been attached to the same Parentmail as this Newsletter, and will be available on the school's website too.

If your child has any specific dietary requirements or food allergies, please remember to advise the school Admin. Team so that we can ensure that the catering team are also aware, and adjustments can be made as necessary.

## **Bikeability - Year 5**

We are delighted that we have been able to offer the Year 5 children the Bikeability sessions that had to be cancelled earlier this term. Everyone has been informed of the dates for their allocated sessions during the holidays. Please enter the school grounds via the pedestrian entrance, by the traffic light crossing, and make your way to the area by the chickens and guinea pigs, where you and your child will be met and they will advise you where the collection point is. Don't forget packed lunch, drinks and cycle helmets. If your child requires an asthma inhaler, they must have this with them, there will not be access to the classrooms to retrieve one they might hold in school.

Please remember that this is being run by trained Bikeability staff from SCC, school staff will not be in attendance. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact the main office at school before no later than Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Easter Holidays & Covid Reporting**

Finally, we hope that everyone has a safe and healthy holiday. Please remember that if your child shows symptoms, or tests positive for Covid up to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March, you should report this via Parentmail on the 'Absence' section.

## **Red Nose Day Appeal**

Thank you to everyone for making our Red Nose Day a huge success - the children in school had a fun non-uniform day and we are pleased to say that to date we have raised £479.10!!

## **Diary Dates**

Date	Event
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of Spring Term
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays</b>	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Summer Term
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 - Bank Holiday</b>	
<b>Week Commencing Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 - Half Term</b>	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr6 Thorpe Woodlands Visit - Group A
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr6 Thorpe Woodlands Visit - Group B
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Provisional - Year Group & Year 6 Leavers Book Photos
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS - Proposed Visit to Easton Farm Park
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y22 - Proposed Visit to Foxburrow Farm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Summer Term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Non Pupil Days
<b>New Academic Year 2021/22</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	Non Pupil Day
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021	First Day of Term
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	Non Pupil Day
<b>Week Commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Half Term</b>	