

March 2021



World Book Day

Thank you for the effort you made on our World Book Day this year, helping your child dress up as a Julia Donaldson book character. The children enjoyed lots of stories including those read by the 'masked reader'. Thank you to Mrs Rodrigues for helping this to be a success.



Science Week

Last week children took part in lots of science activities. It was lovely to see how engaged and motivated the children were and how they used their problem solving skills to work out some tricky problems. Thank you to Miss Hillyard for all her hard work in planning this week.

School/Nursery closes for Easter and what to do if your child displays symptoms

School/nursery closes for Easter, this **Friday 26th March**. If your child **develops a temperature, persistent new cough, lack of smell or taste** which are recognised covid19 symptoms over the weekend (Saturday 27th or Sunday 28th March), please notify the school by emailing **covid@weins.co.uk**. The advice from the DFE is that Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) are only used to test for asymptomatic (no symptoms) cases and that **anyone displaying symptoms** must book a **PCR test** online and **self isolate** with those that they live with.

Keeping children and adults safe

We have talked to the children about **staying close to their adult** when they are coming in and leaving school. There have been several incidents, where children have been running around the playground after being collected and bumping into adults arriving to collect their

own child. Please ensure you **hold your child's hand or keep them close** by, to stop this happening.

Tooth decay

Sadly there are many children in school who have tooth decay, which can be very painful and lead to losing teeth and causing other infections in the body. The biggest way of helping your child avoid tooth decay, is by **reducing how often** in the day children have sugary drinks, foods and sweets. For this reason, we **do not allow children to be given sweets on the school site**. Thank you for your support with this

Staff changes

Miss Cowley in Y1 is leaving us at the end of term to take up a new position at Earham Nursery School. We wish her all the best for the future. Miss Wickes in Seedling/Saplings is expecting a baby in July. The current advice for pregnant staff is that from 28 weeks they must not work in class. We have therefore had to cover Miss Wickes in Seedlings and Saplings pm with Mrs Solomka up until May half term. We are currently recruiting for Miss Wickes maternity leave from June.

Returning to school/nursery after Easter

We expect school to be open as 'normal' in the summer term. **Main school** and **Seedling** and **Sapling classes** (Nursery) return on **Monday 12th April**. **Conkers** return a day later on **Tuesday 13th April**. We will continue to operate the staggered start and pick up times during the summer term, in line with our risk assessment, to reduce the risk of spreading covid19.

Nursery: 8.40am/12.30pm – 11.40/3.30pm **YR:** 9am – 3.05pm **Mulberry:** 9am -3.05pm

Y1: 8.50am – 2.55pm **Y2:** 9.10am – 3.15pm

It is very important that your child arrives at the correct time, unless they have siblings,(if more than 1 child in the family, come at the later time) so they are ready to start learning promptly.

Dates for the summer term

Next term is usually very busy with all sorts of events. Due to the current pandemic, we have been unable to organise and plan in the usual way, but we are hoping that we will be able to share some dates/events with you, when we have a clearer idea of the national picture and what we can and can't do. However, we have scheduled the **week beginning 4th May for Year 1 and 2 parent/carer consultations**. More information to follow.

Proposed changes to England's lockdown

As you are aware, we are all still in a **national lockdown**, but from

Monday 29th March group of 6 or 2 households (maximum 6) can meet outdoors/garden

Monday 17th May group of 6 or 2 households (maximum 6) can meet indoors

Please stick to the rules and keep everyone safe. Happy Easter Everyone

