

May 2021

Where has this school year gone? We break up this Friday for half term and return to school on **Monday 7th June**. Like last year, this year has had its challenges, but it hasn't stop staff continuing to give all our children the best learning experiences they can, including learning about the jobs people do, learning to play the ukulele, learning bible stories through 'Active RE' and making shelters and testing them out in the rain, to check how waterproof they are.

Reception visit to the Co-op



After the children had learnt to retell the story of 'The Little Red Hen', they made their own bread, by writing shopping lists and buying the ingredients from the local shop.

Mental Health Awareness week



A couple of weeks ago children and staff took part in a week of activities to promote wellbeing. These included listening to stories, playing games, listening to music, dancing and yoga. Thank you to Miss McGhee for all the organisation and planning that made the week a success and to everyone who made a donation, we raised £113, which will enable the school to purchase additional resources in the outdoor area to support wellbeing.

Staff changes

Mrs Patterson our School Business Manager and Miss Wickes Nursery Practitioner are starting their maternity leave after half term. We wish them every happiness with their new babies. Mrs Lavendar will be covering Mrs Patterson and Mrs Solomka will continue to cover for Miss Wickes.

Lateness

There are a number of children now regularly arriving very late at school, after their scheduled drop off time, which will depend on which year group the child is in and whether they have siblings. Every time your child is late, they have missed important learning. Over the week/month this mounts up. If you are having difficulties please talk to the office.

Arrangements after half term and moving to new classes/school

Until we have further information from the DFE, we will continue with the measures we have in place for Covid19. As soon as we have any further updates, as we ease out of lockdown, we will let you know. One of the big focuses as we head towards the end of the school year, is supporting children with the move into their new class or school. Staff are busy making child friendly information booklets and videos, which will be ready to share towards the end of June and early July, along with information for families. This will include your child's new class. Little visits will start being made, after half term. I know also the junior school has been in touch with information about Y3 for children moving onto the junior school in September.

Second hand children's clothes

Clare Glaister is hoping to organise a table of second hand children's clothes after half term. More information to follow.

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

School/nursery closes for half term, this **Friday 28th May**. If your child **develops a temperature, persistent new cough, lack of smell or taste** which are recognised covid19 symptoms over the weekend (Saturday 29th or Sunday 30th May), please notify the school by emailing. Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) are only used to test for asymptomatic (no symptoms) cases and are not designed for young children. **Anyone displaying symptoms** should book a **PCR test** online and **self isolate** with those that they live with, until the result is known. A positive test would mean that the person and all their close contacts, would need to continue to self isolate for the full 10 days.

We look forward to seeing all our children back at school on Monday 7th June 2021



