March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are fast approaching Easter 2020 and the pandemic is certainly creating numerous conversations. I am following the Department for Education’s advice to all schools and currently, the focus is on identifying key symptoms. We have been informed by the Government that there will be daily updates. As a church of England Primary School we take our responsibility to the community very seriously and with this in mind all school events that involve large numbers of people will be cancelled as a precautionary measure. This means no attendance at Sports competitions No Easter Community Collective Worship and No Easter School Disco. Full details of each stage in the government action plan can be found here: [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan)

The Year 5 and 6, residential to North East Yorkshire saw the pupils engaged in a wide range of activities to enrich learning within a broad and balanced curriculum. I have been involved in residential learning for over thirty years and I am sincere in stating the pupils in 2020 were superlative. I felt privileged to listen to activity leaders, hoteliers and shop owners who all found time to praise the behaviour and manners of the school children. I would also like to thank parents for fully supporting the safe-guarding of their children. Success and securing life-chances is most definitely built on the respectful partnership between home and school.

As planned since September 2019, our British Science Week, was so enjoyable we decided those who were collecting the children on Friday 13th, could arrive a little earlier to see some of the activities we experienced on our Silly Science Day. As Year 5 and 6 were on a Residential, and some unable to collect, we know they will be able to explain their learning to family members. As a Church of England Primary School, we will always think of unplanned opportunities to
try and provide a ‘window’ into the children’s lives within our school and community when possible.

Our Consultation Fortnight begins on Monday 16th March 2020. Staff and pupils will be organising convenient times to share and discuss both attainment and progress.

Following on from our Book Week, we have been lucky enough to secure a Scholastic Book Fair in school. On Tuesday 17th March to Monday 23rd March, we will open a Book Shop at lunch (specifically for children to purchase books) and also after school. All children will be given a £1 book token that they can use towards the cost of a book. Reading for Pleasure is a continued commitment and life long legacy to all our pupils: ‘Children between the ages of 10 and 16, who read for pleasure, make more progress not only in vocabulary and spelling but also in mathematics than those who rarely read (Sullivan & Brown, 2013).

“Reading in childhood and adolescence is linked to adult success’ (Simonton, 1988).


Our Easter Café due to be held on Thursday 26th March our Reception and Year 1 parents and carers will be postponed until later in the school year.

We will break up for Easter, unless directed otherwise, on Friday 3rd April 2020. As this is the last day of term there will be no ‘After School’ provision.

Have a restful last few weeks and we all look forward to a busy half term beginning on Monday 20th April 2020