



# Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021

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**With love we grow!**

**"Seek not to understand that you may believe,  
but believe that you may understand." St. Augustine**

**Welcome back** - We trust you had a lovely Easter break, the children have all come back with smiles on their faces and seem to have grown several inches in two weeks!! The children's behaviour this week has been excellent and is commendable - thank you!

**Accelerated Reader** - "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."— **Dr. Seuss, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!**

We are introducing new achievement badges in school to promote the importance and significant impact reading has on children's emotional and mental development. There will be three tiers of awards as follows:

**Gold Award** - for children who read in excess of 1,000,000 words

**Silver Award** - for children who read in excess of 500,000 words

**Bronze Award** - for children who read in excess of 250,000 words

Please can we also ask parents to check that all reading books that were sent home during lockdown have been returned to school.

**Catering Arrangements** - Please remember to pre book your child's meals in advance, the children can no longer book meals in class and will be offered a sandwich if no meal has been chosen at home. The menus are available to book via Schoolmoney [www.edsp.co/sm-login](http://www.edsp.co/sm-login)

**Virtual Parents' Evening** - We are hosting our next Parent & Carer afternoon/evening via telephone over two days, **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021**. Bookings can still be made via 'Schoolspider'. A link has been sent to make your bookings, apologies for the technical difficulties that we had earlier this week which have hopefully been rectified. There are plenty of slots still available for all classes, if you are still experiencing any difficulties booking an appointment please call the school office for assistance. You will receive a phonecall from your child's teacher at your appointment time. Please download the School Spider App if you have not done so already.



**Uniform** - Polite reminder - Trainers are not part of our school uniform and whilst we are aware that there have been difficulties getting shoes fitted whilst the shops have been close, many children are wearing trainers to school and these are not part of school uniform. Please may we request that suitable school shoes are worn as soon as possible? Also, for health and safety reasons, earrings are not permitted in school, please can parents remove them at home? Summer dresses can be worn with the school jumper/cardigan. The school uniform stockists do have a supply of these, but if you chose to source one elsewhere, the dresses are a light blue gingham dress (similar colour to our school blouses). Children will still need to come to school in PE kits on PE days.

**Water Bottles** - As we approach the warmer months of the year, please ensure your child has a fresh water bottle in school daily.

**CAFOD Fundraising** - Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have donated to our Cafod fundraising. The total amount raised so far is £540 which is amazing. As a school we thought it would be nice if we could purchase a community a supply of fresh water which costs £750 from CAFOD. Over the coming week each class will be looking at ways to raise an additional £30 per class to meet this target. Watch this space!

**After School Clubs** - There are still some places in the clubs below. Please book directly with Jam Coding, CraftEd via Eduspot or contact school to book on the other clubs. Clubs will run straight after school until 4.15pm (Jam Coding 4.30pm). If your child does not have PE on a day when they attend either cricket or tennis after school club please send them into school in sportswear so they do not need to change into sportswear in school.

<b>Year 3</b>	Tuesday	Jam Coding	Please book directly with Jam Coding £30
<b>Years 5 &amp; 6</b>	Tuesday	CraftEd	Please book & pay via Schoolmoney - £30 for 6 weeks
<b>Year 4</b>	Wednesday	Tennis (max 20)	Please book via School Spider
<b>Year 5</b>	Thursday	Cricket (max 20)	Please book via School Spider

**Updated Covid Information** - If your child or any member of your household shows symptoms of Covid-19 or tests positive for Covid-19 you need to tell school, isolate and book a book a PCR test for your child. We are aware that some families have access to lateral flow tests, however, please can we remind parents that these should not be used for primary school children. If a child presents with Covid symptoms, you must book a PCR test which you can do via the link above and follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. Thank you to all parents for socially distancing and wearing masks when dropping off and collecting children.

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