



## NEWSLETTER 10

6<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a productive term - classrooms are purposeful and children are learning well. As restrictions have lifted further in relation to covid-19, we look forward to school life returning to normal. We have planned activities for Summer Term and look forward to running events, such as sports day and educational visits, in more typical ways. Have a wonderful Easter with your loved ones – wishing you peace and joy as you enjoy some family time together.



### Easter Egg Raffle

We are delighted that the Easter bunny has visited the school and left so many eggs for our Easter Egg Raffle! We will pull the Easter Egg Raffle tickets in school time during Friday assembly (Mrs Birch asks that you send in any completed raffle ticket stubs by the end of Thursday please). The children will be given their eggs so they can take them home at the end of the day.

All the children will have a class egg hunt on Friday too. This means every child will have little treat for the end of term.

Thank you to everyone who has donated eggs and our wonderful PA for providing the cream eggs for the children.

### Parent Evenings

It was lovely to hear of so many positive conversations at parent evening. Thank you for sharing information and supporting. The more we work together, the more your children will thrive and achieve.

### New Pupil

It is likely that we will be welcoming a new pupil to our school from Ukraine in Summer term. We welcome the opportunity to offer the hand of friendship to him and his family.

The children have heard information about Ukraine in assembly this week. We have talked about the challenges of starting a new school, especially when joining from a different country. The children understood that making friends, knowing routines and where things are could all be worrying for a child. We have talked about working together, being kind and sharing a smile of welcome. Class teachers in KS2 have given time to discuss matters with children in their class - we know some of them will be aware and concerned about the ongoing war within Ukraine.

We do not usually share information when new pupils join our school but in this case we felt the children, especially in upper KS2, may have questions and wanted you to be aware.



### **Dog Trust Visit**

We are looking forward to a visit from the Dog Trust this week. They will lead workshops and an assembly where they will help children to develop compassionate attitudes and behaviours towards dogs. Children will learn safe and considerate behaviour around dogs so humans and dogs can be happy too.



### **Maths Workshops**

We are pleased that Michael Ede will be joining us on April 26<sup>th</sup>. He will lead the Y2-Y6 children in interactive mathematical workshops using geometric puzzles. We are excited about this opportunity. We know the children will learn a lot as well as use our school values of ambition and resilience to challenge themselves.

### **Summer Term**

Restrictions and guidance for schools has changed. As such, on our return to school after Easter, we will plan to operate more typically, though we will continue with measures to reduce the risk of spreading infections such as hand washing/sanitising etc.

In the mornings after the Easter holidays, we will continue to open the gate at 8.40am-8.50am. You can drop children off at the main gate or walk them into the playground. There

will be a duty member of staff in the playground at 8.40-8.50am. In the morning we ask children not to run around in the playground to help everyone onsite to be safe (younger siblings, pregnant mums etc) - please can you talk with your children about this. The school bell will ring at 8.50am which is when children will line up. When the children lead in to class we ask that you make your way out of the playground so we can lock the gate to ensure the school is secure. Many thanks.

Pick up arrangements for after school will remain the same.

### **Dates for your Diary:**

April 7<sup>th</sup> : Dog Trust Visit for all classes

April 8<sup>th</sup>: Easter Egg Raffle (This will be pulled during school time during assembly.)

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April: Last day of Spring Term 4 for children**

### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022: First day of Summer Term 5 for children**

April 26<sup>th</sup>: Mathematic workshops for Y2-Y6

May 2<sup>nd</sup> : Bank Holiday

May 9<sup>th</sup>: SATS week for children in KS2

May 18/19<sup>th</sup>: Life Education Workshops for all classes

May 25<sup>th</sup>: Quad Kids at Stratford Park - TBC

May 27<sup>th</sup>: May Queen

May 27<sup>th</sup>: Last day of Summer Term 5 for children

June 6<sup>th</sup>: First day of Summer Term 6 for children

June 6<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> : Creative dance days for all classes: TBC

June 13<sup>th</sup>: Writing Workshop with Bill Church: Y5/6

June 13<sup>th</sup>: C3 educational visit to STEAM – TBC

June 17<sup>th</sup>: Dodgeball Festival at Stratford Park– TBC

June 20<sup>th</sup>: Into the Net play at Park Junior: Y4 – TBC

June 21<sup>st</sup>: Beat Officer PC Weedon with Y6: Peer Pressure

July 11<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> : PGL – Y6

July 20<sup>th</sup>: Railway Children Production for all classes

July 20<sup>th</sup>: Last day of Summer Term 6 for children

July 21<sup>st</sup>: INSET for staff