



Pauntley Church of England Primary School

NEWSLETTER

26th March 2021

Our termly Value: Forgiveness

'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all righteousness.'

John 1:9

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is nearly Easter and although it feels like the school term has only just begun, I know that staff and children are beginning to flag as the holidays approach. The children have done so well to resume school and just get on with things – their resilience really does blow me away!

As restrictions around the country begin to lift we will hopefully be able to resume more normality at school and look towards providing the educational experiences that make Primary education so memorable.

After Easter clubs and Early Risers resume as normal and all are welcome. I have notice that Mr White's sports club at Early Risers is proving a massive hit (even I can't resist getting involved in dodge ball in the mornings). More information will be available next week.

Thank you to all for engaging in our Zoom parent's evenings – the teachers tell me that these were really valuable in helping to reconnect and share information.

Here are the children having fun with Jelly Welly Man on Comic Relief day



Having fun with Hester during Nature Explorers



The children in Mayhill made Challah bread as part of our focus on Judaism this term!

It tasted delicious although took a little tidying up!

Notices

PE Kits – After Easter

After summer we will be trialling a slightly different system. Please could all children come to school on a Tuesday wearing their PE kit. We are hoping this will save time in the day for changing, giving the children more time with our amazing sports coaches as well as minimising the need to bring additional bags into school.

Please remember that we expect children to wear:

- Black/Blue jogging bottoms or shorts.
- Red/White polo shirt or T-shirt.
- Sensible trainers for sports activities.

COVID-19 Contact tracing over the Easter holidays

The DfE has asked schools to continue with contact tracing over Easter, similar to the arrangements over Christmas:

- Parents/carers of pupils need to inform the school of a positive case where they developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in their education setting. Please email to the following address : covidreporting@newentfed.org
- Parents/carers of pupils who were asymptomatic but tested positive within 48 hours of last being in school also need to let the school know. : covidreporting@newentfed.org
- The school will assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in their education setting.
- Where students or staff test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) during the holidays, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in an education setting, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- Contact details for parents/carers from 6th -7 th April: The Local Authority will offer the COVID School Enquiries inbox to parents and carers from 6 th – 7 th April. This will be covered from 9am-5pm each day. Please use the following contact details :
E: COVIDschoolenquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk T: 01452 426015

Dates for the diary:

Wednesday 31st March – We will be going on our annual Daffodil Walk in the fields surrounding Pauntley School next Wednesday afternoon. Please make sure that your child brings a coat and wears either sturdy shoes or has their wellies in school. Thank you.

Thursday 1st April – We will be breaking up today for the Easter holidays and will be returning back to school on **Monday 19th April**. We wish you a wonderful, restful Easter break.

Thank you's

Thanks to all who supported and bought the Cauliflower cards, mugs, gift wrap and labels at Christmas. We have just received our £50.50 commission.



Achievements

Well done to all these children for achieving Head teacher awards or Values Badges this week:

May Hill Class: Theo, Nieve, Anna, Seren.



Malvern Class: Charlie, Hannah, Arthur and Harriet



Mr Lerner's Joke of the week:

What is Beethoven's favourite fruit?

Ba-na-na-naaaaaaaaaa!

