



Naphill and Walters Ash School

Newsletter March 2021

Key Dates

1/4/21 Easter Mufti – no you don't have to dress as a rabbit! No football shirts!

£1.00 for Mufti, £1.50 for Easter Egg so £2.50 in total.

1/4/21 – break up

Yr1 and 6 12.00

Yr R,2 and 4 12.10

Yr 3 and 5 12.20

23/4/21 Class Photos – all in uniform

News

We are back! Thank you for your support with the staggered times in the mornings and afternoons. The children are back to hand washing as they come in and they do so after every break, lunch time and outdoor games lesson. I know some of you were concerned about the classes not mixing at break times and friendships but the children can talk and play 'across the barricades' (my 80's reference to Spandau Ballet, so most of you are far too young to know this!) My hope is that after Easter this might change but we will see, fingers crossed.

Message From Miss Gwynn

We are doing all we can to keep your children safe. We have changed playtimes and lunchtimes to keep the classes apart so in the event of a positive case we only need to send home one class. All the staff are wearing visors/masks when moving around the school and when working with the children as social distancing when teaching is hard. I know many of your children have siblings in other classes and so 'mix.' It is very frustrating however, to see the number of children and parents all leaving school to go and play/chat in the park. Being outside is safer but current rules do not permit gatherings of different households outside and just because your children are 'missing their friends' is no reason to break the rules. No one here at school wants to go back into lockdown; if one of your child's playmates tests positive your child will then be a close contact and have to self-isolate.

We have had very few positive cases amongst the children. Although we know of families who have had positive cases, and the effects on the adults have often been severe, leading to hospitalisation. The long term effects on these adults is also significant.

I know many of you have lift share arrangements in place, but how many of you wear a mask/visor when driving another child? Do you clean the car afterwards? If schools are trying to keep the children apart on buses it doesn't make sense to all sit next to each other in a car.

I appreciate some of you will think I am being overly cautious (some of you may be thinking a few other things,) but we do all need to take this seriously still.



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Going Forward

Trips – We will not be booking any day trips for Years R-5 this academic year. I know more restrictions are due to be lifted in June but there is no guarantee that this will happen. Our priority year group for any external activities are the Year 6s and we will be sending information to those parents with our plans later on.

Even if restrictions are lifted, suddenly organising trips and sports days just isn't possible. We will do alternatives in school but it may be that you are unable to attend. We did a Year 6 Leaver's assembly last year for the children where their awards were videoed by the teachers, so we have things we can put in place.

The School governors are asking if any of you have skills that you could use to help out around the school with, to come forward. We have quite a bit of DIY and gardening that needs doing and it would be brilliant if some of you could give us a hand. The Governors have sent out information about this, but contact the office if you want to know more.

Here are some photos of Year 4 enjoying their Science Week.

