Arden Forest Infant School

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1st April 2021 Newsletter 8

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Head's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of term and are very proud of the pupils over these last four weeks since returning to school. We know that for many of the pupils this was not as easy as after previous lockdowns, as they were worried about the classes closing again. However, with perseverance and hard work the children have got back into the swing of things and have started enjoying their learning again.

We are also extremely proud of our amazing families who supported the children throughout the lockdown period with the Remote Learning. When we have assessed the pupils' knowledge and learning, it was very clear who had maintained the online learning as these pupils made greater progress over time. That was not an easy task, and we thank you for valuing your child's education.

Last week, the children impressed us with their fabulous jokes on Red Nose Day. One of our favourite jokes was from Sophia in 1B: 'Why wouldn't Tigger play with Eeyore? Because he is always playing with Pooh!'

This week we held a Great Egg Race in each year group. Again, we had overwhelming support from parents as the children contributed some great vehicle designs. Thankfully all eggs were hard boiled as we did have some vehicles lose their drivers, a couple of crashes but also some well deserving winners. We look forward to next year when we can do this event as a whole school and really enjoy the atmosphere of the Easter Eggstravaganza!

Have a lovely Easter break. We are excited for next term and getting even busier with our learning.

Warmest regards

Mrs R Gunn

Attendance

Staggered starts & finish:

Year 2: 8.45am – 2.50pm

Year R: 8.55am – 3pm

Year 1: 9.05am – 3.10pm

Please arrive as close to time as possible – not too early or late to support social distancing measures.

School Uniform

School Uniform can be ordered and paid for through ParentMail. Please use the 'Payment' and then 'Shop' function to purchase any items.

The office will contact you when the order is ready to collect.

Homework – Supported Learning

Although we hope not to have to go back to Remote Learning online because of lockdown or 'bubbles bursting', please be aware that we are still using Teams and Assignments for all Homework.

Pupils in Years One and Two are expected to be engaging in all of the tasks sets on Teams. And Reception completing the activities on Tapestry.

Your support helps ensure your child makes good progress in their learning.

Rags 2 Riches

We are collecting again for the charity 'Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools' on 5th May. More information will follow after the holidays, but we will be asking parents/carers to bring in any unwanted clothes on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th May.

Dinner Menu

Please be aware that the menus have not changed, therefore the first week back after Easter (19th April) will resume on a 'Yellow' week.

50 Things to Do Before You are 5

Warwickshire have created a new free App which gives suggestions of exciting activities for families to do. Although aimed at for families with children under 5 years old, many of the suggestions work equally well all of the pupils at Arden Forest. So, if you are stuck for something to do over the Easter break, please have a look at the activity ideas as they are both fun, interesting, bring the family together and provide some great learning opportunities!

https://warwickshire.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!50thingstodobefore5/welcome

Parking

In recent weeks, we have noticed a number of vehicles parking opposite the zig zag lines outside of school. This has caused both congestion and made it unsafe for parents and children crossing.

Parents/Carers can park in the car park of the church adjoining school or at Weston Hall, both being much safer options.

We are strenuously asking that no-one parks opposite the zig zag markings.

Class Emails

Please be reminded to use the following emails if you wish to ask a question or notify the class teacher of something. Teachers will get back to you within three working days. Therefore if it is urgent, please contact the office via email or telephone.

Please include your child's full name in the email as sometimes it is difficult to identify the pupil if parents have different surnames to their child.

RA – Mrs Kyte RAclass@welearn365.com
RB – Mrs Winfield RBclass@welearn365.com

1A – Miss Gailey & Miss O'Rourke	1Aclass@welearn365.com
1B – Mrs Mulrine & Mrs Swift	1Bclass@welearn365.com
2A – Miss Rowbottom	2Aclass@welearn365.com
2B – Mrs Massey	2Bclass@welearn365.com
Office	admin2630@welearn365.com

Key Dates

EASTER HOLIDAYS: Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April 2021

HALF TERM: Monday 31st May 2021 – Friday 4th June 2021

TEACHER TRAINING DAY: Monday 7th June 2021

TRANSITION / INDUCTION DAY: Wednesday 7th July 2021

END OF SUMMER TERM: Wednesday 21st July 2021