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PE Enrichment Day

Yesterday we had some specialist coaches in school to deliver PE activities which we don't normally offer as part of our day to day PE curriculum. Year 4 were treated to an afternoon of fencing and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The smiles on their faces show how much they relished the challenge of learning a new skill. We also had Year 2 and Year 3 taking part in some yoga activities which gave them a focus on mindfulness and well-being.



RED NOSE DAY

It has been lovely to see the red noses and accessories in school today. We are asking everyone who can, to make a donation online - that way, your contributions are instantly included in the running total for the cause. By donating, you can help people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination. This includes funding organisations that are supporting people right now in Ukraine, and those attempting to cross the border. Every donation counts, no matter how small.



Covid-19 Reminder

We continue to have a steady number of positive cases amongst children and adults in school - though nothing to cause undue concern. I am really appreciative of all the families who have followed the guidance and isolated in the recommended way.

Please be reminded that we are asking for the following guidance to be followed:

- Isolate for 5 days
- Take a Lateral Flow test from the 4th day
- Only return to school after producing negative tests on two consecutive days



Year 2 to Chester Zoo!

Year 2 had a wonderful day out last week at Chester Zoo. The children saw hundreds of animals and walked at least 11,000 steps!! I hope as many Year twos as possible can write a thank you letter to the zoo as part of their homework activities. Many thanks to the staff for organising and for the helpers who joined us to make sure the trip could take place.



School Trips




It has been great to get our classes out on local visits and school trips these past few months. Just a reminder that we depend on payment for the trips being made in order for them to go ahead. Very often, the price of the coach is the main part of the costs - if we don't have enough people paying we are unable to run the trip. Unfortunately, in the past we have had to cancel trips due to lack of contributions. We really hope that all our visits will be able to go ahead this year as they are such an important enhancement to the curriculum and enjoyed by all.

Government Covid Vaccine Advice

Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#). Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\) in the Green Book](#). Further information is available in the [guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years](#) published by UKHSA.

Easter Reminders!

There are 2 weeks left until the Easter holidays and I would just like to make a further reminder of the upcoming events that have been organised by Miss Laurie. You will have already received a letter home with further details, but here is a reminder of the closing dates:

-  EYFS - Easter Bonnet - Wednesday 30th April
-  KS1 - Decorate an egg - designs to be brought in on 31st March, judging on the 1st April
-  KS2 - Egg mobiles - designs to be brought in on 31st March, judging on the 1st April

Safety First!



A reminder that no bikes or scooters are permitted to be ridden in the school playground or down the side path,

before or after school. Now that we are all back on the playground, it is important that there is room for everyone - we have had a few near misses this week with children on bikes and scooters. Please wheel them into the playground if needed for the journey home.

Reception outdoor equipment and the climbing frame is also not to be used before or after school. It is for use during the school day only and under close staff supervision.



Kind regards,
Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

