

End of Term letter 31/3/21

Dear parents and carers,

I am incredible proud of how we have all settled back into school over the past 4 weeks and responded with resilience to changes and new ways of learning.

Updates and announcements

Track and trace/ Positive cases: If your child develops Covid symptoms before 2:30pm on Saturday 3rd April, please get them tested and let us know the outcomes. We may have to contact class bubbles over the holidays to instruct you to isolate.

Thursday 1st April: Last day of the Spring term. Normal finish times from 2.30pm.

Monday 19th April: Return to School for the start of the Summer term.

School Uniform: With shops re-opening we expect full school uniform to be worn, including school shoes. On PE days, PE kit must be worn. If you are having issues with items, please contact the school and we will see what we can do to help. Please contact the school office to order jumpers and cardigans etc.

- Long hair needs to be tied back.
- Pupils need to bring in filled water bottles each day.
- In really hot weather, please send children in with hats and sun lotion already applied.

Parent/Carer phone call appointment slips: these will be sent out this week and there is the option to book a phone call with your class teacher after Easter. We want to inform you of your child's progress and learning targets.

Home learning/support -Remember most pupils have missed 7 months of learning and they may be behind their starting points. Next term we will be working as a team to help close those gaps, but anything you can do to support at home, based on their learning targets, will help massively. (Please note it is also important to make time for rest and play too)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> is a site I highly recommend. (for Primary <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>)

During the Easter break, your child can also be encouraged to go back over their SeeSaw work for the term, completing and improving any work they have been assigned. You can share any home work or photos on Seesaw, but please understand this won't be checked by teachers until after Easter.

Remember all of your child's work from this term is on SeeSaw for you to look at, and to see your child's progress.

Parent Pay: please make sure you activate this as we are now sending all letters and messages via this service (as well as website).

Summer Term Plans: We will be starting the term with a fantastic STEAM project (Science, Technology, Engineering (Design Technology), Art and Maths) based on Aeronautics and Aircraft. This will be a great way to teach tricky Maths and Science concepts in a practical and fun way. You can see it all of the results on SeeSaw.

RSE Consultation: We will be sending another letter and survey soon. Please look out for it.

Year 2 Transition: During the Summer term we will be contacting our new Year 2 parents and starting remote transition work. We will then hopefully be able to do face-to-face sessions at some point in the future.

End of year plans

At the minute things are still unclear, but I will update you with information about our traditional Summer end-of- year events (e.g Sports day, Leavers party) when we have formulated plans.

We are hoping Year 6 can go swimming after May half term, but we will let you know about this and Year 6 leaving celebrations during the term.

We would like to thank you for your continued support during these challenging times, and wish you all a safe and happy Easter.

In Hope, Perseverance and Friendship.

Mr Fox and all of TEAM Donnington