



Newsletter 22
5th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels like a mixture between end of term and the start of a new term as we prepare to welcome all the children back into school on Monday.

I would like to start by thanking all our parents and carers for their amazing effort in supporting their children in remote learning. The level of engagement for this lockdown has been incredible. It has been a mixture of your input and that of the teachers that has enabled love and learning to continue through this difficult time. We are also thankful to the key workers in our community who have continued their vital work throughout lockdown. We are indebted to our support staff – key workers themselves - for being in school daily supporting the children of key workers and vulnerable children in accessing remote learning.

We are very conscious that each family's experience will have been different and we continue to pray for those who have lost loved ones during the last year. We want to celebrate the lives of those we have lost in our community and, with the PA, hope to develop a Rainbow Garden where children can place a memorial, reflect and be with their friends. Work has started on this area but we want to give it a focus in the coming months. The PA are planning their annual Rainbow Day at the end of April – an event we would like to tie in with our Rainbow Garden development.

Guidance for School Return

Detailed guidance for the whole school return is now on the website (Parent Information, COVID-19 Updates) and went out with the Wednesday email. Please do read through this. Key points are that children should be in school uniform; they must have a named water bottle; should bring in their own stationery.

We are going to trial children remaining in their school shoes during the school day but request that your child does have a pair of plimsolls in their locker for wet / muddy days when they will need to change shoes. Trainers will be needed for PE along with PE kit.

We will continue to work in bubbles and continue to follow our safety and cleaning guidelines as set out in the guidance. A full risk assessment has been carried out. Please be aware that parents are not allowed on site other than at pick up, following our one way system. Parents of each year group will be signposted to enter the playground when their child's year group comes out. Thank you for your continued patience and adherence. We do now request that parents wear a mask when coming on to the playground for pick up.

We will still be operating under lockdown guidance and ask parents to continue to be vigilant for symptoms of COVID and continue to not send your child into school if they are unwell.

Most of all we are looking forward to having all the children and staff back in school.

Mass for the St Cuthbert Mayne Community / Mothering Sunday

Father Brian will be offering Mass for our parents, staff, governors and children's intentions on Sunday 14th March at 9am. This is the Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday (Rejoice Sunday). It's also Mothering Sunday and there will be a special blessing for mothers during Mass. This can be accessed on youtube, with a search for Hemel West, or via the link in the church newsletter. Please also look out for the Lenten Promises from our pupils that are displayed in church.

PA Mothers' Day Pamper Evening

The PA has organised a special virtual pamper evening on Sunday 14th March at 7.30pm (flyer attached to Wednesday email). The school will receive 50% of the raffle proceeds in addition to 10% of profits made from the sale on the night. The PA would love as many mums, grandmothers, aunts, sisters etc as possible to join in and raise much needed funds for the school. Thank you for your support.

Staffing

In order to support children on their return to school, Mrs Hobbs is going to work alongside Mrs Rayson as joint SENDco. Mrs Hobbs will continue as the teacher to 6MLK on Monday to Wednesday and as SENDco on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Rayson's days are Monday and Wednesday. Mr Collingwood will be teaching 6MLK on Thursday and Friday.

Sports Clubs

APEX are running after school clubs in Year group bubbles – please see link in Wednesday email – from this coming week.

Wishing you a good weekend,

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher