



Monday 19th April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We are looking forward to a productive and sunny summer term, with plenty of outdoor learning. In preparation for this the staff 'gardening workforce' were in school over the easter break creating a nature area at the far end of the playing field. A nature trail was laid and areas for exploring. We will be continuing to develop this with a bug house and planting to encourage bees and butterflies. If you are able to support with this, please let us know.

We are continuing to follow and regularly review the Whole School Risk Assessment and updated Covid guidance. The school organisation is as it was before the Easter break and I will continue to keep you updated with any information from the DFE. You may find the link below useful as it has information about financial support available for parents on a low income who need to take time off work to care for a child who is self-isolating.

[What parents need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19)

What will the children be learning?

There are some more exciting topics this term which will no doubt inspire the children: Class 3 are focusing on Ancient Greece and the world of mythical creatures; Class 2 Amazing Africa; Class 1 Saint and dragons /time travel and Reception children will be learning about nature and pirates. The teachers will send out an overview of these on classlist so that you can become involved in the learning too. Our curriculum overviews and information about the English and Maths curriculum for each year group can all be found on the website. The year group spelling lists are also on there for your information. We will also be continuing our programme of assessment and focused boosting sessions to support the children's progress.

Relationships and sex education.

You may recall during lockdown that you were consulted regarding the revised RSE curriculum and invited to give feedback. The RSE curriculum content is on the school website in the Key information section-please take a look so that you are aware of the 'relationships' and 'changing me' content for your child's age group and what they will be learning in school this term. We will offer the opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have prior to the 'changing me' element of the curriculum which we will be covering in the second half of this term. For pupils in year 5 and 6 we will be offering a zoom meeting for parents before the lessons so that there is a shared understanding of the approaches we will use in school.

Safeguarding

Please take care driving along the lane from the Maypole to the school. It has been brought to the school's attention on a couple of occasions now that cars have been driving excessively fast for such a narrow road (with no pavements). Please slow down on this stretch for you own children's and other's safety. Thank you.

On the internet... (Childnet)

'On the internet' is a learning-to-read book for children aged 4 and above. The large, bright illustrations show all the different ways that the internet can be used for.



Find On the internet here: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/a-learning-to-read-book>

Other Childnet books for younger children include:

Smartie the Penguin (3 to 7 year olds)

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin>

Digiduck's Big Decision (3 to 7 year olds)

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories>

Welcome to our New Intake

We are delighted to offer a warm welcome to our new families and to the younger siblings of children at the school who were informed on Friday that they had secured a place at Messing Primary. We are aiming for some face to face 'getting to know you' sessions this year using the outside area (weather permitting) and following the covid safety guidelines. Further information and a parent pack will be with you over the next couple of weeks.

Summer menu

This has been updated to include an additional option of pasta; this was something the children indicated a preference for. We are continually reviewing the menu to look at the feasibility and practicality of increasing the menu options. However, as children are continuing to eat in their class rooms so that they remain within their bubbles, this places some restrictions on what we can offer at this time. A copy of the summer menu has been sent out -please ask for a copy if you need one.

Clubs

We are so pleased that we are able to re-start our sports clubs. It is so vital for the children's physical health and enjoyment.

Clubs this half term are:

- Martial Arts for Class2(year 3/4) and Class 3(year 5/6)
- Cricket for class 3
- Football for class 2
- Reception and KS1Year 1 and year 2) Multi-skills

We are also planning enrichment opportunities this term where children will be able to try out some new sports such as lacrosse and archery as well as some performing arts sessions such as musical theatre and circus skills.

Diary dates

I have also attached a provisional list of dates for your diary. Some of these are weather permitting, but we will do our best to have some celebration events so that the children can share their achievements with you. These are subject to change and will be added to on an ongoing basis so please make sure you are using the most recent copy on classlist (or by email if you are not on classlist)

Thank you for your continued patience and support with the smooth running of the car park and continuing to follow the safety procedures.

Please continue to stay safe and follow the government advice. We are looking forward to a term full of exciting learning and fresh air! Summer is on its way!

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Kindest regards

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