



1st April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

This term we were delighted to be able to invite parents in to school once again for share and learn sessions. Kingfishers opened a class museum for parents to show case their work on Ancient Egypt with tour guides, interactive hieroglyph challenges and mummies and clay masks. Well done, Kingfishers.

School uniform and PE kit.

We will be re-introducing full school uniform on daily basis for the Summer term. Children will need to bring their PE kit into school on the first morning back (Tuesday 19th) in a drawstring bag and this will be left at school on their peg. They will change into their PE kit at school from now on. It is really important to name your child's clothes as, casting our memories back, we would usually end up with a pile of lost clothing unnamed at the end of term. So to save your pockets and the teachers time, please make sure that all PE clothing is in the school colours and clearly labelled with your child's name.

Sport and swimming

We are very pleased that New Hall School are again able to offer us swimming lessons next term. Kingfishers class will be going to New Hall School for their lessons on a Friday morning starting Friday 29th April. Minibuses from New Hall will be transporting the children there and back. Further information will be coming out to Kingfisher class after the Easter break. Our before and after school sports will continue with Premier Education -more information will follow after the Easter break. These will also resume the week beginning 25th April.

Isolation and testing guidance.

We have continued to manage the challenges presented to us this term, with the highest numbers of covid cases the school has experienced, both among the children and the staff. This has number has already reduced and hopefully with the Summer weather will reduce even further. You will be aware that from April 1st guidance around testing and isolation will change. Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

We are also aware that our children and families are now managing additional anxieties around the invasion in Ukraine. Pupil wellbeing continues to be a priority at Messing and we are alert to how the children are feeling. Please do talk to your children about what is happening, but also be mindful of the images and information in the media which may not be age appropriate.

Forest School

Children in Wrens class have enjoyed their forest school learning at the community orchard this Autumn and Spring term. In the Summer term, we will have a focus on using our nature area at the bottom of the playing field. Children will be exploring this for their outdoor learning, developing and investigating habitats, as well as further developing elements of forest schools.

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We will also create our sensory wellbeing garden at the front of the school using the funds from the Tesco community scheme. Thank you for your offers of help with this; I will be contacting you after Easter.

Home learning

Home learning will resume the week beginning 25th April. Homework catch-up will resume on Tuesday lunchtimes for those children not completing their home learning. If you have any queries about the home learning, please talk to the class teacher before its due date which is the Monday each week. They will be very happy to explain or support you with any questions so that you can support your child.

We are really looking forward to resuming a full calendar of events during the Summer term, starting with a Spring hunt arranged by the PTFA. We wish you all an enjoyable Easter break and look forward to seeing you in the Summer term. School starts again on Tuesday 19th April. (Monday is bank holiday)

Yours sincerely

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