



# Newsletter Spring Term

March/April 2021

## Preparing for Easter in School



This week in school, as we journey towards Easter together, we have been looking carefully at the Easter stories and events leading up to Easter. Due to the Covid restrictions, unfortunately parents and families can not join us in school, as usual, to share in our liturgies and reflections. However, each class will share a part of their learning, be that a song, reflection or prayer about Easter on their class blog pages, so watch out at the end of the week.

## Return to School after Easter

We are thrilled to confirm that all pupils, will be back on site at Our Lady of Lourdes School when we return to school after Easter on Monday 12th April and we will be reverting back to the timings of the school day that we had in Autumn Term— [please see the timetable attached to remind you of these timings.](#)

The full new heating system that is being installed, is on track to be completed on time and we are thrilled and excited to all be together again in our lovely school. We continue to be exceptionally grateful to Mrs Craik and all of the staff at St. Bede's who have welcomed us into their school and looked after us so well, enabling learning for all of our children to continue this term.



## Important Dates

School Closes for Easter	Friday 26th March 2021
School re-opens after Easter	Monday 12th April 2021
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2021
School closure due to Local Elections being held in school	Thursday 6th May 2021– School closed to all pupils

## School Closure for Local Elections

Our school has been designated as a polling station for the Local Elections on Thursday the 6th of May. I was disappointed to learn that the decision to use the school is out of my control. School will therefore be closed on this day based on Covid restrictions and outcomes of risk assessments.

**On the 6th of May children will be provided with remote learning resources.**

## Covid-19



Can I please remind everyone that the Covid-19 virus continues to be around us and impacting on our school and wider community on a daily basis. It is easier, now vaccines have been rolled out to many, to become a little complacent and relaxed around the rules of social distancing, masks and handwashing; however I ask that we all continue to work together to ensure that these things are followed rigorously enabling us to keep all of our school family, and wider community as safe as possible.

**Therefore, whilst on the school site please remember to:**

- **Keep your distance from those not in your household/ bubble**
- **Wear a mask at all times when dropping off and collecting your child unless exempt**
- **Wherever possible only 1 adult to drop off and collect their child reducing the amount of people on site**

## Speed of Traffic on Site

We have noticed that some vehicles are entering and travelling around the school site at speed. Can I please remind you that the speed limit of 5mph whilst on site, is there to ensure the safety of our children and all members of our school community.



## Earrings

Can parents please ensure, for safety reasons that all earrings are removed from their child's ear before coming to school. We have seen a rise in children attending school wearing earrings and they can cause nasty accidents in school if not removed.

## A Special Thankyou to Mr Hood

A special thank you goes to Mr Hood, who has collected and transported lunches from Our Lady of Lourdes to St. Bede's each day since February half term, to ensure that our KS2 pupils have been well fed. We appreciate your help so much and all of the children and staff would like to say a 'BIG Thankyou' for your time and commitment each day!

**We look forward to the Summer Term in anticipation of sunshine, brighter days and a return towards more normal life.**

**We hope that you have a restful and Holy Easter!**



## Free School Meals

During the pandemic, your circumstances may have changed and this means you could be entitled to free school meals. If you are in receipt of Universal Credit, Income Support or some other named benefits, you may be eligible. If this is the case, please contact the school office to request a form from Mrs Armstrong. Registering your child for free school meals could raise extra funding for school to support additional activities.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast club provision will continue after Easter, in bubbles, for those families who have no alternative childcare arrangements. A booking form will be sent out weekly and we ask that you please only book a space at breakfast club if absolutely necessary due to work commitments.

For those who do need this provision, breakfast club will be available after Easter from **7.45am each day** at a cost of £2 per session. Children must arrive no later than 8:15am.

- ♦ Arrival time—7:45am/8:15am—at the latest
- ♦ Parents must walk their child/children to the veranda doors where a member of staff will meet them. For safeguarding reasons, please not leave children at the gate.

Please ensure payment is made via ParentPay in advance. The breakfast club register is completed on ParentPay at the end of each week.

## ParentPay

Can all parents please check their ParentPay account for outstanding dinner money and breakfast club. Please contact Mrs Armstrong if you wish to discuss any delay in payments.

# Timings of the School Day

Class	Morning drop off times	Designated parking area for drop off and pick up	Morning - children's entry point	Afternoon-cars on site (to park at designated area)	Finishing times and where children are to be collected from
<b>Reception</b>	Between 8.30-9am	Area outside of Main School Reception	Reception Class outdoor area at top of the carpark	Cars can enter site to park from 2.50pm	3pm from Reception outdoor area gate
<b>Year 1</b>	Between 8.30-9am	The new car park	Main gates on school yard	Cars can enter site to park from 2.50pm	3pm from Year 1 veranda door
<b>Year 2</b>	Between 8.30-9am	The new car park	Main gates on school yard	Cars can enter site to park from 2.50pm	3pm from last year's Year 6 door
<b>Year 3</b>	Between 8.30-9am	The new car park	Main gates on school yard	Cars can enter site to park from 2.50pm	3pm from veranda door
<b>Year 4</b>	Between 8.30-9am	Area outside of Main School Reception	Through the main School Reception door	Cars can enter site to park from 3.15pm	3.30pm from Main Reception
<b>Year 5</b>	Between 8.30-9am	The new car park	Main gates on school yard	Cars can enter site to park from 3.15pm	3.30pm from Year 1 veranda door
<b>Year 6</b>	Between 8.30-9am	The new car park	Main gates on school yard	Cars can enter site to park from 3.15pm	3.30pm from veranda door

**Thank you for your continued support and cooperation!**