



Newsletter March 2021

March

- Thurs 4th World Book day
- **Mon 8th - School opens – staggered starts**
- w/c Mon 8th Science week
- Fri 19th Red Nose Day
- Wed 24th KS2 Victorian Day
- Mon 29th Readathon starts

April

- Thurs 1st Easter bonnets
- **Thurs 1st – School closes for Easter**
- **Mon 19th - School opens – staggered starts**

Please remember

- to bring wellies as we will play on the field as much as possible
- to ensure all uniform is clearly named, including wellies
- wear an extra layer as school may feel cooler than normal due to increased ventilation
- to wear PE kit on PE days
- trainers may only be worn on PE days
- to have long hair tied up at all times
- no nail varnish
- to fill your child's water bottle with water – no juice please
- **no nuts** in packed lunches or snacks

Twitter

As parents are not in school at the moment, please follow us on twitter (@StJohnsRworth) to see photos of everything the children have been up to!

School office

Please be aware we are still short-staffed in the school office. Mrs Hulme and Mrs Worthington are doing a sterling job of holding the fort, but please bear with us if it takes a little longer than normal to respond to you.

Welcome back to all!

Welcome back to school – although we have seen many of our families over the lockdown period, there are also many of you that we haven't seen – so welcome back - it is lovely to be in regular contact with everyone again!

As you will be aware we will be reintroducing many of the systems that worked well in the autumn term: staggered timings, regular hand washing, good ventilation and social distancing etc.

Staff will also be having a lateral flow test twice a week as part of our efforts to keep the whole school community safe.

Calderdale have suggested that parents/carers wear masks at drop-off and pick up and we would encourage parents to do this, although we won't be enforcing it!

Easter Readathon

To encourage our children to read widely and often, we are having a sponsored Readathon from the Monday 29th March and lasting over the Easter holiday. More details to follow.

PE days

Children will be allowed to wear their PE kit on PE days. This comprises dark, plain tracksuit/jogging bottoms or shorts, a white school polo shirt or T-shirt, a school sweatshirt or school hoodie and trainers. Teachers will be in touch to confirm PE days, but please be aware these are weather dependent!

Parents' evening

We have moved our parents' evening to the beginning of the summer term, as we will have more to report to you by then about your child's well-being and progress. More details will follow.

Science week

Science week will take place on the w/c Monday 8th March. The theme is "innovating for the future". Whilst in-person visitors are restricted, there will be a range of scientists sharing their knowledge through video links including a live Q&A session as well as lots of exciting practical activities

Red Nose Day - dress down day

We will be having a dress down day for comic relief day- children can wear superheroes costumes, red nose merchandise such as t shirts etc or red non-uniform! The only thing to avoid is red noses as children tend to take them on and off and share them around which obviously isn't ideal in these covid times! Face-painting however is fine!

KS2 Victorian Day

KS2 will be holding their Victorian Day on **Wednesday 24th March**. KS2 children and staff will all be dressing up in Victorian costume and we will have a range of activities around the theme, including some very strict Victorian teachers!

Easter bonnets

We will hold our Easter bonnet parade on **Thursday 1st April** – this will be in bubbles and sadly parents won't be able to attend in the normal way – we will make sure we take plenty of photos to share with you! There will be Easter egg prizes for every year group, so get creative!

Year 6 parents: please note the date of the Whitby residential trip in your diary Tuesday 15th June – Friday 18th June 2021. We are hopeful that the residential will go ahead – should this change we will contact parents of Y6 children directly.

The next instalment of £80 was due on **1st March**.