

Homework –

Friday 19th March 2021



Dear Parent/Carer

I was going to use a daffodil for the picture box, but most of them are up and about now, and it is the tulips that are pushing through in their determined manner to announce that spring really is upon us!

School does seem to be going very well. It is now almost the anniversary of the first lockdown and life has changed so much for all of us: as a school, it has reminded us that there is more to life than test results and that, as a teaching group, we have to focus on the wider issues to a much greater extent. An example of this is the fact that we are going on our Y6 residential in the autumn term this year – whereas in the past, we have always gone after SATs so that we didn't waste any teaching time. However, all those who have been on residential know that they are an amazing experience that brings children together, so why would we make it something that is done right at the end of the school life of a child?

Just at the moment, we are looking at classes for next year. The policy at this school is to avoid mixed-age classes, even if financially they might make good sense. Instead, we like to keep smaller, year-group-specific classes so that children get a greater sense of continuity. With that in mind, we have tried (and succeeded in nearly every case) to move one teacher up with each year group so that the transition is that much more successful: this will help with planning, with assessment and with the way in which children will settle.

The school has been given a fair amount of nearly-new uniform by parents whose children have outgrown items during lockdown. If any parents wish to hand items to the school, we can sort through them and then put them into children's sizes and then offer them to parents to help the environment and to save a bit of money. Every little helps ☺.

Just a reminder that the school closes at 1.10pm on Wednesday March 31st and opens again after the Easter break on Monday 12th April – this is quite a short break but it does allow us to have a two-week break in June so hopefully, some families will be able to get away for a staycation. I guess that many families love to go abroad in normal circumstances but may find themselves holidaying in the UK – the second week of our half-term holiday should provide a good opportunity for this at a reasonable price, as most schools are definitely back by then (my own children attend a school which **won't** be on holiday at that time ☺)

Please use the comment box below to write anything you have to say about the homework or about any other school issues...

Signed:

Please make sure that your child's medical details and emergency contact numbers are with the office and up-to-date.