



St Margaret's at Hasbury CE Primary School and Nursery NEWSLETTER

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February 2021

Diary Dates

Spring Term

Half Term: Monday 15th-19th February

Back to school: Monday 22nd February

Term Ends: Thursday, 1st April

Summer Term

Term Starts: Monday 19th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May

Half Term: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Term Ends: Thursday 22nd July

Please note:

The Inset day on 22nd February has been cancelled

Lateral flow testing

The government has asked all staff in primary schools to take part in lateral flow testing. This will involve members of staff conducting home coronavirus tests twice each week.

This strategy aims to reduce the chances of school staff that are asymptomatic unknowingly entering the school whilst positive with the virus and ensures the school is even safer.

As a result of all staff taking tests twice per week, there is obviously an increased chance that there will be bubble closures, which will impact on the families of pupils currently accessing the school.

#kindness



Thankyou from myself and from everyone in school for the supportive emails and kind words we have received. It is very much appreciated.

Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you all well.

As we come to the end of lockdown week four, you should all continue to be proud of what you are achieving. I am delighted with how many children are accessing remote learning and I appreciate it isn't easy with limited internet access and devices and with both children and parents working from home. School continues to support families who are struggling to access learning from home by providing technical support, devices and new exercise books.

On Wednesday 27th January, Boris announced that potentially schools could start to reopen from 8th March. This date, leaves us with even more weeks where children are at home learning. Please can I emphasise that engaging in home learning is compulsory, as is the expectation that school makes that provision available and accessible to everyone.

Our remote learning policy has been shared with you on our school website and over the past few weeks more lessons have been delivered live or using videos with teacher explanations to maximise engagement. Engagement with the learning of all pupils is monitored daily and where children are not interacting (attended live registration, lessons, submitting work), we will call you to check everyone is ok and for the reasons why your child isn't engaging.

We are constantly reviewing our remote learning and have decided to put together a fortnightly timetable for afternoon activities/subject aimed to take children away from the screens. This timetable is attached.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Shepherd

Headteacher

Big School's Bird Watch



School is taking part in Big School's Bird Watch 2021 from 29th – 31st January. What better excuse to get outdoors and find out more about the birds in your environment? We will be making bird feeders in school so perhaps you could do this at home and send a photo in?

Food Vouchers



School has provided both food vouchers and food parcels due to direction from the Local Authority. From week commencing 1st Feb, two weeks of Edenred vouchers (Government vouchers) will be issued for weeks commencing 1st and 8th February.

The Government are not currently issuing vouchers for February half term, however, the authority have decided to do so. For week commencing 15th February you will receive Wonder food vouchers via email.

Our catering provision is provided by the local authority which is led by government guidance, so please bear in mind the information above could change!

Keeping in touch

During the lockdown in March, the videos worked well with keeping the school community together so I thought it would be good to do something again. Copy this link into your browser and find out more!

<https://youtu.be/QUuEcIxFMRw>



Nursery Vacancies for September 2021

We have both 15 hour and 30 hour places available in our Nursery from September 2021. If your child is 3 before 31st August, please contact us for a registration form.