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Newsletter No. 10

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been an unprecedented time for our school community over this last 2 weeks; one which we hope we won't have to go through again.

The challenges brought about for you as parents, with children at home again whilst juggling work commitments, and for our teachers with ever changing pupil numbers and trying to fill in gaps for individuals learning as they return, are not to be taken lightly.

We would just like to thank you all, in this newsletter, for working together at this crucial time.

Through our regular communication with the local Public Health team and the Local Authority we are seeking to rationalise our communications with parents, in light of daily new cases, as we are aware that this has become potentially unwieldy for all.

Currently, despite our high case numbers, we have been advised that there are no further measures to be put in place. Throughout this period, our Senior Management Team meet daily and our Governors Critical Incident team meet weekly, in order that all necessary information is shared appropriately.

We recognise that in classes where pupil numbers have been particularly low, some of the children have missed their friends, especially at break times. Mrs Simons, our wellbeing Teaching Assistant has been particularly active in providing extra spaces at our lunch time Relaxation Station, when possible, to provide a bit of support for these pupils.

We have spent time in several of the classes over the last two weeks observing teaching and learning and talking with pupils about their learning, which has been an absolute delight. The children show confidence and resilience and are always very excited to share with us work or learning that they are proud of. The teachers knowledge of their pupils as individual learners is commendable. Despite everything, the children continue to soar to success, thriving in their safe and secure learning environments.

Please do enjoy some brighter weather this weekend, if it is possible for you to get out, by joining in with the annual Birdwatch event—see below.

Winter is a great time to watch birds from your window. This weekend is the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch where families can take part in a national citizen science project by recording all the garden birds they can see. If you are interested in doing this as a family, or if your child/ren can draw illustrations of garden birds we would love to see these. If your child/ren is interested in taking part we would really appreciate it if they could bring their findings, observations or illustrations into School on Monday 31st of January so we could share these with the children in their classes.

The link for more information is <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch>

Do look in the diary dates below to see the upcoming diary dates!
Stay well!

Mrs Kendall & Mrs Pentney | Headteachers



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Friday 11th February	Last day of half term
Monday 14th—Friday 18th February	Half term break
Monday 21st February	Children to return to school
Monday 28th February	Sparrows trip to Cambridge Science Centre
Monday 28th February	Visitor to Y5 from Cambridge University Astronomy department
Tuesday 1st March	Wagtails trip to Cambridge Science Centre
Wednesday 9th March	Y4 trip to Anglo Saxon Village West Stow
Friday 19th March	Spring reports to parents of children in Y1—6
Monday 21st—Thursday 24th March	Y6 Bikeability—details to follow
Tuesday 22nd March	Parent consultations— booking details out soon 8am—11:30am
Thursday 24th March	Parent consultations—booking details out soon 3:50—7:30pm
Wednesday 30th March	Y3 trip to Colchester Zoo
Tuesday 29th March	8:30am Mothers Day breakfast FABS event To be confirmed—pending covid restrictions
Friday 1st April	Last day of Spring term
Tuesday 19th April	First day of Summer term—pupils return