

**What a wonderful week it has been! Seeing everyone back in class, learning and playing together has been so lovely. All the children (and adults!) have settled back into a very positive routine and the school is filled with smiles.**

**Our next PTA meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March:** Please join us on Zoom to plan the next series of events. Joining details as follows:

Topic: PTA Meeting March 2021

Time: Tuesday March 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94340884951?pwd=dTh5Q0VXdDRnU0pxRWdPWm1tL09hdz09>

Meeting ID: 943 4088 4951

Passcode: LBfZy7

**Snacks:** If children bring a snack to school, these must be a healthy snack (no crisps, biscuits, sweeties or chocolate). There must be NO NUTS at all please. Only water in water bottles – no juice.

**KS2 after school clubs:** Do sign up for a 10 week block of afterschool extra-curricular opportunities. Secure a place via the School Gateway.

Year 3	Tuesday	Art club	Miss Otu	3:30-4:30
Year 3	Tuesday	Programming club	Miss Li	3:30-4:30
Year 4	Thursday	Gardening club	Miss Sexton	3:30-4:30
Year 4	Wednesday	DT club	Miss Harrison	3:30-4:30
Year 5	Tuesday	Drawing club	Mr Burns	3:30-4:30
Year 6	Tuesday	iPad club	Miss O'Mahony	3:30-4:30

**Lateral Flow Testing for parents:** NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school age children can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. Test kits can be collected from the COVID test centre next to school.

**Uniform:** It has been brought to my attention that families are having trouble sourcing the new uniform from Ziggy's. I am in the process of finding an additional supplier so there will be a choice. As soon as this is confirmed I will share details with you all. Thank you for your patience.

**Individual and Family Photographs:** These will be taken on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March. A letter has been sent out with specified times for the family shots, to ensure social distancing guidelines can be followed.

**Looking ahead:** The last day of this term – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April, will be a day filled with activities to bring us altogether as a school, to include a Fun Run, Easter Bonnet Parades, Decorated egg competitions, special assemblies and an outdoor sing-along. More details will be sent out so you can help your children prepare!

**Term dates:**

Finish for the Easter holiday at the end of the day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Return to school at 8:45 on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April

No school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Bank Holiday

Finish for Whit half term at the end of the day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Return to school at 8:45 on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Finish for the summer holidays at the end of the day on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Pupils return for the new Academic Year on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

The full holiday list for 2021/22 will be published at the end of March.

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