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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the Easter holidays, I would like to thank all of our children, staff and parents for their hard work, dedication, patience and resilience this term. It has been a delight to finally welcome all the children back to school. They have settled well, enjoyed catching up with their friends and the joy of learning has returned.

Easter events

During Holy Week, we normally spend a lot of time together as a school reflecting on the importance of the week. This year, the children will continue to gain a deeper understanding within their classrooms. There will be different reflections for each day of Holy Week to help the children fully celebrate Easter Sunday this weekend.

Please do find time each day to spend 5-10 minutes in prayer together.



Tomorrow (30th March), the children can wear a colourful/Easter top along with their uniform skirt or trousers. In exchange for this, can they bring an Easter egg or a chocolate bar for our school raffle.

On Wednesday, the children from Reception to Year six will all watch an Easter pantomime. We are streaming the panto into each class and all the children will receive an Easter cake or biscuit made by the kitchen staff. The nursery children will be having Easter fun instead.



We have funded the pantomime from the Easter Egg raffle. Thank you to all who have supported our Easter raffle so far. The egg and chocolate collection we receive will be separated into classes and the raffles completed in front of the children; we would have liked the whole school together but this is not possible this year. The raffle will be held on Thursday. If you haven't already bought your raffle tickets, there is still time! The option to buy them will stay on ParentPay until Wednesday morning and tickets have been sent out with the children. Please return monies and tickets to class teacher by Wednesday morning.

Easter Egg Decorating Competition

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to enter the egg competition, we are so impressed by the quality of the entries so far. Tomorrow is the last day to enter!

Pictures will be shared on the website and winners announced on Thursday.



Big Pedal

When we return to school on Monday 19th April, we will be celebrating the Big Pedal. This will last for two weeks and involves children coming to school all week on bikes, scooters or anything else with wheels. Each playground area will have a space for the bikes etc. to be left during the day. Please remember, to act sensibly on the pavements on the way to and from school.



Attendance

If your child is absent from school due to a COVID isolation, then please inform the office. School work will be added to your child's Class Dojo on day two. Please complete online activities, e.g. Lexia, Reading Plus, Bug Club and Times Table Rockstars on day one of the absence. We will not be offering live lessons during isolation periods unless the whole class are isolating.

Wraparound

Breakfast club continues to be 7:45am-9am. Due to lack of demand, we have not run a tea-time club this term. Please email the office (olotr@durhamlearning.net) if this provision is something you would be interested in next term. We will then inform you when decisions have been made in regards to this.

Parents' consultations

Next term there will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. As in the Autumn term, this will be held via telephone.

Class teachers will be in touch early next term with details about how you can book your slot.

Uniform

A reminder that children are required to wear their full school uniform including school shoes unless it is PE day. Many pupils are continuing to wear trainers. These are not part of the school uniform. We have been lenient due to the closure of shops; however, we will revert to contacting parents after the holidays. We understand that sometimes issues occur, e.g. left school shoes at a family member's house or damaged footwear and if this is the case then we are sympathetic if we know the situation. If you are struggling financially and cannot afford the correct school uniform then please inform us and we will offer support.

Easter Holiday Activities

Fun and Food!

This Easter Durham County Council has launched our Fun and Food programme, providing fun activities with healthy snacks and meals for children and young people. Activities are provided by range of

partners including schools, voluntary and community sector groups, sport and leisure services and our Family Centres.

For information on Fun and Food activities during the Easter holidays check out www.durham.gov.uk/FunAndFood

Dates for your diary:

Holiday	Closing Date	Re-opening Date
Easter	Thursday 1st April 2021	Monday 19th April 2021
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 30th April 2021	Tuesday 4th May 2021
Summer Half term	Friday 28th May 2021	Monday 7th June 2021
Summer	Thursday 22 nd July 2021	Tuesday 8 th September 2021

School will be closed for two further Professional Development days this school year: Friday 2nd July and Friday 23rd July 2021

Please note we will break up for Easter on Thursday 1st April at 1:00pm.

Pick ups from yards as follows:

Nursery-CLOSED pm

Can I please remind Nursery parents to please pick up children on time. Thank you.

Reception: 1:00pm

Year 1: 1:05pm

Year 2: 1:10pm

Year 2/3: 1:15pm

Year 3: 1:15pm

Year 4: 1:00pm

Year 5: 1:05pm

Year 6: 1:15pm

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter and to thank you once again for all the support you continue to provide to both your child/children and the school. Over the Easter break please continue to stay safe and enjoy more time outside. Meeting another family in a garden is permitted from today so please enjoy your time with others safely.

A very happy Easter to you all,

Mrs. Graham

Acting Executive Headteacher

Mrs Sutherland

Deputy Head

E

is for everyone who comes
to share this special day

A

is for the ascension we
celebrate today

S

is for the Spring that brings
the world new life

T

is for the table around
which we sit to pray

E

is for everyone who comes
to share this special day

R

is for the roads we travel
on the way

