

**Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

In response to recent developments and guidance, we have taken the decision to postpone some of the events and learning opportunities that we had planned for the Spring Term. We will either cancel all events in school where members of the community have been invited or go ahead with just staff and pupils. We will update you on a week by week basis about other upcoming activities when we are given further guidance.

The Year Two trip to Cadbury World tomorrow will go ahead. Having spoken to their Education Department today about the hygiene measures they are taking, we are confident that the benefits of this visit far outweigh any possible concerns we may have.

**Current postponed or modified events:**

- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup>- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**      **Maths Open Week** *postponed*
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**      **Parent's Evening** *modified*: we will be developing a report to feedback information about children's attainment and progress which parents will receive before Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. You have the opportunity to give feedback via Tapestry/e-mail.
- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**      **Rowling class Synagogue Visit** *postponed*
- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Match**      **Parent's Evening** *modified*: see Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**      **Year 6 Rag Market Visit** *cancelled*
- **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March**      **Lewis class Synagogue Visit** *postponed*
- **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**      **Year 5 Titanic Exhibition** *modified*: the exhibition will continue but without visitors in school
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**      **Easter Bonnet Parade** *modified*: the parade itself will still go ahead but without visitors in school

Swimming lessons will continue to go ahead unless we receive further information to the contrary. Any other educational visits that are planned for before or after the Easter Holidays will be considered as more guidance becomes available. We will update you on a weekly basis about these.

Please bear with us with regard to refunds on ParentPay, where applicable. As most visits are postponed rather than cancelled, we will contact parents as and when necessary regarding individual cases. If parents choose to not send their child on the Year Two Cadbury World visit, refunds will not be available.

We will not be having volunteers in school over the next three weeks, in the run up to the holidays. Due to this, our PTFA Mother's Day Shop will still go ahead on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March but will follow a slightly different format to previous years.

**At present**, our non-uniform day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March is going ahead, with the children bringing in chocolate for the PTFA's Chocolate Hamper Raffle. Please ensure that it is well within its use-by date. Amended information about how and when we will be selling raffle tickets will be given out next week.

With regards to our hygiene and cleanliness in school, all children have been spoken to again today about how and when they should be washing their hands. We have found that some children's hands are not reacting well to this increase. If this is the case, children are welcome to bring in medicated hand cream to use after they have washed their hands but please ensure it's in a reusable bag to avoid any spillages! We are also ensuring that critical areas in school are receiving additional cleaning.

Understandably, we have been asked by several parents to clarify whether their children should or should not be in school if they have certain symptoms. Unfortunately, we are unable to make those decisions and we can only recommend that parents and carers follow the advice given by the NHS and to follow any government updates.

We thank you in advance for your understanding at this time and will update parents and carers with any additional information when it becomes available.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Woakes