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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thursday 25th March 2021

End of Term

What a busy term! The children have worked extremely hard during lockdown and have continued to do so since they returned to school. We have also been focusing on activities which help promote positive well-being and this will continue throughout the Summer Term.

Covid-19

Thank you to those of you who have been accessing tests for your children who are displaying symptoms from the extended list which I have shared in the last few weeks. If you have any concerns or queries over the Easter Holiday, please do let us know as we may need to make contact with parents and staff in particular contact groups or classes. We can also continue to support you with booking tests for pupils through the Local Authority. Please use the usual school email at any point through the holidays and Mrs Green and myself will aim to reply as soon as we can. Please can I remind you that despite some restrictions being lessened – particularly around outdoors, children should still not be mixing outside school even if they are in the same contact group. I am aware that 2 households can meet outdoors but children should definitely not be going into one another's houses for tea or sleep-overs etc.

Medical and Allergy details

Thanks to those of you who have already responded to our request for information on medical and allergy details. We are simply updating our records and would really appreciate everyone responding – even if it is simply to confirm your child has no medical or allergy needs.

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Consultation

Please note, last week, I sent out a consultation on changes to the school day (with the newsletter). It is also available on the website under 'News' if you missed it.

Uniform

We do understand that the children may have grown and the difficulties around getting hold of new uniform with the restrictions on retail. We would wherever possible like to see everyone in full uniform including shoes after Easter but please talk to us if you have any difficulties with this. Year 6 will soon have their leavers' hoodies. Well-being days will continue to be PE kits with school jumpers. Please contact the office if you wish to purchase any of the school uniform that we stock.

Lent Appeal – Thank you

Thank you so much for your generosity towards our Foodbank Easter Egg appeal. We have 159 Easter Eggs to pass on to The Vale Foodbank tomorrow.

Reminders:

Friday 26th March - INSET day.

Friday 26th March - Closing Date for Nursery 2021.

Monday 12th April – all return to school

w/c 12th April – Y4 to Y6 hot lunches.



Goodbye!

A special mention to Eli in Year 5 who we said a sad goodbye to this week. We wish Eli and her family lots of luck and happiness in their new home. We will miss you Eli but I am sure you will quickly make new friends and settle into your new school.

Reflection

Many of us have spent time this week reflecting on the past year. We have taken the time to think with sadness and genuine empathy for those who have lost loved ones and many who have been adversely affected by the impact of the virus on families, businesses and poverty. I can't imagine how tough the year has been for those on the frontline who battled tirelessly to save lives and we are eternally grateful. It has been a struggle for many and my thoughts and prayers go out to all.

I have though also tried to focus on the positives. Since last March, we have seen communities coming together, in some cases there has been more family time and time to take stock on life and what our priorities should be. We as a staff have become an even tighter team, working together for the benefit of the children but also looking out for one another through the tough times we have faced. The children never cease to amaze me. Whilst we must be mindful of the possible long term impact of the last year on their well-being and education, they face each day with a smile and great courage. I want to thank you the parents and families for all your support and kind words throughout the period. We are so impressed with the remote learning work that went on through lockdown and the evidence is visible in the children's work and assessments since they returned. Your hard work really did make a difference and we do recognise how difficult it is to juggle your own work with the children's!

Easter is a time of hope and new beginnings. Whilst we know we are not out of the woods just yet, let us strive with real hope and determination to continue to work together to make the future a bright one for everyone.

Happy Easter everyone!

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Charlton'.

Headteacher



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (Peter 1 v1-3)