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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families safe and well. As I am sure you are aware, it was this time last year that we were forced to close our doors and move to remote learning. Little did we know how the year would pan out and certainly a lot has changed since then. I am grateful for your patience and support over the past twelve months. Let us hope, the brighter weather and signs of spring signal better times are ahead, for us all. I have a few areas to update you on this week but I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe and restful Easter break.

Kind regards

Miss K Aldred

Last Day of Term

As was the case at Christmas; we will finish at the normal staggered times on the last day of this term; **Thursday 1**st **April**. We will all return on **Monday 19**th **April**, again at the usual staggered times and places.

COVID-19

Whilst we sincerely hope that we will not have any positive cases of COVID-19 over the next week, we must of course not let our guard down. Should anyone in your household display any symptoms please inform the school as soon as possible and keep your child at home. Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for Coronavirus (COVID-19) website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms are:

- A high temperature
- ♦ A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

School will close on 1st April but, emails will continue to be monitored throughout the holiday period and should you need to get in contact, due to a positive COVID test outcome, please email via the school office on <u>info@bagshot.surrey.sch.uk</u> not your child's class email address, which will not be monitored.

You only need to report a positive test outcome to us, if your child developed symptoms within 48hrs of being in school as your child may have been infectious in this time, we will then assist NHS Test and Trace in identifying close contacts and advise relevant parents and staff about self-isolation.

Last Wacky Wednesday

Next Wednesday, 31st March will be our last Wacky Wednesday of this school year. It has been wonderful to see the children's creativity and personalities shine through and it has certainly made everyone smile. Thank you for your support in embracing our wackiness! After Easter we will return to normal school uniform every Wednesday.

Parent Evening Appointments

Teachers will be holding consultation appointments with parents and carers in the week beginning Tuesday 4th May. Further details, on how to book your appointment will be sent out upon our return, after the Easter holiday.

Pants and Knickers

Could I please ask you to check at home for any school pants and knickers which your child may have brought home. Our spare stock has somewhat depleted and we would appreciate you checking at home for us.

Birthday Sweets and Treats

A reminder that due to COVID restrictions we are currently not distributing sweets and treats on children's birthdays. Could I please ask for your support by not sending them in to school.

Online Safety

Hopefully, as restrictions begin to lift we will all become a little less reliant on online systems and will begin to be able to meet in person and get out and about again. However, since returning from lockdown, increasingly the children have been telling us about the online games they have been enjoying playing at home. I thought it would be useful to share the NSPCC advice with you, regarding online games and the ways in which you can ensure you keep your children safe.

If you would like any further information or advice, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. <u>https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/</u>

SCC Travel Survey

Surrey Council have asked us to share this school travel survey with all parents and carers. <u>https://www.surreysays.co.uk/iai/41377978</u>

Amazing Grace

Harper Asprey Wildlife Rescue visited the school on Tuesday evening to deliver a special magazine they have produced, for the school children of Surrey Heath. Your child will be bringing home their magazine over the coming days. It contains lots of ideas and tips on how to help and protect hedgehogs in your gardens as well as on the school grounds.