



# DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

## Headteacher's Thoughts

Well, we have reached the end of the Spring term of this academic year and one that was slightly different than we originally expected. As always, it has been a whole school community effort for which I am very appreciative – I would like to thank the children for continuing to work within their bubbles as well as adapting to the online learning for the lockdown or any self-isolation period, the staff for keeping the school running effectively through working in and out of school to ensure that work was available to all, the governors for their support and to the parents for continuing to work so amazingly with us to ensure that our community remains safe and the unexpected additional teaching duties. I am proud to be a part of this amazing community.

Sadly, Year 1 had to start their self-isolation on Saturday last week, so we have missed them this week, however it was great to see Years 2 and 5 return on Tuesday.

Thank you to the church for organising the Easter Experience this year, which gave the children a chance to listen, engage and reflect on the Easter story and as always it was wonderful to hear the questions that are being asked. Thank you to the church team for giving up their time and supporting the children throughout the two days.

Similarly to the Christmas holiday, schools have been asked to be available to the 7<sup>th</sup> April for track and trace purposes, the guidance below is similar to last time for the first part of the holiday with regards to any positive cases – please email the school office if this happens. Thank you.

- *Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test & Trace who will send a text, email alert, or call with instructions on how to share details of people who have had close, recent contact.*
- *Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contacts during the holidays schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.*
- *If a pupil or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising that they self-isolate. This is as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.*

Finally, I want to wish you a Happy Easter and good holiday – please keep yourselves safe and those around you. I look forward to seeing you again on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April from 8:40am – please remember to socially distance at the gate or if this is not possible, please wear a mask.

Mr. Leigh

**Our Christian Value for this half term is:**

## **Joy**

During this half term, we will think about our own personal happiness - *inner contentment, enjoyment of life, laughter, at peace with the way things are, having a ready smile, deep joy.*

The happiness of others - *making other people smile, putting others at ease, spreading a good mood or good cheer, sharing a joke, relieving other people of worry or fear*

***'Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!'***  
***Philippians 4:4***

## **Future Diary Dates.**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April – 2:55pm/3:05pm - End of Spring Term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Summer Term begins

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Bank Holiday

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Cricket coaching for each class

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May – 2:55/3:05pm – School closes for half term

**Photos: Year 6 taking advantage of the sunshine to develop their drawing skills**

