



DATES TO REMEMBER



Easter Egg Decorating Competition Entries
Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6
All entries to be in school no later than
27.03.20.
Winners will be announced 03.04.20

- 17.03.20 Class Group Photographs
- 18.03.20 Years 3 & 5 swimming
- 19.03.20 **3H Class Assembly**
- 20.03.20 Year 5 Think Tank Visit
- 20.03.20 EYFS Mother's Day Assembly
 NAM & RMW @ 11.00am (Hall)
 30HRS & RH @ 2.15pm (Hall)
- NPM Mother's Day Sing-a-long 3.00pm(Classroom)
- 23.03.20 School Nurse Drop in Session 2pm
- 25.03.20 Years 3 & 5 Last Swimming Session
- 26.03.20 Parents Evening 4.00pm-8.30pm
- 03.04.20 EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade - Hall
 NAM & RMW @ 11.00am
 30HRS & RH @ 2.30pm
- 01.04.20 RSE Policy Parent Meeting @ 1pm
- 03.04.20 Break Up for Easter 3.15pm
- 06.04.20-17.04.20 Easter Holidays**
- 20.04.20 School reopens
- 29.04.20 Kingswood Parents Meeting
 @ 3.30pm
- 07.05.20 School Closed for Voting
- 08.05.20 School Closed May Bank Holiday
- 11.05.20- 14.05.20 SATS Week
- 19.05.20 EYFS Sports Day –TBC
- 20.05.20 Yrs 1-6 Sports Day – TBC
- 25.05.20 – 01.06.20 Half Term
- 03.06.20 – 05.06.20 Kingswood – Yr. 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well! It's been quite a week. There has been a lot of information in the news about Coronavirus and it would appear that the issue is likely to get worse before it gets better.

We have tried to make sure that you are well informed about what is happening regarding this – so I apologise if you have been bombarded by information and requests. Page two of this week's newsletter highlights the work we have been doing to provide continual education in the event of any enforced school closures. Additional to this information it is important that parents and carers know some other important information.

As it stands Netherbrook and all other schools will be **open** unless told otherwise. Pupils should therefore attend school as normal, every day. Every day still counts – even more so at the moment. However if children genuinely display any of the following symptoms you should isolate them for a period of 7 days.

- A **new** continuous cough
- Sustained and persistent high temperature

If you (adults) have any of these symptoms then you should also self isolate, but unless pupils show the same symptoms they should still attend school. **Self isolation** means that people should not leave their home at all for that period of time. Government advice on this may change so please keep an eye on the news and follow the latest guidance which we will also inform you about. A lot of advice can be found on Government websites.

At the moment our **Parents Evening** will continue as planned on Thursday 26th March. We will follow our new hygiene procedures and all parents and visitors will need to wash their hands as you enter school. There may be a few other slight alterations which we will inform you of if they prove necessary.

From next week we will not plan any **new school trips** to public places for a short period of time, existing announced trips will continue if this is appropriate. Events on our diary dates (to the left) including Year 5s visit to Think Tank will go ahead as planned and **Year 3 and 5 swimming will also continue as normal** – there are very few risks attached to swimming as the children do not interact with members of the public at all – the pool is either separate or closed off to the public when we use it and the chlorine in the water will prevent any spread of illness. This is a national curriculum requirement and therefore there is no 'opt out'.

The **RSE consultation session for parents** will also continue as planned on Wednesday 1st April, so please come and join us if you are available.

Attendance Class Heroes.

Here **E**veryday **R**eady **O**n Time.
5W – 99.66%
Well Done Mrs William's class



Students of the Week

Brodie-Lee P, Harper H, Blake G, Rubymay W, Ethan O, Chloe A, Cody B, Ruby H, Brooke S.



There is a chance that all schools in the UK may close for a period of time in an attempt to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. If this does happen the decision will be taken at national level and will most likely affect all schools; primary and secondary as well as colleges and universities. We will let you know if this happens and in the meantime **all pupils should attend as normal.**

We are in the process of creating **Home Learning Tasks** for pupils to do at home during any closures. We are planning to make at least 10 days' worth of work available for all pupils. It is important that pupils complete the work set so that they do not lose too much education time during any closure. We will send home an exercise book and pencil for all pupils to use and each year group will upload homework tasks to the school life app and school website. Some tasks may be internet based such as TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed, but most tasks will be written into the exercise books and returned to school when we reopen. Please ensure that if we do need to do this then children complete the work to a good standard and take it seriously.

We will also attempt to communicate via email with children on a daily basis through your parental emails. To ensure that this is easy and effective please complete the **personal details update forms** that we have sent home. These need to be returned ASAP. We can then email children regularly (through parents) to deliver messages etc.

Please remember that any enforced closure is **not additional holiday time** and pupils should spend at least 3 hours a day completing their school work wherever possible. The possible closure of other public venues does not necessarily mean that children will have to remain confined to their homes, unless advised to do so by Public Health England, but it may mean that they are restricted regarding places to actually visit due to places being shut, this is another reason why we are sending out the packs – to keep children productively occupied. Please do not allow children to simply play video games and watch TV as this could be quite detrimental, depending on how long closures may be in effect for.

There have been **no issues in school related to coronavirus of any kind** and the site and cleaning staff have done a great job keeping the school very clean. Staff have ensured that pupils have washed their hands thoroughly and regularly throughout the day and I would like to thank parents and carers for their support and help in keeping our school infection free.

We have carried out a large number of **hand washing lessons and lessons** about the current crisis and it is clear that our pupils are quite knowledgeable about this issue, please reassure children that most people will be absolutely fine and a very, very small number of people may need some extra help to recover from the infection. It is worth pointing out that surprisingly few children under the age of 15 have been very poorly with coronavirus so far. Most people with more severe effects are elderly and most have had underlying health concerns.

If closures do occur, then we will have to wait for the **Government** to advise us on the date for reopening and also for any actions we need to take in the meantime, such as deep cleans. We would also await advice on the approach to be taken on public examinations such as Y2 and Y6 SATs, Phonic Screening Checks and Time Tables Checks in primary schools and GCSEs in secondary schools. Any enforced closures would not affect other normal school holidays, unless we are notified otherwise – so previously published dates for school holidays still stand.

We will keep parents and carers updated as often as possible in the event of any closure via our app, text message and email facilities. So please ensure you have provided us with the most up to date details.

Thank you (as always) for your continued support. Let's hope that none of this is necessary! Have a good weekend ☺