



31st March 2021

Dear Parents,

Spring Letter 19

PTA End of Term Easter Celebrations

Our PTA continue to offer valuable support both financially and in devising great ideas to bring the school community together. The winners of the Easter Raffle are Erin Schaus, Luca Smith and Ben Rodriguez and a total of £100 was raised! These families have won a delicious chocolate hamper each. Remember pupils will have the opportunity to show off their Easter Bonnets tomorrow, Thursday 1st April.

Internet Safety

As part of both the PSHE and Computing curriculum all year groups complete an internet safety module every year in school. In addition, we issue our acceptable use contracts to every pupil on an annual basis. This is to ensure that the safety messages are regularly shared. However, from time to time inappropriate content or sites will be inadvertently seen/used by pupils.

Therefore, here is a reminder (sent originally in the Autumn Term) of the age restrictions for the most common social media platforms:

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

Age Group	Platforms
Under 13	Roblox, PopJam, FaceTime
13+	Twitter, Facebook and Messenger, Viber, WeChat, Monkey, Yubo, Dubsplash, Instagram, TikTok, Skype, Google Hangouts, Reddit, Snapchat, Pinterest
16+	WhatsApp, Telegram Messenger, Tumblr
17+	Line, Sarahah, Tellonym

Sourced from NSPCC website October 2019



I will be organising further internet safety sessions and PSHE lessons for the pupils in school as recently it was brought to my attention that some pupils had seen some inappropriate content on TikTok. I would firstly, like to praise the pupils for coming forward and reporting what they had seen as per the guidance they have been given by school and home.

Such matters are fully dealt with as they arise and I can and do refer them to agencies such as Worcestershire Children's Services and the police.

Forest School

Mrs Greenstreet and Mr Thomas led the first of our Forest School sessions for all pupils on Monday this week. Oak class enjoyed their session immensely. The other classes will take part after Easter and these outdoor sessions will be invaluable in helping with pupils' mental health and wellbeing after a very challenging year. An alternative date for Elm class forest school will be published shortly as 19th April is a TED Day. Please remember to send back your Forest School consent forms.

Birthday Celebrations

All pupils who have had their birthday on 18th December and up to 1st April will be 'invited' to their class birthday party on Thursday 1st April. Every child in school will take part in the celebration and our birthday boys and girls will take home a birthday balloon.

Worcester University Initial Teacher Training (ITT) Students

We are delighted to be helping new teachers with their chosen careers. We will be hosting the trainee teachers who completed their placement in December after Easter in Rowan, Willow, Ash, Oak and Elm. All of the ITT students will have completed three negative lateral flow tests prior to their placements and will fall into line with the rest of the NJK staff and test twice weekly thereafter. In addition, extensive risk assessments have been carried out by NJK and the university and as aspiring teachers, they will be following the same guidance as our substantive school staff.

DFE Guidance

Schools and further education providers are not expected to provide educational activities to eligible pupils and students during the Easter holidays. School staff will be expected to continue to do twice weekly lateral flow testing.

The DfE have requested that school leaders be on-call for the 3 days following the last teaching day to undertake track and trace arrangements in school, if notified of a positive COVID case. Please be vigilant about the symptoms this weekend:

- A high temperature
- A new and continuous cough
- A loss of smell or taste
- After 3 days please follow this guidance:

If your child tests positive for coronavirus (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 and Trace.



For the first 3 days after teaching ends, if your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation therefore contact the school by email office@nortonprimary.worcs.sch.uk or telephone the dedicated school number 07871 779132.

Thank you for your support throughout this term. We hope you all have an enjoyable Easter break and look forward to seeing pupils back to school on Tuesday 20th April.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J Dean'.

Mrs Dean
Headteacher