



29th March 2021

Dear Parents,

Spring Letter 18

Bikeability

We have booked Bikeability for our Year 5 pupils who, due to COVID restrictions, were unable to complete this cycling proficiency course last year. The date of the course will be Wednesday 31st March. Our current Year 4 pupils will take their level 1 course on 4th and 5th May. Both of these valuable activities will be funded by our PTA. Many thanks! Our Year 6 pupils will be completing the Level 6 Bikeability course week commencing Monday 24th May. This will be funded by our Primary Sport and PE Premium as we believe that cycling safely is an important life-skill and will be increasingly useful as our pupils move to high school and become more independent.

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. These families have won a delicious chocolate hamper each. Remember pupils will have the opportunity to show off their Easter Bonnets on Thursday 1st April.

Swimming

We have arranged for the pupils in key stage two, who missed some or all of their swimming lessons last year due to lockdown, to have several sessions of swimming next term. We will be taking our pupils to the usual Friday morning slot at Pershore Pool and we have also booked an additional slot for the afternoon to ensure all pupils who did not swim last year get to go this time. Some of sports premium grant will be used for pupils in Year 6 who will have additional sessions to gain their statutory level of 25m by the end of their primary year.

Forest School

Mrs Greenstreet and Mr Thomas will be leading forest school sessions for all of the pupils. These outdoor sessions will be invaluable in helping with pupils' mental health and wellbeing after a very challenging year. Please ensure you return the consent slips.

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.

Kind regards

Mrs Dean
Headteacher