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# **Dear Parents & Carers**

# Message from Mrs Majcher

The children came back after the Easter holidays keen, bright and ready to learn. We are using our school field for breaktimes which the children really enjoy. Soon there will be lots of new playground equipment for the children to use during breaktimes. Our cherry trees are in full blossom at the moment and are being thoroughly admired by all. The summer term is always the best term of the academic year, let's enjoy it safely and happily.

### **Tallest Sunflower Competition**

The Rotary Club of High Wycombe has delivered seeds to us to enter the above competition. We are very excited about this. Every child will grow a sunflower and the tallest will be entered into the competition. Please ensure that your child has a container (plant pot) to grow their seed in. We will supply everything else. Good luck!!

### **Children with Covid-19 Symptoms**

If your child has a temperature, a new continual cough and/or has lost his/her sense of taste and smell please ensure your child undergoes a PCR test.

We are unable to accept the result of a lateral flow test instead of a PCR test. Lateral flow tests are less sensitive and are explicitly intended for testing people without symptoms in order to pick up people who are unknowingly carrying the virus. They do best at identifying people who have a high viral load (i.e. most likely to be infectious) but they may miss people who are either towards the start or the end of the infection. If a child has COVID symptoms, such as a fever, then they need to stay off school until either a) they get a negative PCR result, or b) 10 days has passed from the onset of symptoms.

We have kept our school community very safe by adhering to government guidance. Although the level of Covid-19 has significantly dropped both nationally and locally we are not in a position to lower our guard as yet. Please help us to keep us all safe.

# Remote Learning Questionnaire Highlights

May 2021

Thank you to all families that responded to the remote learning questionnaire during lockdown to help us adapt what we were providing to be as helpful as possible.

81% of families felt that the remote learning provision supported their child to learn.

As a result of the survey we were able to make the following changes to support children's learning:

• We released work in fewer stages throughout the day so families could plan how they completed work

· We shared troubleshooting and support information through a remote learning and e-safety newsletter

• We sent out a learning behaviours learning mat and assembly to support children with their learning resilience and independence

• Weekly class meets supported children's wellbeing and allowed them to troubleshoot learning problems

• We changed what was expected from pupils on Wednesday afternoons as part of Wellbeing Wednesdays

We continue to use our remote learning platform for weekly homework, and it will be available for us to use in the case of a hub closure at school.

#### Mathletics

Congratulations to the following classes who have done really well with their mathletics certificates during the end of the Spring Term. This time we have joint first place between Blossom class and 6C. Well done everybody for your hard word with maths. Keep going!

1st 6C – 19 certificates

1st Blossom – 19 certificates

3rd – 3S with 9 certificates

#### Visiting orchestra

The New Mozart Orchestra will be visiting school on Wednesday 5th May. They will be playing a small concert each of the class hubs. It is wonderful to be able to welcome professionals back into the school and to experience music first hand. Do ask your child what they thought of it.

#### A sad goodbye

Mr Talbot will be leaving us at the end of this academic year to relocate to Devon. Mr Talbot was successful in securing a job for September. We congratulate Mr Talbot as he prepares for his new life, home and marriage. Mr Talbot has been with us for 5 years and we will all miss him very much.

#### Easter Egg Raffle Total

Many thanks to all the children who participated in the raffle. We raised an impressive £332.05.

#### **Red Nose Day Total**

The Red Nose Day mufti raised £261.20, well done children.



Sending good wishes to you all this Bank Holiday weekend.

Mrs Majcher and staff



#### Dates for your diary

Date		Time
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Early May Bank Holiday	All day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 Swimming at Court Garden, Marlow	Morning
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Class Photographs	During the day
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for Half Term	Staggered from 3.00 pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Inset Day – School closed	All day
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to School	Normal Staggered times
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Bags2School Collection	Early morning