

Headteacher News



Term : Summer 1 2020

Dear Parents and Carers, Another term has passed and the first one where we have been fully back as a school for the whole term, and it has felt great to be open with everyone back in school. The weather has been a bit unsettled, but that hasn't stopped our amazing staff and pupils from engaging in their learning inside and outside of the classroom.

At the start of the term, we welcomed a new member of the leadership team to the school. Will Harvey joined us and is currently based in Blue Bubble working, so you will have seen him out and about on gate duty at Love Lane in the mornings. We warmly welcome Will into the team.

Despite lockdown we have managed to retain our wonderful Artsmark Gold Award. This is testament to the hard work that our arts team have put in as well as the all the effort from our staff and pupils. A wonderful achievement.

Windsor Class managed to get a well-deserved second place in the Agricultural Challenge as well as a first place for their multi-media artwork of a fox. Well done team.

So, as we head into the final term of this academic year, I very much look forward to seeing all the wonderful learning that will take place.

Some photos of our learning



We got Artsmark!



Windsor Class with their Challenge certificates



Enjoying a picnic in the woods



Will Harvey, our new Assistant Headteacher

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I wish all our pupils, staff and parents a lovely half-term break. Please note that the last day of term is **Friday 28th May 2021** and pupils return to school on **Monday 7th June 2021**

Many thanks, Jon Hewitt (Headteacher)

What to do if your child has COVID symptoms

If your child has any one of the following symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- lost sense of smell or taste or it's changed

then your child must stay away from school and they should get a **PCR** test. You can arrange to get a PCR test by going to <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

At the website you will be able to order a test kit to be delivered to your home **or** book an appointment at a walk-in or drive-through test site. If you cannot use the online system then you should telephone on **119** - these lines are open from 7am to 11pm each day.

Please note that they should stay away from school for at least **10 days**, unless they receive a negative PCR test - in which case, they can return to school.

It is very important that you **do not** use the LFD (Lateral Flow Device) tests if you or your child has symptoms. LFD tests are only for weekly testing when you do not have symptoms.