



12 March 2021

### Dear Parent/Carer,

It's been great to have all the children back this week and I'm sure you also appreciate getting back to some kind of normality.

#### Staffing

We are delighted to announce that Miss Mustoe and her partner are expecting their first child in July. Miss Mustoe will work until the Easter holidays and then work from home until she starts her maternity leave. While working from home she will continue to support her class and year group with planning and zooming into regular lessons. I am pleased to let you know that Mr Adam Laws will be taking the class over the summer term. Mr Laws is an experienced teacher and will be working with us, across Key Stage 2, at least two days a week up to Easter – this will enable him to get to know the children and staff.

# Red Nose Day – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday, and children can come into school wearing something red. This can be non school uniform with something red, but no football kits or fancy dress. If your child has a PE day, then it will be PE kit, but with something red. Please donate £1 online, we will send the payment link out next week.



## Testing

Please see separate letter from the Local Authority and PHE about Lateral Flow Testing (LFD) and how and when to have additional testing if these are positive.

If anyone tests positive or gets coronavirus symptoms, they should tell the school and:

- self-isolate immediately
- get a PCR test to confirm the result via GOV.UK.
- follow the stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection

A negative result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus. But this does not guarantee you do not have coronavirus, so you should keep following all <u>coronavirus advice</u>.

Please note that you cannot use a lateral flow test to avoid self-isolating. Lateral flow tests are only for people with no symptoms. If you have symptoms, you must book a PCR test (sent to lab). Your child will not be allowed back into school after symptoms unless they have had a PCR test.

Tests at home are not conducted in a controlled environment and will not have trained staff on hand therefore they are not classed as assisted-testing. If the LFD has a positive result then a confirmatory PCR test is advised.

#### Lunch

Please remember to order online before **midnight the day** before for all children. Please make sure you go to the 'check-out' to ensure that the menu choice is confirmed even if you do not pay for meals.

#### Residentials

Parents in Y4, Y5 and Y6 please see separate letter regarding residentials over the summer term.

## Reminders

- Now children have all returned to school, they should be wearing the correct school uniform.
- During COVID restrictions, we are not allowing children to bring birthday sweets into school.



# Year 4 Science

Here are some photos of the science Year 4 were working on this morning. They were inventing self-watering devices for plants.

