



John Ray Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, I trust you all had a fantastic Easter holiday full of fun (and chocolate!).

It has been lovely to see all the children getting back in the swing of their learning this week. I have seen some fantastic counting in 2s, 5s and 10s in Year One. Year Two have been tackling telling the time while EYFS have planted cress in the sunshine, also checking on the progress of their carrots! I have enjoyed seeing the younger children in nursery in the hall sharing books and using magnets.

Current guidance indicates that there is no expectation for children to be tested for Covid-19, however if your child does register a positive test then they should remain at home for three days. If they are still registering a high temperature at this point then they should remain at home until this is lowered.

We are continuing to recognise those children who are reading regularly at home. Those who complete 'four reads' a week will have their name put on a raffle ticket and be entered into a draw for a 'mystery prize' at the end of term. Every week is an opportunity for a new ticket. We really can see such a positive impact when children engage in reading at home. Even if you are sharing a book, or reading a recipe, please record this as reading in any form will be celebrated.

This summer term is always my favourite and as we continue our journey into a 'post covid' world then we are looking forward to some fun activities including some parent supported events. We hope to celebrate the jubilee with a 'street party', host class assemblies, sports days and of course say goodbye in style to our year two children, most of whom will head to the junior school. I met with Mrs Harrison this week to discuss their transition and we hope to make the process both an exciting and smooth one. Further details of all of these events will be communicated to you in the next few weeks.

As per the parentmail, unfortunately many representatives couldn't make today's planned parent forum meeting. I have therefore rescheduled for the morning of Friday 13th May at 9.00am. If you would like to represent your child's class and can attend then please do email me to confirm. We will be discussing general thoughts on school life including transition and homework. I am happy to host more than one representative from each class and will buy some biscuits!

Please continue to catch me on the gate if you need to discuss anything or email at head@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk.

Have a restful and relaxing weekend,

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Headteacher