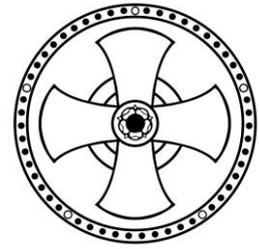




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Friday March 19th

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. As you'd expect the last two weeks have absolutely flown by and it has been absolutely superb to have the children back in school and getting them used to their routines. Many thanks for your support in this, reverting to the staggered drop offs and pickups which I realise aren't easy for some of you.

#### Learning and Teaching:

Life in school has been really eventful; last week we concentrated on re-establishing routines and expectations, this week and into next we're completing benchmarking activities with the children so that we can easily see where they are in relation to what we'd normally expect across reading, writing, maths and phonics. This information will not only help the teachers' planning for the summer terms, but will also be shared with you in a brief report after the Easter holidays. We understand how much you want to know what the progress of your children is like and how we can work together to help them with their learning. I'm pleased to say that the atmosphere in school has been happy and positive and that we've all settled well. It's also really clear how well the children were supported at home during the latest lockdown and we would like to thank you once again for all of your efforts.

#### PTFA - New Logo Needed!

Those of you with great eyes for detail will have noticed that our PTA has become a PTFA - Parents, Teachers and FRIENDS Association. It's a subtle change but does a great deal to describe the group and its intention to be a hub of supporters for the school without necessarily having to be a parent or a member of staff here. What is needed now, of course, is a new badge! If you (or anyone you know) would like to have a go at designing a new emblem for our PTFA, please drop your idea into the PTFA box in the foyer of the school. In addition, our hardworking PTFA still have plans to raise more funds for the school by holding a 'Film Night' for children in Year R, 1 and 2. The dates of this will be confirmed in due course as will the title of the film!

#### Blacklands Farm - Year 6

Parents and Carers of children in Year 6 will no doubt be wondering about the arrangements for the end of the year and in particular the residential. We have provisionally booked a residential at Blackland's Farm for Year 6 w/b July 5<sup>th</sup>. Our hope is that restrictions by then will have been lifted and that we will be able to mark the end of Year 6 with a trip away. I'll be in touch with these parents and carers around schedules for payment and the exact details next week.

#### Foodbank

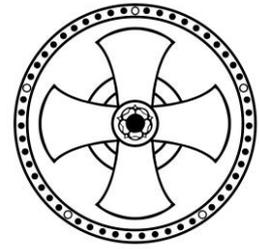
As we approach Easter I'd like to ask you again for donations for our Foodbank which will be distributed to members of the community on Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to contribute non-perishable foods or perhaps a chocolate egg that we can give to some of our families, we would really appreciate that. As normal, please hand any contributions to the staff on duty on the gate in the morning or call the office for a time when you can drop donations into the school. Thank you so much to you all for your continued support with this.

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Afternoon Break - Year 5 and 6

As some of you will know, because of the staggered breaks and 'bubbles', our oldest children have their lunch earlier in the morning between 11.30 and 12.20. This means that they are often hungry in the afternoons and a simple snack is not enough for some of them. If they would like to bring in something slightly more substantial for their afternoon break, this is absolutely fine - an extra sandwich or packet of crisps should be enough to carry them over to home time.

With best wishes,

Headteacher