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I hope that as we finish for the Easter break that all of our families are able to relax and enjoy some fresh air and outdoor activities following the lessening of some of the lockdown restrictions.

It has been a strange term as the children have spent the majority of it following home learning programmes and remaining at home. In fact, since March 2020 children have spent more time at home than they have at school. We are starting to see the consequences of this in terms of how the children are readjusting to life back at school. Whilst many of them are happy to be back, there are some issues with how children are reconnecting with each other and treating each other. Some children are being boisterous and at times, inappropriate in their behaviour, whilst others seem to have lost confidence. We are putting a number of measures in place to support children in their social relationships and helping them to re-engage with each other appropriately.

We need the support of parents with this, in particular, with what they are watching on the TV at home. Please ensure that your child is not watching inappropriate television programmes. We have had to deal with a number of incidents where children are using inappropriate language – some of this has come from playing games that are over the recommended age or from watching programmes that are unsuitable. Children will re-enact in play, scenes that they have watched on the television or played on a video game. They will also use the language that they have heard. What they watch and hear does have a huge impact on behaviour – please help by making sure that you know what your child is watching and playing at home.

Next term, we are introducing a programme into school called Stormbreak and this is aimed at supporting the mental health and emotional well-being of children. The staff are currently receiving training on this. We have secured the service of a Sport's coach for the equivalent of a day a week in school and he will support groups of children in developing their social skills through sport. We are hoping to be able to re-introduce some of our extra-curricular clubs which will ignite interest and joy amongst the children – we know how much they have missed being able to attend clubs.

We are revisiting our approach to behaviour and the expectations that we should all have of each other. The Spring Grove Way will be worked on with classes and School Council and this will set out very clearly how children at this school are expected to behave and treat each other. It is a time to take stock and recalibrate. We have amazing children at our school and we want to support them as they learn how to operate within a school setting again.



TikTok

The permitted age to use **TikTok** is **13** so no primary age child should be accessing this.

We have had some children playing games at school that they have seen on TikTok and we stop this as soon as we are aware of it happening but please monitor this at home and ensure that your child cannot and does not access it.

Requests for teachers to sign Naturalisation application documents/ Passports

We are receiving an increasing number of parents asking teachers to act as a referee for naturalisation applications and also passports.

Please note that teachers are not obliged to complete these forms as they have to share their own personal information such as home address/ phone number and their own passport details. If a teacher is willing to do this then a £20 fee will be charged made payable on ParentPay.

It is worth noting that other professionals that can also be approached to carry out this verification are GPs, health visitor, social worker, or a minister of religion.

Test and Trace

Up until Monday 5th April, please make sure that you inform school should you child test positive for Covid-19. This is so we can then alert the other members of your child's bubble of the need to self-isolate.

Should your child or anybody in your household test positive over the holiday then all members of the family must self-isolate and not mix with others. Advice can be found on the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>



Red Nose Day – 19th March 2021

We had a successful and joyous Red Nose day and also raised just under **£300** for Comic Relief. **Thank you** to all for participating in this.

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TERM DATES - Summer 2021		
Inset Day	Monday 19 th April	Closed
First Day of Term	Tuesday 20 th April	Open
May Day	Monday 3 rd May	Closed
Inset Day/Polling Day	Thursday 6 th May	Closed
Half Term Break	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June	Closed
Return to School	Monday 7 th June	Open
Last Day of Term	Friday 23 rd July – School closes at 1.30pm	Open

Easter Family Maths Challenge – 31st March

Dear Mathematicians,

Thank you so much to those of you who submitted work for the, 'Wasting Water Challenge.' I was really impressed with the strategies all of you used. A special mention goes to **Aaliyah Malik** who used maths skills she had just learned to solve this.

During the Easter break I would like you all to do some baking. I have attached a recipe to make a 'Mini Egg Blonde Tray Bake.' If you make these please make sure there is an adult with you at all times. I can't wait to see photos.

Ingredients

- 1 packet of Mini Eggs (approx. 96g)
- 110g butter
- 1 egg
- 180g plain flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 160g light brown sugar



Method

1. Preheat oven to 190°C. Grease a 21cm square tin
2. Melt the butter in a pan on the hob and stir in the brown sugar on a very low heat. Remove to cool.
3. Now mix in the flour and baking powder. Then add the egg.
4. Pour the batter into the tin. Now sprinkle with the mini eggs, pushing them down gently into the batter so you only see their tops.
5. Bake for 25 minutes.

The Family Food Club

School holidays can be challenging for families. Perhaps your financial situation has recently changed or your budget means that you are struggling to put healthy meals on the table during the holidays.

The Family Food Club is excited to be launching this Easter, providing fresh and free takeaway meals, food parcels and activities to any family with children that is in need of a helping hand.

Launched by a group of local volunteers, this club will run at lunchtime on **Wednesday 7th and Wednesday 14th April** for families to come and collect a takeaway hot meal, offering a choice of meat and vegetarian dishes. Food collection will be from St Johns Church Hall on St Johns Rd and will be compliant with COVID safety guidelines.

To book your collection slot please contact Rachel (a Year 4 Rauf mum) at rachelmaclure@stjohnsisleworth.org.uk

Please see attached some Easter Holiday activities in our local community.



GET TESTED today

The chance of a return to normal life on June 21st is not one any of us want to miss.

Hounslow still has one of the highest rates of infections in London.

With schools re-opening on Monday 8th March there will be more contact between families as parents/guardians drop off and collect children from school. Teachers will be taking part in testing twice a week and we want parents to support this effort by accessing our FREE Rapid COVID testing in the community.

Around 1 in 3 people who have COVID-19 don't show any symptoms and can spread it without knowing. We are encouraging ALL parents/guardians who will be taking children to school to get a COVID-19 test. Our centres are open 7 days a week.

What do you need to?

Book a test at www.hounslow.gov.uk/rapidtest or call: 0207 084 9697

Test sites open 7 day a week for people with out symptoms

- **Heston Library** New Heston Road, Hounslow TW5 0LW
- **Hounslow House** 7 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EB
- **Isleworth Library** Twickenham Road, Isleworth TW7 7EU
- **Staines Rugby Club** Snakey Lane, Feltham TW13 7NB

If you have symptoms book a test here <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119

You might be eligible for support if you need to self-isolate. To find out if you qualify visit:
<https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/hub>

Helps us safely release restrictions and get our children back to school