



# BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

5th March 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are all excited to see the children return next Monday. All information about the re opening has been sent and can be found on the website. Mrs Sheldon has been gardening and planting spring flowers, Mr Beaton has cleaned the outside of the school, the roofing works have been completed and all school staff have been in this Friday preparing their classrooms ready for Monday; there is a real buzz about the school this week!



At the moment we are keeping the start and end times of the day the same as before Christmas, however if we do notice that too many parents are gathering in the turning circle we may have to stagger the times further. **Please keep 2m metres apart from others when collecting and dropping off.**

We are strongly encouraging year 5 and year 6 children to walk up Rydal drive, socially distanced with friends so parents do not need to come right up to the school.

Nursery and KS2 parents need to book and pay for lunches on Gateway by 8am of the day they wish their child to eat. You are able to book well ahead if that is more convenient to you as the menu is on the website. If children are not booked in for a school lunch and do not have a packed lunch with them, the office will call to ask for a packed lunch to be brought in that morning.



Price and Buckland have restarted delivering new uniform orders to school free of charge, but only do this on the second and fourth Mondays each month. You will need to place your order for this school delivery approximately two weeks beforehand.

If you are leaving absence messages, please say what is wrong with your child, do not just say that they are 'unwell'. It is vital for our track and trace procedures. Thank you.

Walk on Wednesday will start again next week. So, please remember to park either end of Coniston Avenue and walk the rest of the way to school on Wednesday.



On the following page you will find some lovely photos of World Book Day – thank you to Mrs Holliday for organising this. You will also find a reminder regarding asymptomatic Covid 19 testing at the Assembly Hall in Tunbridge Wells. We do currently have some of our school community poorly with Covid, so we do recommend regular testing if you can get to the Assembly Hall; we must remain vigilant.

See you all on Monday! C Owen

Please remember to return the signed **Acceptable Use Policies (AUPs)** sent to you before half term, to the office as soon as possible. If we do not receive these your child will not be able to access the internet or the computers when they return to school. Both are available on the website under 'Recent Letters Sent Home' if you have lost your copy.

# Asymptomatic Lateral Flow Testing

I know most of you are aware but it is worth mentioning again, now schools are returning you can get regular asymptomatic testing in Tunbridge Wells - Assembly Hall Theatre, Crescent Road, Tunbridge Wells TN1 2LU. You do need to book through <https://tunbridgewells.gov.uk/coronavirus/book-a-test>



These tests are intended to pick up asymptomatic cases of Covid 19.

You can order tests online if you can't attend the Assembly Hall. However, do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

If your child or anyone in the household **has symptoms** then it is recommended that you order a **PCR test** to be delivered to your home, do not leave the house.

Visit <https://www.gov.uk/find-covid-19-lateral-flow-test-site> for more information.

## World Book Day

Despite the challenges of 2020/21, we didn't let anything get in the way of celebrating World Book Day yesterday! Each class dressed in a colour from the book "The Day the Crayons Quit" and took part in fun lessons and activities around the book.

We have also been voting for our favourite class books so that we can display these in school and celebrate being a reading community!

Thank you for the competition entries and photographs. The Masked Reader competition was a big hit with children and staff all enjoying guessing who was who!

Here are some pictures of competition entries (these are not necessarily the winners but a selection of the entries).

Thank you everybody for joining in, From Mrs Holliday

