

# Netley Marsh CE Infant School

## Newsletter April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the evenings get lighter and we see more of the sun, there is definitely a feeling of change in the air! It has been great to see all the children finish off this term back in school, learning together, with their friends (long may it continue!) Over the last three weeks, the teachers have been getting children moving on with their learning journeys and assessing the progress made over the Spring term.

Next term, we will be supporting every child to continue moving forward with their learning, filling any gaps and building on what they know, as we have always done. For some children, this may involve more focussed learning on reading, writing or maths. For others, it will be about supporting the rebuilding of friendships and helping children in developing their understanding of challenge, attitude to learning and resilience. I have mentioned before, that for those who would like to hear more about our curriculum for the next term and our approach to supporting children in such unusual times, I will be holding some short update meetings. There will be a briefing for each of our schools and you are welcome to attend any of these (but I would advise not to attend all of them – as you might get a little bored by the third time!)

These meetings are as follows:

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 5pm – Copythorne**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 5pm– St Michael and All Angels**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 5pm – Netley Marsh**

The Zoom codes for these meetings are being sent to you in a Parentmail message.

Over the next term, our curriculum will be changed and adapted, to suit the needs of our learners and we will be teaching children key next steps, through mini themes – focussing on core skills in the morning and the wider curriculum in the afternoons. Next term we will also be holding parent consultation meetings, to talk about your child's next steps and how we can work together to ensure that your child continues to move forward.

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## Covid Update

As restrictions ease and the rate of infection continues to drop, a sense of the old normality seems within our grasp! At the same time, it is really important that we continue to keep our guard up and ensure that we are all doing everything we can, in order to keep things this way. Please remember, that all parents and those providing childcare as part of a family's support bubble can now apply for Rapid Lateral Flow Tests, to regularly test yourselves for covid at home (you should have received a parent mail about this previously). Should **any** member of your household show any symptoms of covid, your whole household must isolate and seek a PCR covid test immediately.

## Track and Trace over the Easter Holiday

Should any pupil show covid symptoms in the 48 hours following the end of school on Thursday, and subsequently test positive, it is essential that you inform the school, so that we can trigger our track and trace response. If you find yourself in this situation, please email our Lyndhurst office on [adminoffice@lyndhurst.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@lyndhurst.hants.sch.uk). Please ensure you include which school your child attends in your email. (please don't email Netley Marsh or Copythorne, as these emails may not be seen until we return to school after the holidays).

I hope you all have a fantastic peaceful Easter, and get the chance to meet with another household – in the great outdoors, as we continue to move through this pandemic, to a brighter tomorrow!

Keep Safe!

M. Bowen.

Yours Sincerely

Mr M Bowen

Executive Head



# Thank You

We had a wonderful thank you letter and donation from one of our lovely families thanking us for all the hard work during lockdown.

With their kind and generous gift we have purchased a range of books for Empathy day which all the children can benefit from.



# THANK YOU

Another Big Thank you to Morrisons for giving us £80 worth of Morrisons vouchers to help us support our pupil premium families during the Easter holidays.



Thank you to YFM who have provided some lovely Easter goodies for our Pupil Premium Families.



## Easter at St Matthew's

All the children have visited St Matthew's church this week to visit the Easter garden and listen again to the Easter story.





**Support with heating costs, for families  
facing Winter hardship due to COVID-19  
Information for Parents and Carers**

As part of the connect4communities programme, the Citizens Advice Service is helping families and individuals with energy costs over the winter period – gas, electric and water.

The COVID Winter Grant scheme has been extended to 16 April, meaning this help is available for a few more weeks.

Contact details for the local branch of the Citizens Advice Service can be found on this website: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/.../contact-us/contact-us/>

Please note that the local branch will complete a quick eligibility check and refer parents and carers to the distributors of the grant and financial support will be provided to the family or individual seeking help.

The eligibility criteria for this support - to heat homes - is wide-ranging to ensure the money is as accessible as possible and is as follows:

***Families with children:***

- Families in receipt of benefits related free school meals
- Families including 16-18-year olds previously eligible for Free School Meals
- All children with a social worker
- All children open to Early Help
- All households with 2 - 4year olds accessing childcare and eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium
- Households with a young carer
- Those who it is believed will struggle to afford to heat their home adequately and/or maintain a reasonable standard of living this winter

***Households without children:***

- Care leavers
- Households that have been identified as going into debt for the first time
- Households or individuals with no other way of obtaining funds, e.g. those who face choosing to pay either rent or bills (considered unmanageable debt)
- Those who it is believed will struggle to afford to heat their home adequately and/or maintain a reasonable standard of living this winter

**Support from this fund, distributed by the Citizens Advice Service, can take the form of:**

- Pre-paid energy cards or the payment of a fuel bill on behalf of an eligible household

**Other sources of welfare support**

Local sources of other welfare support can be found through:

- The connect4communities online directory: <https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/home.page>
- Connect to Support Telephone Helpline: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/coronavirus/volunteer-welfare>
- Connect to Support Online Resources: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/coronavirus/volunteer-welfare>





Further information about connect4communities is available at [connect4communities.org](https://connect4communities.org)



## Register for All Stars Cricket today!

Your local cricket programme for 5-8 year-olds.

[allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk)

-  8 weeks of cricket designed to be fun and inclusive
-  FREE kit bag with backpack, bat, ball and personalised t-shirt delivered straight to the front door
-  Opportunities to get mum and dad involved in the sessions to make it a family affair
-  FULL refund for parents should sessions get cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions

## Gentle Reminders.....

If you are coming into the school grounds we do ask you to wear a face mask.

If you forget your face mask, or have a medical reason why you can't wear one please get the attention of the person on the gate and they will come and collect your child to/from you.

Also don't forget drop off times are **8.45-9.10am** and pick up **2.55 - 3.15pm**.

Thank you for your co-operation in helping us keep everyone on site safe!



## New Menu

After Easter there will be a new menu for the children's lunches. HC3S are not producing any hard copies of the menu, and it can be found on our website:

[Menu April to October 2021](#)

Please note that these menus have been produced the opposite way round to usual, with the first option shown being the veggie option and the second the meat option.



## **Is your child eligible for Pupil Premium funding**

As you will be aware, all children at infant school are currently entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

However, for some of those children, schools will also be able to claim **Pupil Premium**, which will help provide further support. The criteria for eligibility is the same as the free school meal criteria from Key Stage 2 onwards.

**If you think there may be any possibility that your child may be eligible for this funding, we would ask to check using the HC3S online service. *Pupil Premium is an important payment for schools and a really good opportunity for eligible parents to get even more support for their children in school.***

**To see Eligibility Criteria, check this link:**

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary>

### **Applying for free school meals / pupil premium**

You can check eligibility online at: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>

The service allows you to check your own eligibility for free school/college meals, or you can check on behalf of someone else.

The data you enter on the screen will be used to process your request. If your result comes back 'found,' your child is eligible for Pupil Premium and the system automatically informs the school.

**This funding provides valuable support, so please do check your eligibility as soon as possible.**

**If eligible for this funding it can cover things such as the cost of school trips and we can provide you with a £25 skoolkit voucher for uniform and we may also be able to assist with other things too – just let us know!**

**If you need any help or advice, contact Fiona or Tracy in the school office on 02380 862009.**



# ***Skoolkit***

## **We are very excited to re-open our shops on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

It has been incredibly frustrating for us having to keep our shops closed especially after children returned back to school on 8<sup>th</sup> March. This created a surge in orders being placed through our website, so thank you for your patience while we worked through them.

Even though we are heading towards an ease in restrictions, upon returning to our shops on 12<sup>th</sup> April please be aware we will be still be observing all current government guidelines so there may be queues at times and service may take a little longer but we aim to move customers through as quickly and safely as possible.

- Please wear a face covering when entering our shop.
- Use hand sanitiser in-store.
- Use the one-way flow system to keep social distance.
- Unfortunately, still no use of fitting rooms.
- Please come prepared with size information.  
(refer to [www.skoolkit.co.uk](http://www.skoolkit.co.uk) for size guides)

**12<sup>th</sup> April is the governments current road map date for  
non-essential retail to re-open.**

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



<b>Thursday 1st April</b>	<b>Last day of this term</b>
<b>Monday 19th April</b>	<b>First day of Summer Term</b>
Tuesday 20th April 5pm	Mr Bowen Meeting re learning Copythorne
Wednesday 21st April 5pm	Mr Bowen Meeting re learning St Michaels
Thursday 22nd April 5pm	Mr Bowen meeting re learning Netley Marsh
Monday 26th April 1-4pm	Year R Parent Consultations
Tuesday 27th April 1-4pm	Year 1 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 28th April 1-4pm	Year 2 Parent Consultations
Thursday 29th April 3.30-6	Parent Consultations all years
<b>Monday 3rd May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
Wednesday 12th May	Class Photos taking class group photos
<b>Friday 28th May</b>	<b>Last day of Summer 1 Term</b>
<b>Monday 7th June</b>	<b>First day of Summer 2 Term</b>
Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th July	Provisional 'Move Up' days to new classes / schools
<b>Friday 23rd July</b>	<b>Last day of this school year</b>

