



What an absolutely fabulous week we've had at school. It has been brilliant seeing all the children and parents again - I think some of us have seen more people in the last few days than we have since Christmas!

The children, on the whole, have settled really well back into the routine of school and they have enjoyed every minute of seeing their friends (and the staff!) again. Despite a couple of teething problems on Monday with pick-up time, by the end of the week there has been a huge difference and it is running very smoothly.

We also had a visit from M&M Theatre on Wednesday - they had done a fabulous job of working around the restrictions of Covid and the children really did enjoy their performance of The Wizard of Oz.

Have a lovely Weekend

Iestyn Lewis

### Upcoming Events



Week Commencing 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Parents Evenings

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Comic Relief - Carnival themed dressing up



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Wear a Hat Day - Virtual Raffle (Prize donations welcome)



Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Break up for Easter holidays

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Back to School, clubs will restart



## Car Park and pickup time

We are trialling a new way of picking up at the end of the day to reduce the amount of time it takes across school. Whilst it's working well on the school site, I believe the parking situation at the village hall has been a little "hit and miss." Please remember to park sensibly and that there is a one way system around the village hall. We will give it another week and if it still isn't working we will have to consider returning to staggered pick up times. Here's another reminder of pick up times and suggested arrival times:

3.05pm - Willow (Mrs Watts) children with NO siblings - front door, Ash (Miss Bradbury) Children with NO siblings - rear classroom door, Elm (Mrs Lightfoot) Children with NO siblings - rear classroom door. Suggested parking time - 3pm.

3.10pm - All other Willow, Ash and Elm. Willow - front, door Ash - rear classroom door, Elm - rear classroom door. Suggested parking time 3.07pm

3.10pm - Oak (Mrs Priest), Beech (Miss Plant) and Hazel (Miss Mandley) children with KS1 siblings. Oak - Hall door (bifold doors facing the red bricks) Beech - rear classroom door, Hazel - rear classroom door. Suggested parking time 3.07pm

3.15pm - All other Oak, Beech and Hazel children. Suggested parking time 3.12pm

I know these timings look a little specific but we will get there by the end of the week and today was the first time trialling this system. The only way this is going to work is if we stick to rigid timings, the one way system and a little patience.

Don't forget that the door and gate open at 8.40am in the morning please try not to drop your child off before this time.



Since its launch in 1988, Red Nose Day has become a much-anticipated date in the calendar. It's the day when people across the land join forces to raise money for brilliant causes in the UK and around the world. This year, on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March**, to contribute to their fundraising, we are having a Carnival themed dressing up day.



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This will be an opportunity to have a conversation with class teachers. It will be a bit of a "Reverse" parents evening this time, giving you the chance to feed back to staff where you feel your child(ren) are at, what their successes have been during this lockdown and what area of development you would like them to focus on. The bookings went live via the school website on Monday evening - if you cannot remember your login details, please contact the office. **ALL MEETING INVITES WILL BE SET UP VIA THE CHILDREN'S OFFICE 365 ACCOUNTS ON TEAMS.**



With restrictions still in place on mixing bubbles, the need to start rehearsing this term and no guarantee they will ease things this year, Year 6 will lead the Summer production of Oliver! Rehearsals will start soon and more information will follow.



I sent an email out last week with details of how you can acquire lateral flow tests for your household bubble.

If you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

If you require any further information, please contact us or visit the

[Government information page](#).



Wear your favourite hat and donate £1.00 to this worthy charity.

We will also be holding a 'virtual' raffle.

Mrs Watts has sent a separate email with more information this morning.