

# Newsletter 12

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## Challenge, Equality & Opportunity

### Easter Egg Competition

Every child should have received a letter on Tapestry or Seesaw regarding this year's Easter Egg Competition. This is a well-established Broadway East tradition and we hope that it will bring you all some fun! Children can post pictures on Seesaw and Tapestry and there will be a winner for each class. We will give out prizes next week. There are lots of ideas online if you have a creative block, just Google! Don't forget to hard boil your eggs first. Good luck and have fun!



### Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Tests and Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests.

Thank you for your patience and support this week regarding testing. It would appear that the confusion between LFD tests and PCR tests is a national problem, which is no surprise given the volume of guidance, the number of changes and the increased availability of LFDs. As a rule, LFDs are for use only with non-symptomatic people and are described by the DfE as not suitable for use with children. PCRs are necessary for anyone with symptoms, children and adults. We can help if you are unsure, so please ring us if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.

### Reading at Home

We are delighted with how well children have settled into school since the 8<sup>th</sup> March. They have shown impressive resilience and are working through the curriculum with enthusiasm and enjoyment. However, it has never been more important for children to continue or to re-establish good reading habits and this takes work from both home and school. We are prioritising reading in school and giving as much time as possible to support reading for children in Reception and Key Stage 1 especially, but we need your help with this too. If you do not already, please make daily reading part of your child's routine at home so that they get regular practice and can consolidate the skills we are teaching in school. We recommend 10 minutes a day as a minimum, although any time spent reading is a bonus and will have impact on your child's reading progress and self-confidence. We are planning an online reading meeting for parents and carers next term, in the meantime please ask us if you need support and remember that there are lots of tips online:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbxby9q>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/common-reading-issues/struggling-readers/> (for struggling/reluctant readers)



## **Y4 Adventurers**

As everyone is aware, the Year 4s were not able to have their residential visit to Robinwood in November. We are currently working on some plans to make sure that the Year 4s get an opportunity to do something adventurous and exciting in the summer term. While this won't be a residential, it will be fun-filled and something out of the ordinary! We will keep you all up to date with our plans!

## **New School Developments**

We are definitely getting closer to having something real to look at! From the photos below (kindly shared by a Reception parent on Twitter) you can see that work really has started. This is very exciting news indeed and we can't wait to be able to visit and start to involve the children in the planning and building process. There are so many learning opportunities which we will build into the curriculum as soon as we can. We will keep you up to date with any news.



## **Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings**

Thanks to everyone who has made an appointment or has already had their appointment. It is essential that we work together to support the children's well-being and learning, so please get in touch with the school office if you have missed your appointment or not yet made one. Thank you.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend with some well-earned relaxation and rest.

Best wishes and stay safe.

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