

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. We have had another exciting and busy week in school.

Following the release of the updated government guidance on Monday, we have conducted a full review and have summarised the changes below for you.

Whilst the government is easing restrictions for the general public, the updates to safe working procedures and educational providers guidance are minimal at this stage and are unlikely to significantly change this academic year.

Whilst we appreciate that there seems to be a big contradiction in the activities that you can do in work and outside of work the guidelines are in place to keep all our staff and children safe in school, reduce contacts and the potential for virus transmission and to allow the personal freedoms at home.

The updates to COVID guidance are as follows:

- Staff will continue to wear face coverings when moving around the school and in communal areas.
- Please could all parents/carers entering the school site, continue to wear face coverings in order to limit the transmission of any infection. Thank you.
- From after June half term, extra-curricular activities for children will be able to take place in groups. However, it remains important to continue to minimise mixing between children, where possible. Therefore, class teachers will be offering after school clubs as a year group cohort. More details to follow next week.
- Sports days can go ahead this year however they must be held outside and must be conducted within year group bubbles. Class teachers will plan a year group sports day and will inform parents/carers of when this is taking place. Unfortunately, due to ongoing COVID restrictions and guidance from the Trust, parents/carers are not allowed to attend. We can appreciate how disappointing this will be, however teachers will take plenty of photographs of the day and share them with you.
- Any families planning to travel abroad over the half term holiday, please ensure that you are observing any quarantine measures. Anyone travelling to a country not on the government green list must quarantine for 10 days on return.

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- We will be continuing with our staggered arrival and departure times as detailed below. There are no changes to the timings or access points.

**Arrival and Departure Plan:**

<b><u>Class:</u></b>	<b><u>Arrival Time</u></b>	<b><u>Where?</u></b>	<b><u>Departure Time</u></b>
Year R	8.30am	Through the playground and up the steps to the Year R door.	3.10pm
Year 1	8.45am	Through playground, up the ramp and to Year 1 outdoor provision.	3.15pm
Year 2	8.35am	Through the playground and up the ramp. Through KS1 main entrance.	3.20pm
Year 3	8.30am	Up granite steps and into Year 3.	3.15pm
Year 4	8.45am	Up granite steps and into Year 4	3.25pm
Year 5	8.35am	Through the top gate and through the main entrance.	3.20pm
Year 6	8.30am	Through the top gate and through the main entrance.	3.25pm

Staff will be ready to greet your child at the designated door and to dismiss your child at the end of the day. For parents/carers with more than one child, we recommend escorting your youngest child to the designated door first, followed by older siblings.

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Today, Year 1 enjoyed a visit from a two firemen and a shiny red Fire Engine to link with their current topic. This was a fantastic visit arranged very kindly by Mr Green, dad of Perran in Year 1. The children learnt about all the different equipment on the fire engine and were able to hold and use some of the equipment.



They tested the blue lights and sirens and even got to sit in the fire engine itself. A great visit, thank you to Mr Green!



Year 2 have enjoyed watching the state opening of parliament this week and wrote beautifully about the event as if they were there. The children used exciting vocabulary to describe the interior and splendour of the occasion. All the children liked the way the Queen spoke about helping others after the pandemic.



In Year 5 this week, the children have been making Mayan hot chocolate and have started to make a Pakal the Great death mask, as part of their history topic.



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## Mental Health Week

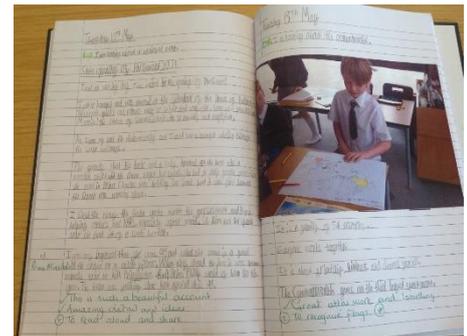
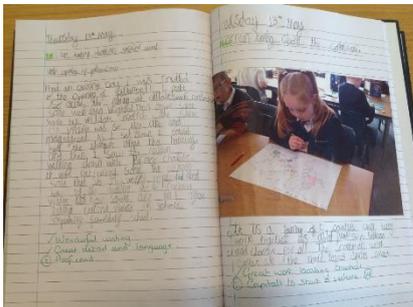
This week in Year R, the children have enjoyed exploring emotions as part of Mental Health Awareness week. During playful learning, the children used emotion stones and small world resources to invent their own stories and scenarios, thinking about how each character could be feeling and why.



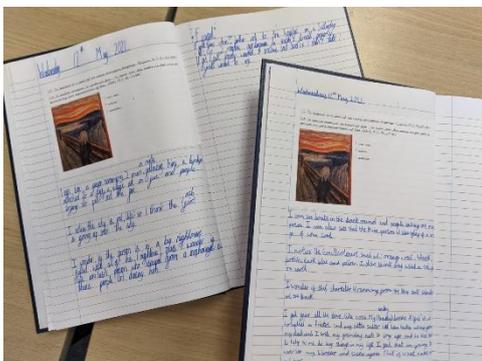
The children then reflected on their own emotions and developed strategies that could help them if they were to feel sad, worried or angry.

One pupil explained, *"If you feel sad or cross, you can ask your teachers and they can help you."*

In Year 2 the children learnt about the importance of mental health through our theme 'Two Queens.' The children watched the State Opening of Parliament and listened to the Queen's speech which talked about helping and thinking about others. They also spoke about our wonderful NHS which is always there for us as are the adults in our school. Next, the children learnt about the values of friendship, kindness and opportunities for all which the Queen promotes as Head of the Commonwealth in many other countries.



Year 6 have been looking at 'The Scream' by Edvard Munch and thinking about the emotion 'fear.' They looked so carefully at the picture and then considered how it feels to be fearful. Their accompanying art was therefore very personal and allowed the children to express themselves and understand this emotion a little more.



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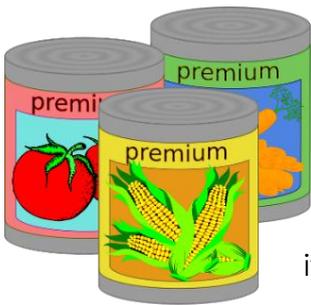
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## Reminder

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June are inset days that extend out the half term holiday. Please note that school will be closed to pupils on both of these days.

## Date for Diary

In 2022 there is an additional bank holiday to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee. This is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022. This date falls within the Whitsun half term and so in lieu of this bank holiday, school will be closed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022. This is an addition to the term dates sent out back in April 2021.

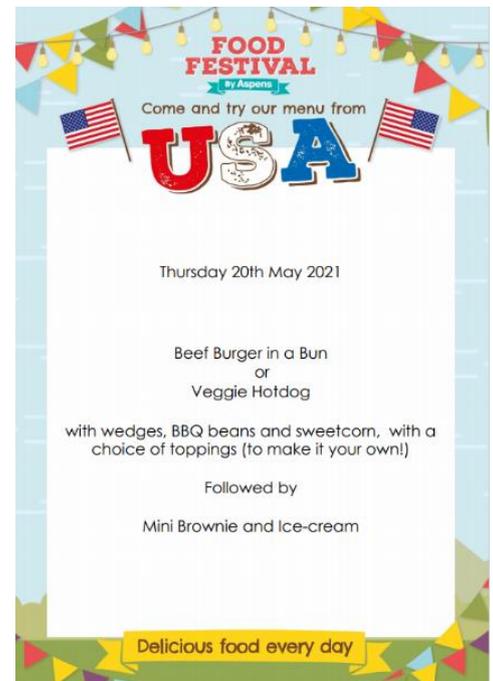


## Food Bank Items

A reminder that we have a box in the front reception area, just inside the door, where families are more than welcome to come and help themselves to any items they require. You do not need to ask or speak to anyone, please just help yourselves. There is a selection of tinned items, boxes of cereals, tea bags etc.

## Census Day – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Change to Menu

Next Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021, is the Summer Census Day. To encourage more children to try a school meal, we are hosting an American themed day. Please make bookings via ParentPay in the usual way. The menu shown on ParentPay is the normal three weekly option so please book the 'meat' option of your child requires the Beef Burger, or the 'vegetarian' option for the Veggie Hotdog.



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## COVID-19 Asymptomatic Staff Testing Programme Across Aspire Academies

Every primary school in England now has access to rapid coronavirus testing for staff only. This testing, known as lateral flow testing, for our staff, is now taking place twice a week.

Please be aware that in a positive test scenario, you may receive communication of a bubble closure (if your child is in school) at extremely short notice, before school, on the morning of the closure. **You will be informed by text so please check your text messages from 8am onwards on a Monday and a Thursday morning.**

### Reporting Positive COVID-19 Test (out of hours)

If you receive a positive COVID-19 test, in the first instance please contact the school office by phone. If the office is closed, please complete the form at the link below to report a positive test.

<http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus>

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 1	100.0 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year R	99.2 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 3	98.9 %

### Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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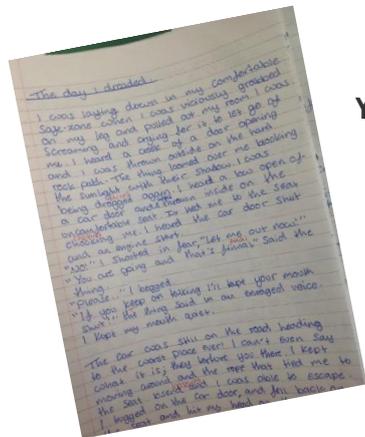
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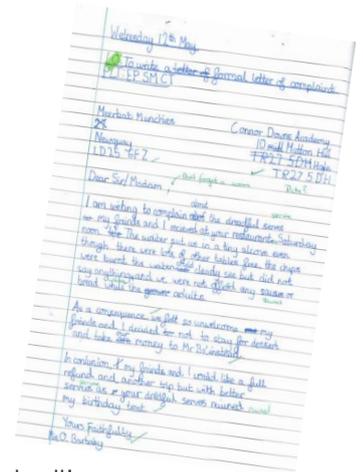
## Year 5 – Olivia Bar.

For her increasing confidence to contribute to class discussions and taking a risk. Olivia has improved her reading of shared texts and writes beautifully crafted texts.



## Year 6 – Annabell

Annabell always shows a positive attitude towards her learning, especially in writing. Annabell's development was shown in a recent story which was tense and accurately punctuated.



## Performer of the Week

### Max in Year 3

This is awarded for recording the greatest number of steps in one day using the new Moki Fitness trackers. Max's total was 9,780 steps. Well done Max!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy  
Head of School

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