



Hinckley Parks Primary School

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Newsletter 24 - 4th March

Dear Parents,

We are very excited to be welcoming all of the children back to school next week. We cannot wait to see the school full again and hope, as we are sure all of you do, that this is the final time that we are forced to close. Alongside setting and marking the children's final week of home learning, the staff - including all support, site and admin staff - have been very busy making sure everything is ready for the children's return.

The three week run in to the Easter holiday now provides us with a nice period of time to settle the children back into the school routine and also to assess where they are in their learning. Although we are planning to gently ease the children back it is also vitally important that we complete these assessments as quickly as we can in order for us to provide support as required for all pupils. Therefore next week will see a blend of relaxed, fun activities along with these assessments taking place. Please can we ask that parents send any completed Maths White Rose booklets into school as these will also form part of our assessments.

You may have read in the press that rapid lateral flow testing is now available for households and bubbles of school staff and pupils. These test kits **WILL NOT** be issued by the school. Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Tests are fast, easy and completely free. You can collect your test to take at home twice weekly in any of the following ways: through your employer (if they are offering testing to employees), by collecting a home test kit from a local test site—anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests, or by ordering a home test kit online—you should not order online if you can access testing through other routes. Children of primary school age without symptoms are not being asked to take a test. Testing is voluntary but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Parents evening telephone calls will be taking place during the week beginning 22nd March 2021. You will already have received information regarding this—please book your appointment early to avoid losing your preferred slot. During these calls teachers will provide information about your child's current academic level in maths, reading and writing and will also give detail of how we intend to support children as we move into the summer term.

Finally, we hope you enjoyed identifying our 'Masked Readers' via our Twitter page. I know the staff very much enjoyed putting this together for the children. Thank you for your continued support. *D Harding* Head Teacher

Comic Relief—Red Nose Day

This year we decided not to ask the children to dress up for World Book Day as we did not feel it was fair to the children who are unable to attend at the moment. However, to atone for this we will be taking part in Red Nose Day on 19th March and we would love it if everyone makes the effort to get involved. On this day we are inviting the children to come to school dressed as a 'superhero' which can include modern day heroes such as doctors, nurses etc. We would also like them to come to school with their favourite joke prepared to share with their class. We will not take cash in school on the day but donations can be made by using the link on the Comic Relief letter that you will receive on Monday.



Star Learners



It is very rare for the school to give a collective award for star learner however we feel it is appropriate on this occasion to announce:

ALL PUPILS AT HINCKLEY PARKS

as our star learners for this week. The effort that we have seen by the children at home and those attending school throughout this lockdown period has made us very proud. Thank you to all parents for your support with this.

Welcome Back!

We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Robinson back to Hinckley Parks. Mrs Robinson re-joins the school office team having left just over two years ago. Clearly she missed us all so much and couldn't live without us! We are all so pleased to have her back as a valued member of our team and I am sure you will join us in offering our very best wishes.

After School Clubs

You will have received information regarding after school clubs which we are excited to be starting again from 15th March. We have tried to ensure that there is something on offer for each year group and although we are still restricted by the bubble system at the present time, we are looking to add more options as we move into the summer term.

The Masked Reader— did you work out who was behind the mask?

