

Dear Parents/Carers

EASTER 2022 NEWSLETTER

The Easter holidays finally arrive on Friday following a very short action-packed school term. So much for British Summer Time – let's all hope for better weather than the wintery snow showers of last week.

This Newsletter will be accompanied by a Key Stage Curriculum Newsletter detailing your child's learning outcomes for the Spring term and what class/subject teachers have planned for the Summer term. The intention is that by sharing this information, we can involve you directly in your child's learning at home by mirroring some of the school activities. Please do contact the Key Stage Leader if you should require any further information/resources.

Parents evening during the Spring term was an absolute joy to see so many of you attend in person. I apologise to parents for wanting to 'show off' our school, but it has been over two years since many of you have been able to come on site. I am very proud of what the young people achieve and the commitment of staff throughout the pandemic. Thank you for your support and continued confidence in our school.

The highlights of the Spring term, included 'World Book' Day with children dressing up in their favourite story time character; **Red Nose** Day with a fun packed all-inclusive activity programme throughout the day raising £500 for a brilliant charity; and a major fundraising event by staff and pupils to send essential toiletries and clothes to those suffering in war-torn Ukraine. The Arbour Vale as a community is truly amazing!

The school are seeking to attain the Parent Partnership Award next month in recognition of our commitment to working with you. The Parent training courses/workshops have been a great success and have proved very popular, future course dates can be found on our website. I am hopeful that the Children & Young Peoples Integrated Therapies service will provide some much-needed training early next term regarding OT and Speech & Language. There has also been a request from parents for a regular coffee morning session and more regular communication from the school.

Whilst Covid continues to ravage our community, the school is continuing to exercise a degree of caution, particularly with some of our more medically vulnerable children. I am however pleased to report an improvement in attendance and hopefully towards the end of the academic year a return to pre-Covid standards. School staff continue to regularly test for Covid, although there is no longer a supply of free test kits available and our supplies are starting to dwindle.

Our next major school event will be the HRH Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee Tea Party celebrations – something I know the children are already excitably planning. Who knows - we might even have a 'special' guest?

Wishing you and your family an enjoyable & safe Easter break.

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Principal