



# Welcome Back

Welcome back to school. We hope everyone is happy back in school after an extended period away. We are doing our best to make school as normal as possible and we are sure that the children will adapt quickly to the new normal. If you have any worries then don't hesitate to get in touch!

## Marvellous Mondays

Following its success before lockdown, Marvellous Mondays will start on Monday 5th October. Years 1-5 will have a carousel of foundation subjects. They will be taught by different teachers who feel they have a love for these subjects. Reception and Year 6 will also have full curriculum coverage. The subjects and teachers can be seen below:

Mr Ruddick	PE
Mrs Hartwell	French
Miss Halliday	Music
Miss Peel	RE
Miss Hilton/Mrs Carr	Life skills/PSHCE
Mrs Thompson	Computing

Please ensure children come into school in appropriate PE kit each and every Monday.

## Response to Symptoms of Covid-19

Any child displaying symptoms of a high temperature, new persistent cough or loss of smell or taste must **not** come into school. They will be sent home immediately if these symptoms begin in school. Parents must book a Covid test and self isolate the child and members of the household. If the test is negative, the child may return to school (as long as they feel well).

If they test positive, they must continue to self isolate for at least 10 days (Day 1 is the first day they feel ill) and only return to school if they do not have symptoms. Other members of their household should self isolate for 14 days. Parents **MUST** inform school if their child has a positive confirmation of the test.

If no Covid-19 symptoms are present and children feel unwell, parents should use their judgement as to whether they should send their child to school as they normally would.

## A message from Mrs Griffiths

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's so pleasing to see everybody back for a new academic year and apart from a few hitches with lunch orders and remembering who is collected at what door, school has successfully returned to full capacity. It's a credit to you and your children that we have managed a smooth transition back so quickly during this worrying time.

The children have been the biggest champions. By day 3, their handwashing routine was running smoothly and they knew which zone of the yard they were playing in! I can report that school is safe, calm, productive and following the risk assessment guidelines to the letter.

All our resources are in place for a more or less full return to a broad curriculum. We will be getting the children out and about in the village and spending as much time outside before the weather turns cold. It is a huge shame that we can't get out on our planned day trips, allow after school clubs or the children to mix freely on the field, but we are determined to keep things as routine as possible.

We will be holding our pupil parliament elections this month and our newsletters with class information and topics will be given out to you very soon. Marvellous Monday for year 1,2,3,4 and 5 will return on Monday 5th October and we will be welcoming our music and sports specialist teachers into school to work with class bubbles and individuals.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and support during the past six months and we will keep you up to date immediately with any Covid-19 information or changes to the school timetable.

Yours Sincerely,  
Mrs L. Griffiths

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast club has returned from 8.00-8.50 with all children remaining in class bubbles. Children are welcome from Reception to Year 6. Payment of £2 a day via Parent pay

## Safeguarding

Keeping our children safe is of the highest importance. If you have any issues or concerns please approach one of our safeguarding leads. These are Mrs Griffiths, Mr Ruddick or Mrs Thompson. Alternatively, speak to any member of staff who are fully trained and will pass on any concerns using the appropriate procedure.

## PE KIT

Please remember to send PE kit in for your child. We are unable to provide spare kit at this time. PE kit should be sporty clothing rather than fashion items. House colours should ideally be worn. Sensible shoes must also be worn to avoid injury.

Earrings are not to be worn. If they can not be removed by the child please remove in the morning. If they have recently pierced, then please cover with plasters (Only if they cannot be removed)

## Social Distancing

Please remember to maintain 2m social distance when picking up and dropping off the children. Please be mindful of others trying to access gates etc. A one way system is in operation on the yard. Please enter via the gate next to the climbing frame and exit out of the metal gate.

Please do not allow children to play on the climbing frame after school as we only allow one bubble a day to use this before it is cleaned for a different bubble the following day.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## Active School

We were recently crowned as Covid Champions by the SSP for being the most active school during lock down. Thank you to everyone who took part in the virtual competitions, Virtual School Games and Virtual Sports Day. In addition to this, we participated in weekly Zoom dance sessions and produced our fantastic dance videos at the end of the year

## Still Out & About

We have still been able to get out and about in the village. Reception have taken a trip to the Welfare Park to investigate the new equipment and Year One have been blackberry picking and made crumble and muffins with their blackberry haul.



## Cancelled Events

Sadly there will be no Harvest Festival at church this year and also no Halloween Disco. We will return to these whole school events only when it is safe to do so. Fingers crossed it is sooner rather than later.

## HALF TERM DATES

We break up for half term on Monday 23rd October and return to school on 2nd November.

## Apple Trees

Our apple tree looks amazing with beautiful red apples. Nursery made some apple crumble using the fruit. We hope the other two trees may bear fruit in the years to come!



## School Uniform

Please remember that leggings and brightly coloured trainers are not school uniform.

## School Sport

We are unable to compete in our usual calendar of school sport. There will be no football until Spring and most probably only virtual competitions delivered by the SSP in school at the moment.

We will be welcoming in a cricket coach from Durham Cricket to work with Year 4 and Year 5. We hope that we can be back to competition later in the year.

Why not follow Easington School Sport Partnership on Facebook or twitter for updates.



## Parent Pop Ins

October parent pop-ins hopefully can be held in school with 1 parent if safe to do so. Otherwise a paper report will be given to all children with their progress and effort so far. Telephone conversations for those parents with concerns can be arranged.