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## Curriculum Newsletter – 26<sup>th</sup> Edition

What a week of contrasts it has been! On Monday, we had gale-force winds, hail, and rain. By Thursday, the sun was shining, and the short-walk into school became an absolute joy for us all! From a school perspective, I am very happy that we are moving into our new space during the summer months. This will give us a really good opportunity to refine all of our procedures, and although there is more work for us all to do, I also feel that they are settling into a better progression, and am reassured that we are close to getting them right. During the intervening days, there will be more small changes but please be assured that all of these are intended to make our procedures as good as they can be. As always, I thank you for your help, support, and patience at what was always going to be a difficult time.

### Parent Groups

More good news, and wasn't it great to see Parent Groups returning across the school? I am sorry that I could not join you in class, as I feel the need to remain on the main school gate, at least for the next few weeks. Equally, I did see many of you leaving afterwards and the looks of happiness and excitement on your faces matched my own. I was also really interested to receive such positive feedback about the learning spaces that have been created, and the fact that our buildings are very different on the inside to the outside. All of this continues to give me great optimism for our occupation of the space, and I feel sure that this has also been matched by the children. They very much give the impression they are happy, safe, and supremely ready for the exciting learning ahead!

### National Space Centre Visit

It also gives me great pleasure to confirm that our rich programme of trips will be returning, and next week, Year 5 will be off to the National Space Centre, which will support the excellent learning that is already taking place in class. For parents of children in other year groups, please look out for further details of trips that have been arranged to support the creative curriculum that we teach. I am sure you will be looking forward to seeing all of the photos in next week's newsletter, and at Mayflower, you know that we simply love to enrich the already outstanding learning that is taking place in all our classes. Very exciting times indeed....

### Blue Badges and Reasonable Adjustments

My thanks to all the parents who have been in touch to provide details of the Blue Badges that have been allocated to them. I know you understand that I have to go through these procedures, because we are seeking to limit the number of cars that enter the site. There is another group of parents who have an entitlement to enter the school site, and although this group is relatively small, it does increase the number of cars that enter. Please be assured that as leaders and managers, we are taking great care to limit the traffic using the road, and your help, understanding, and sensitivity is deeply appreciated.

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## SATs in Year 6

After much deliberation, we have decided that Year 6 will sit their SATs, which are due to commence during the week beginning **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. Our children are famed for their resilience, and despite all of the changes they have had to engage with, taking these exams will be a very fitting celebration of everything they have achieved since the beginning of Year 3. Traditionally, our school is one of the highest performing in the City of Leicester. RAAC will have had an impact on this, but I also know that our oldest children will work very hard indeed, and achieve standards that we are quite rightly proud of. My thanks to all of the staff who have worked so hard with them since they entered Key Stage 2, and although there are still 4-weeks to go, I send them my very best wishes at this time.

## After-School Clubs

Yesterday, I was very happy to discuss after-school clubs with the staff and soon, we will be able to inform you of our offer for the summer term. Before I do this, I need to remind you that collecting children after their club will be really important, and if you do not attend by the time that has been stipulated it will make the management much more difficult than it needs to be. The majority of clubs will finish at either **4.00 pm** or **4.15 pm**. If your child is selected, please keep this in mind. Finally, we will also be looking at enrichment opportunities at break and lunch, and already have a suggestion from Year 5 that they will be happy to offer a Rubik's Cube Club! Our children really are the best!!

## Important Visitors

On **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**, we will be delighted to host a visit to members of the DfE Team who worked so closely with us to make our new building a reality. There will be an opportunity for you to meet them, as well, including the project Manager, Mr. Robert Phillips. Mr. Phillips is very eager to hear your experiences of the move, how the building has worked out for you, any snags that you are aware of, or any other matters that you may wish to raise. From a personal perspective, I have the greatest respect for Robert and know that he has worked incredibly hard on behalf of our children and with wider Mayflower community. I will try to ensure that on this day, he will be out on the gate with me at the beginning and end of each day. Do please feel free to come and see him and share your thoughts and appreciation. As always, many thanks.

## Vehicular Access

Just a quick note to confirm that all of the cars who are allowed to deliver and collect children from the school do so with my consent. Blue Badge details have been checked, and where Reasonable Adjustments have been made, these are fully in-line with the SEND Code of Practice (2014). While I recognise that seeing cars driving onto the site is incongruous, they are all there for entirely legitimate reasons and I hope that people will not question the drivers or make suggestions that they should not be accessing the site in this way. Many thanks.

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## Walking Procedures

Connected to the previous paragraph, I wish to remind you all about our walking-in and collection procedures. When entering the site, please try to use the pathway to the right. When leaving the site, please can you walk on the left-hand side of the road, as this will support parents who have to drive into school. I know that you fully appreciate the fact that we are just trying to keep everyone safe, and these simple rules will help us to do this. As always, my thanks.

## Hot School Meals

Thank you for engaging with our new hot-school meals provider. They systems seem to be working well, but I know there have been issues with some of the older children not getting what they have ordered on a meal-by-meal basis. This is because sometimes children change their minds when they get to the canteen, but the main issue is that many parents are not ordering their meals the night or week before. From a catering perspective, if every parent can do this, we will be able to make sure that the children get what they have ordered. In fairness, this is a very reasonable expectation. Please can you work with us, and keep in mind, also, that the caterers do over-cook for our children, usually by 10% over above what has been ordered.

## Nursery Places

Many thanks to those parents who have applied for a place in our Nursery next year. Places are often quite hard to come by, so getting your child's name down now is very important. If your child is 3-years of age by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024, they will be eligible for a place, and we also have full-time places available, if the family qualifies. Please do give this matter your urgent attention because we want to ensure that all of our families are able to gain access to the places we have available at school.

## Lateness

Now that school is underway, just a quick reminder about expected times. For Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6, they need to arrive between **8.35** and **8.45 am**. Nursery children arrive between **8.45** and **8.55 am**. Soon, we will be closing the gates in-line with these timing requirements, and your help with this is deeply appreciated.

## Attendance

I have been very pleased with attendance during our first full week back at school. I always expect to see 95%+ and our aggregate, including EYFS, is 96.2%. Very well done indeed!!

### Week Beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Early Years	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Chestnut: 96.1%	1KM: 97.5%	3KW and 4CR: 98.7%	6RK: 99.0%

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## Wow Moments in School



Wellies, Worms – Y1



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Wellies, Worms – Y1



Orcas – Y2



Very busy – Y2



Parent Group – Y3



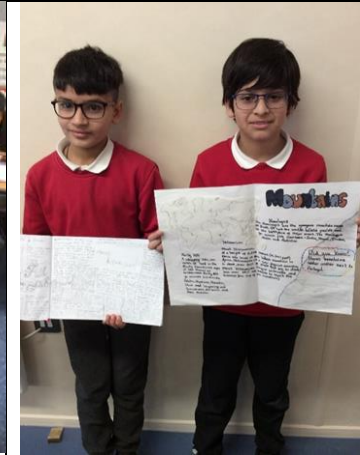
Parent Group – Y3



Tricky Maths – Y4



Shared Reading – Y4



Geography – Y5



Living Eggs – Y6



Science – Y6

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