



# Spring Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was so lovely to finally see all our fantastic children back in school again this week. The children were all so happy to meet their friends and it was wonderful to hear the excited chatter and laughter ringing out all over the school.

## **Science Week**

We have had a very exciting time celebrating British Science Week. It was a fun week, full of wonder and awe as we mixed, filled, poured, examined, predicted and tested. All classes carried out different experiments in class and looked at various science concepts. If you look at all the photos you will get some idea of the kind of activities that took place. I would like to thank all my staff for planning such an exciting Science Week.

## **Flowers for care home residents**

Our children were very busy this week making some flowers for some residents in Appletree Court nursing home to celebrate Mother's Day. The variety of different flowers produced was amazing and are sure to brighten up the lives of the residents. Thank you to Mrs Terry for organising this and for delivering the flowers to Appletree Court.



## **Attendance and Punctuality**

We still have some children arriving late for school. Please try to ensure that all children are in school on time.

## **Remote Learning Survey**

I am sure that we are all glad to be back at school and no longer logging on to remote education. Our teachers worked extremely hard on this and for many this included learning new skills very quickly. We want to know your views on our remote learning provision. Please complete the survey on the School Jotter.

I would like to wish all our mothers, grandmothers and all mother figures a very Happy Mother's Day on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you for your ongoing support.  
Have a relaxing weekend. Stay safe and God Bless  
Mrs Heath  
Headteacher

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## Easter Raffle

You will all have received a bundle of raffle tickets for our wonderful Easter Raffle which will take place on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. The tickets are £1 each or £5 for a book. All money raised will go towards purchasing playground equipment for the school. There are some fantastic chocolate prizes on offer so please support this raffle if you can. Can you also return all ticket stubs and money by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March.



## CATCH UP

You may have heard some of the media hype around the need for children to 'catch up' on their missed learning during the past year. Some believe that we need to cram in as much learning as possible into the remaining weeks.

At St Margaret Clitherow School we believe that children are much more resilient than some of the media would have us believe. We know that children have different needs and different ways of learning. Some children have flourished during lockdown and have returned with new skills and interests, others found lockdown very difficult and could not engage fully with remote learning. Each child is different.

One thing we are sure of is that children have missed the interaction with their peers. They now need time to adjust to being back in the classroom. Some children are finding the day very long and will need time to adjust.

This week we have focused on children's wellbeing as we know that if children learn best when they feel happy and secure. The teachers planned lots of activities this week to help the children settle back and also ensure that the children had fun.

Schools are about much more than learning to read, write and count. We believe that all children, with the right help and support, will be able to achieve their full potential and that the long term impact of the virus can be minimised for most pupils.

## ST PATRICK'S DAYS

Wear something green on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. If your child is doing P.E they will still need to wear their P.E. Kit but can wear something green with it.



## OPEN EVENING REMINDER

If you have already sent back the reply slips to the open evening letter we thank you very much.

If you have yet to respond can you please do so, as the phone call meeting will soon be upon us.

## SCIENCE WEEK

Some photos from Science week of the children. Please check out the website for more photos which will be uploaded on Monday.

