



HOWLETCH LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

EASTER NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers

The first few months of the year have disappeared quickly and here we are at the end of a very busy and unique term. It has been lovely having a full school again and the children have impressed us with the way they have settled back quickly into school routines. We have been busy with fun activities such as the Mr Men writing competition and Easter egg competition as well as assessing the pupils' starting points in order to plan for the summer term curriculum.

ENTRY AND EXIT – KS1 / EYFS

We are very pleased with the new routine for dropping off and picking up the children. Thank you for your patience whilst we were trying different ideas. I hope you agree that the current one-way system is safer, keeping everyone away from the car parking area and also staggering entry to allow for social distancing to take place. We have also been impressed with the way Years 1&2 have come into school independently.

PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS

Accessing the school to drop off and pick up your children can be a very busy time. Please can I remind pedestrians to use the footpaths and not to walk up the middle of the road. It is difficult for drivers to see small children when manoeuvring their vehicles. Drivers, please use the designated parking bays and don't block the gates.

DOGS

We politely remind you that no animals are allowed on the school premises even if they are being carried.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Local elections will be held on **6 May**. The local authority has visited the school to carry out a risk assessment as there is no other public building in the Howletch ward where voting can take place. **The governors and I have objected to this** but have been told that it will still go ahead. The private day care part of the building is not available this year but if possible, I will try to keep the school partially open. Any children who can't attend will be given remote learning for that day.

More details to follow nearer the time.

End of Easter holidays – Children return to school on Monday 12 April.

Half term week – break up on Friday 28 May and return to school on Monday 7 June

End of term dates – Pupils break up on Friday 16 July and return to school on Thursday 2 September.

MR MEN WRITING COMPETITION WINNERS

To tie in with World Book Day celebrations, the children wrote Mr Men stories with some impressive results. Well done to all of the children for the effort they put into these stories, the staff found it very difficult to choose. The winners are:

Mrs McLean's class – Aaliyah James

Miss Batty's class – James Young

Mrs Avery's class – Ruben Softley

Mrs Hale's / Mrs Wall's class – Isla Gourley

Mrs Cowey's class – Erin Champley

Mrs Mason's class – Isla Rookes

Mr Snelling's class – Ella Dobson

Miss Storey's class – Kieran Green

Mrs Milne's class – Matthew Currie

Mr Sutherland's class – Chanelle Hutchinson

Mr Craig's class – Kate Sunley

Mrs Park's class – Cash Iley

Miss Berry's English group – DJ Strong