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Spring Term Newsletter 01 - 21/04/2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and we hope you all enjoyed the Easter holidays. We have returned to lovely weather and children have made the most of their time back together again.

Parents Evening

Your class teachers will contact you via Dojo/Tapestry offering you an appointment for a virtual Zoom parents evening in the next few weeks. You will appreciate that it will be difficult to accommodate everyone's preferred times, therefore teachers will send times out. If it is not possible for you to attend, please let your child's teacher know and they will be able to accommodate you at a later date.

Parents of Reception children will be able to attend a face to face parents evening in school in the week commencing Tuesday 4th May 2021. We are aware that some of you have never been able to come into school. Reception class has an outdoor covered area where meetings can take place. You may need to wear a coat, depending on the temperature!

Year 6 Residential Trip

We usually hold a residential trip to York in June for Year 6. Unfortunately, due to current restrictions, it has been decided that the trip will not be able to go ahead. Refunds, via a cheque, will be distributed to Year 6 and sent home next week. Please inform the office if cheques need to be made payable to a specific parent, otherwise they will be addressed to the first contact.

Dropping off and picking up

Just a reminder of when the children should be dropped off and picked up from school.

Reception Class - drop off 8.40am-9am, pick up 2.45pm-3pm

Year 1 and 2 - drop off 8.40-8.50 am, pick up 3-3.10pm

Year 3,4,5,6 - drop off 8.30 -8.40am, pick up 2.50-3pm

SUPPORT SCHEME NOW OPEN FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS UNABLE TO WORK WHEN CHILDREN ADVISED TO SELF-ISOLATE

Parents and guardians in South Lakeland unable to work as a result of caring for a child or young person who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace can now apply for a support payment.

A Test and Trace Support payment, or discretionary payment of £500, subject to meeting the eligibility criteria, is available to parents and guardians of children who have been advised to self-isolate due to coronavirus on or after 8 March 2021.

The claim for a child or young person (aged up to or including 15 years old or 25 or under with an Education, Health and Care Plan) must be made within six weeks of the child or young person's first day of self-isolation and the claimant must be:

- employed or self-employed, unable to work from home and will lose income as a result;
- be currently receiving Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, income-based Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Support, Housing Benefit and/or Pension Credit.

This scheme is in addition to the existing Test and Trace Support Payment scheme to continue to support those on low incomes who cannot work if they themselves have been advised to self-isolate.

The special discretionary payments scheme is available for those who cannot work from home but do not meet the criteria for the Test and Trace main scheme and/ or Parent and Guardian main scheme but have less than £3,000 total capital and ordinarily earn less than £26,000 per year, or £500 per week before any deductions.

Funding for the schemes has come through the Department of Work and Pensions, as well as £125,000 of government support passed on to Cumbria's district authorities by the county council.

Go to www.southlakeland.gov.uk/council-tax-and-housing-benefit/benefits/test-and-trace-support-payment for more information about all three schemes and to apply.