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Spring Term Newsletter 07 - 10/03/2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a super first few days back at school. Children and staff are enjoying being back in their classrooms, working alongside each other, re-establishing routines and enjoying learning.

We have prioritised wellbeing this week. Thank you for the questionnaires you completed which enabled us to identify those children who might find the return to school challenging. We also asked children to complete their own questionnaires which focused on how they felt and what they enjoyed during lockdown and how they feel now and their hopes for the future. Responses have been very positive. Those children who did feel nervous or anxious about coming back to school have soon settled in with their friends and are now saying they feel more comfortable which is so important.

This week is British Science week and Mrs Barton, our science subject leader, has provided activities for each class to engage with and enjoy. We are looking forward to 'Find out Friday' when all children will experience some investigative science.

Lockdown Lambs

Spring is coming with the hope of new beginnings. Our school are an important part of the community and have been asked by the community group to come up with an idea to raise spirits at a difficult time in everybody's lives.

We would like to encourage everyone to join in with a project that will encourage all members of the Pennington Parish to keep fit and be creative. We have been thinking about things we can do during lockdown and two things are walking and art so we would like to invite everyone to join with us to create some sheep (or spring lambs) and ask that they are displayed in windows or gardens so that when we are out walking we can spot them and be reminded that new life brings with it, new hope for the future.

Sheep can be modelled, painted, sculpted, knitted, built or drawn. They can be made from anything, even better if you use recycled materials. They can be realistic or unusual in nature. Whoever said sheep don't wear wellies and sunglasses?! They should bring a smile to our faces! We ask that they are visible from the footpaths when people are out walking, whether that be in your garden, on a doorstep or window sill or in your window.

We look forward to seeing what we can achieve if we work together as a community. As Mother Teresa said, 'Together we can do great things.'

We will be making sheep in our classes but would also encourage you to take part at home where you may have access to other materials or have time to be creative.

Please make sure your sheep are displayed by Easter- this gives us 4 weeks.

Children's Health

If you have concerns about your child's health or have already been informed by the doctor that they are clinically extremely vulnerable, please ensure you tell us so that we can complete a separate individual risk assessment and support your child in whatever way is necessary.

Please be aware that due to Covid restrictions, it is unlikely that the Paediatric Audiologist will be visiting school to test Reception children's hearing this academic year. If you are worried about your child's hearing, please contact Janice Dent at Ulverston Health Centre

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