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Dear Parents and Carers,



This term has certainly been an adventure for us all - starting with Home-School and ending with a Talent Show, hot cross buns and Easter eggs! I have always said that in schools, we always expect the unexpected, and that has certainly been true over the past few months. Throughout this time, the children have continued to bring so much joy into our daily lives. They have been fun, positive, enthusiastic and hardworking. They have faced challenges with stoicism and bravery and done their best to overcome any problems with optimism.

The staff have worked tirelessly to adapt and change to meet the needs of the children, and to keep school life and learning fun, and you have been with us, and alongside us all the way. There is much to celebrate and things to take forward. However, I am really hopeful that we can have a lovely straightforward term ahead, with everyone in school, and can start to bring back the events we enjoy so much over the summer. We will continue the current arrangements in school for the first days back, and will review these in light of any DFE guidance issued to us. I have copied the relevant points from the letter sent out March 3rd at the foot of this letter, for reference.

I wish you all a very happy and relaxing Easter.



Easter Eggs!

Today, the children have been given an Easter Egg which has been generously donated by Suni from S & M Foodstore in the High Street. Suni contacted me to say that he knew that the children had missed out on lots of things over the past year, and so, would like to give them all a treat! I am sure that the children will take the opportunity to thank him for such kindness over the Easter holidays. I am always impressed with the support our school receives from the community and this was a wonderful surprise!



Long Service Awards

I have been delighted to be able to present long service awards to Miss Grainger and Mrs Barber, who have both worked for Herts County Council at Codicote School for twenty years! We look forward to the next twenty...



School Photographs

Extra hair brushing alert - school photographs have been arranged for Monday 19th April. Siblings will be able to have their photographs taken together. It should be possible for pre-school children to have their photos taken as part of a family group, but we may need you to wait outside, depending on the Covid restrictions in place after Easter.



Sports update

We have continued to participate in every possible sporting opportunity – organised by the fantastic Mel. Here is a message from her:

Over lockdown children in Key stage 2 participated in several Virtual Competitions. The children were very successful and won various medals. Lots of children had participated but we could only enter 1 team of 8. Congratulations to everyone who took part, and to our medal winners!

Fitness: Finley R 1st, Meghan W 1st, Yumi C 2nd , Oliver B-L 2nd , Lucas S 2nd , Lewis M 2nd , Alice M 3rd, and Annie B-L 3rd.

Basketball: Year 4 team: 1st (Tristan B, Izaak M, Oliver P , Jaz O, Meghan W, Alex W, Millie T and Evelyn L.) Year 5 team: 2nd (Charlie W, Jacob S, Lucas S, Max E-K, Hazel S, Phoebe C, Alice M and Riley M.)

Multi Skills: Year 3 Team: 2nd (Daniel H, Jude T, Will M, Finley R, William E, Yumi C, Emma P, Leonia K and Kathleen C. Year 4 Team: 2nd (Tristan B, Jaz O, Oliver B-L, Noah M, Meghan W, Evelyn L, Millie T and Alex W.

In P.E lessons for Key Stage 1 the children have been taking part in speed stacking activities. The children have really impressed me with their speed and co –ordination. I had to submit the children with the top scores for all 4 activities. We won all 4 categories! Phoebe E, George A, Chiara S and Bobby E-K.

Hopefully after Easter the weather will be warmer and my hope is to go on the field as much as possible. Please bring in sensible footwear for outdoors, ideally trainers.



Covid cases

I am keeping everything crossed that everyone stays well over the holidays. However, if your child develops Covid symptoms within 48 hours of being in contact with other children and staff in the school, please can you email me as soon as possible? I will then work with Track and Trace to ensure all the relevant people are informed and advised as to what they need to do to keep everyone safe. Please send your email to my direct address: head@codicote.herts.sch.uk.

Thank you for reading this newsletter. Please remember I am always happy to discuss any issues with you. I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 12th April.

Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER

Covid measures on site – taken from letter dated 3rd March, 2021

Drop off and collection

Children may be dropped off at school between 8.45 and 9.15 a.m. We request that only one person accompanies the children, and that adults wear face masks on school grounds, except those who are medically exempt. Children can be collected between 3.00 and 3.15 p.m. Please enter the school grounds

either by the side gate on the bottom playground, or the main gate, and leave through the side gate at the front or the main gate. This should avoid people having to cross paths with each other.

The car park will be open to allow social distancing. During these drop off and collection times, only authorised vehicles are allowed on site. These include those providing access for people with specific mobility or health issues. Please take extra care when walking across the carpark and keep your children with you.

Clothing

Children will be expected to wear school uniform, with flexibility regarding footwear. The school will be well ventilated throughout the day, so children will need layers of warm clothing. We will be doing as much PE as possible outside so it would be useful for children to bring in a fleece and/or tracksuit.

Communication

We look forward to a time when we can resume the usual day to day contact we have with you. In the meantime, please contact the School Office if you need to speak to your child's teacher or me, and a mutually convenient time can be arranged.

Infection Control

The arrangements for additional cleaning, keeping children in class groups throughout the day, staggered lunch and breaktimes, online assemblies and staff meetings etc. will continue and be kept under review.