

School Update – 1st April 2022

Today is the last day before we break up for the Easter holidays and what a term it has been. The weather has been bizarre this week with snow flurries, rain and glorious sunshine!

It is important to remind ourselves that we haven't had a school year with two solid terms for over 2 years. The impact that the pandemic has had on everyone continues and it is important to reflect regularly on how we support our young people to manage and thrive in a school setting. It has been a delight to see the Year 4 children enjoying their two night stay at Hautbois Activity Centre. They have been amazing and with many never staying away from their families before, this has been a significant milestone for them with many happy memories made, despite the rain and snow for 4M.

Thank you, to you, our families for all the support you have and continue to give the school. Our aim next term is to welcome you into school more, with progress meetings being face to face again for everyone who can make it and events for you to enjoy with us in school.

Trips and events will continue next term, this includes two trips to the Houses of Parliament for both Year 5 and 6, as well as Year 3 experiencing their first one night stay at Horstead in May.

Please keep up to date with our calendar of events on the school website and all the news items that help you keep up to date with things that are happening. These are all on our website.

While COVID-19 is not going away, the government has set out the changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 in education and childcare settings from Friday 1 April. It is important to remember, that if your child is not well enough for school, they need to stay at home. We don't ever want a family to feel that their child must be in school, if they are not well enough to be.

The updated guidance advises:

- children and young people who are unwell and have a high

temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend

- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

As you know, some of the changes we made during the pandemic, such as year group playtimes and eating in year groups, have continued, despite not needing to; we felt this was better for our children as we adjust to full capacity schooling. We will continue to review these changes and amend as we think is right for our children. One thing, which we were reminded of on Comic Relief day, was how kind the children are towards other year groups. Next term will see more of this and we can't wait to share it with you.

We have taken many photos this term of all the amazing opportunities your children have been part of from sporting events to discos. Please enjoy our little video of photos and enjoy the Easter holidays.

We will see you all on Wednesday 20th April for a fabulous Summer term.

Take care
St. William's Staff Team