



Friday 12th March 2021

Dear parents,

I am writing to you on a very wet Friday, at the end of our first week with all the children back at school. Everyone seems to be enjoying being back, it has been lovely to see all the learning going on and to reconnect with my colleagues again. This week's letter contains some news and reminders.

#### Comic Relief - Friday 19th March

Next Friday we are inviting all children and staff to wear non-uniform with something red in support of comic relief. We are suggesting a donation of £1 for the charity, but as we know how tough things are for families at the moment, please don't feel obliged.

#### Uniform Next Week

All children should wear their normal school uniform next week, apart from on the days they have PE. On PE days they can wear their school jumper with leggings/jogging bottoms/shorts and trainers/plimsolls. Not forgetting of course that Friday is a non-uniform day.

#### Curriculum Next Week

All pupils will be returning to their normal timetable next week, having enjoyed a more active style of learning this week. Please let your child's class teacher know if your child is feeling anxious about anything.

#### Fair Share

The donations from Tesco's have been put to use by Leeds and Broomfield families this week. Next week the deliveries on Monday and Tuesday will be offered to Ulcombe families.

#### Easter Hampers

Each school will be organising hampers for those families who have let us know they are finding things difficult because of Covid. These will be sent home just before Easter. Please contact your child's school office if you feel you need support. We would be happy to try and help.

## Parent Questionnaire

One final reminder to complete the questionnaire for parents regarding learning over lockdown. The questionnaire is a google form and the link is: <https://forms.gle/RYg59NqAeUnCRQfb9>

The closing date is next Friday 19th March 2021 at 5pm. We are keen to hear your views so we can look to improve our use of google classroom. Thank you

## International Women's Day

This week it was international women's day and I took the opportunity to thank my team for all that they have done over lockdown, not forgetting the important male members of staff too. I shared two quotes from women that I admire.

**"It is time for women in the world to set the agenda. It's time for women to redefine the message. We need to make that message a positive one. Let's make it ambitious, and inclusive, and brimming with hope." Oprah Winfrey**

**"Every day, you have the power to choose our better history — by opening your hearts and minds, by speaking up for what you know is right." Michelle Obama**

Wishing you all happy family weekends,

Kind regards,

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