



A note from the Headteacher

With the end of the Spring term almost upon us, I just wanted to say a big thank you again to all our children, parents, carers and staff for your continued support within our school community at what has been a challenging time for us all.

Just a reminder to please keep following our one-way system within the school grounds and also a quick reminder about our new timings for collection at the end of the day: - if your child's surname starts with A to M, collect from 3pm to 3.15pm. If your child's surname starts with N to Z, collect from 3.15pm to 3.30pm.

School closes today for the Easter Break and I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter and look forward to seeing everyone on the 19th April for the start of the Summer term.

Eleanore Pickard
Headteacher

Covid Helpline

It is very important to notify school if a POSITIVE COVID result is received over the Easter break. Please use our dedicated email covidhelpline@hwood.org.uk to notify us as soon as a positive test result is received. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

Decorate an Egg Competition

Wow, the response to our Decorate an Egg competition was amazing and how wonderful so see so many imaginative designs. Well done to everyone who took part. Take a look opposite for some snapshots of the entries!

Road Safety

Before and after school is the busiest time for traffic in this area. Please can we ask that children are supervised when walking near the roads to ensure everyone is kept safe during this period.





Easter Holidays - Free School Meal Vouchers

If you are entitled to means tested free school meals, you should by now have received your £30 per child vouchers for the 2 week Easter break. Please check your emails (including junk emails) and redeem your vouchers.

Catering Leeds Recruitment Update

Our school meal provider, Catering Leeds, are looking for staff to join their teams, working in schools within this area. They pay the Leeds Living Wage (minimum of £9.30 per hour) and have part time roles which are term time only on offer. If you are interested please visit [jobs.leeds.gov.uk](https://www.jobs.leeds.gov.uk) website and complete an application form.

E Safety Update

Online Safety : Changes to Instagram and Tik Tok

Instagram have introduced new measures to help make their platform safer for young people. The new safety tools will help stop adults from messaging directly to the under 18s who do not follow them. The tools can also support young people in how to keep their profile private. Net Aware says that whilst this can stop some unwanted contact, it will not stop adults they follow contacting them. They believe it is a positive first step in improving the site's safety, but as they are not switching off Direct Messaging completely there is a continued risk to children.

Tik Tok have also introduced two new features to help tackle cyberbullying and promote positive, thoughtful interactions among their users. The feature is not enabled automatically so we would urge parents to go into their settings and switch it on.

Net Aware offer some guidance and top tips through their App and website to parents. To sign up to Net Aware click

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thursday 1st April 21
School closes for Easter Break

Monday 19th April 21
School re-opens for Summer Term

Friday 23rd April 21
Swimming starts for Year 4

**Happy Easter from everyone at
Hawksworth Wood Primary School**



Changes to the Test and Trace support payment for parents

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a [Test and Trace Support Payment](#) or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria. The extension of the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme, which is administered by district and unitary local authorities in England, ensures that parents receive the financial support they need if they are unable to attend work due to childcare responsibilities.

Click the link above for further information