



A note from the Headteacher

I hope you all managed to enjoy the long Bank Holiday weekend. Having started the term with lovely weather, it certainly took a turn for the worse last week. Let's hope May brings us some more sunshine, so we can continue to enjoy the outdoors.

After the Government's latest announcement yesterday evening about the relaxing of further restrictions in the wider community, in school we very much have to continue with all the precautionary measures we have had in place since our return. Thank you once again for your continuous support in helping keep our school community safe.

Many thanks.
Eleanore Pickard
Headteacher

Parking:

We are still getting lots of complaints about the parking situation, especially near the Cragside entrances. We are currently working with the local council and the police to look at how we can improve the situation but until then can I please ask again to park considerately outside school. The Zig Zag lines are put in place to protect your children and you are not only endangering them but also committing an offence if you park on these lines. Thank you for your co-operation.

End of Year Reports and Parents Evening:

We have reviewed our reports for parents this year, so hopefully parents will find them more personal to their own child. Teachers will start writing them soon and they will be sent home in July.

We will also host an online parents evening for discussion with the class teacher on your child's progress. In the meantime, teachers are always happy to talk to parents over the telephone, so please contact the school office for an appointment if you have anything you wish to discuss.

Parent Governor Vacancy:

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join our team. If you would like more information on what being a School Governor entails then please contact the school office.

Eid Celebration:

Eid Mubarak to all our families celebrating Eid this week! For those celebrating Eid, you are of course welcome to take the day off school this Thursday to celebrate with your families. I hope the weather is kind to you! We will continue the celebrations with an Eid party for all children in school on Friday – children can come in their party clothes if they wish.

E Safety – Please read the attached information regarding keeping your child safe whilst using the website 'Omegle'.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 28th May

School closes for Half Term Break

Monday 7th June

School re-opens

Monday 26th July

Training Day

Tuesday 27th July

Training Day

Self Isolation Payments

Parents or guardians who are not legally required to self-isolate can now apply for a Test and Trace Support Payment of £500 if they need to take time off work to care for a child or young person who is.

The Department for Health and Social Care expect local authorities to contact the child or young person's education or care setting to verify the self-declared information provided in the parent or guardian's application. This includes checking:

- the child's name, age and main address.
- the child's first day of self-isolation.
- that the child didn't continue to attend the education or care setting when they should have been self-isolating.
- whether the communication from the education or care setting is genuine (if this has been submitted by the applicant).

You need to claim within 42 days of you or your child's first day of self-isolation.

Click here for further information:
[Apply for a Test and Trace Support Payment - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-a-test-and-trace-support-payment)