

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful way to end the week with everyone dressed in their sports clothes for Sport Relief and learning about how physical activity can impact on their lives and the lives of others. Thank you for your generosity, we will be sending the money off for this worthwhile cause. We will let you know how much we have raised when it has been counted.

### Coronavirus update

I am sure everyone saw Boris Johnson in the news yesterday informing the country of the latest measure to delay the progress of the Coronavirus. Tickford will continue to follow the government advice whilst preparing for the expected rise in cases so that we can best support our young people, staff and wider community. I would be deeply grateful if you could play your part and follow the advice below:

- **Self-Isolation** - Members of our community should stay at home for 7 days if they have the coronavirus symptoms of either a high temperature (over 37.8) or a new and continuous cough. They should not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. There is more advice on the NHS website <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19> Please use this link if you are concerned about you or a member of our family contracting the virus: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>
- **Contingency Planning for School Closure** – We have strong plans in place to reduce the likelihood of having to close the school. However, if we have large numbers of staff having to self-isolate, or we are directed to at a later stage by the government, then we may need to close partially or fully - this may need to be done at short notice. We would communicate this via Parentmail and the school website [www.tickfordpark.co.uk](http://www.tickfordpark.co.uk)
- We are now preparing to provide work for your child should the school close for any length of time. This is likely to be through the school website and google classrooms but more information will be sent out about this in due course.

Whilst this seems to be an ever-changing picture at the minute, I hope this gives you some reassurance that we are responding appropriately by following government guidelines yet planning for any contingencies. Until we receive other advice, we will try as much as possible to operate a full school day including After School Clubs and extra-curricular activities, welcoming your child into school every day. However, there may come a time where planned events are cancelled at short notice.

Remember for most, and in particular children, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. It's important and comforting for children that they continue their routines and we will endeavour to keep doing this as long as we are able to. Thank you for your support and understanding at this unique time – this is certainly a new one for me!

### Re-cycleable plastic cups

All children will be provided with a plastic cup with their name on to use during the day, at the end of the day these will be disposed of. Please send in their usual drink in their lunch box, which can be taken home and washed daily. Please do not send in drinks bottles for use during the day as a ready supply of drinking water is being provided in school.

### Science Week in Year 4

This week, Year 4 were lucky enough to have a visit from Hands On Science! The children learnt about how to cast a plaster model of a pair of human teeth. The workshop also included getting up close and personal with some real animal skulls and discussing the different teeth that different animals have. We would like to thank Hands on Science for the fantastic workshop.



### Dance Project

A massive well done to dance project who performed last night on stage to over 300 people! We are incredibly proud of you all; the commitment and dedication they have shown this year has been amazing and it all paid off on the night. Thank you for all of the supporters who came and cheered them on! Last but not least a thank you to all the staff involved who worked hard with the children to make this a success.

**Mother's Day Stall** – A big thank you to Friends of Tickford Park who organised this stall for us. There were lots of lovely things for the children to buy and all the children enjoyed making their purchases.

**Wanted - Midday Supervisor Vacancy**

We still have a vacancy for a midday supervisor. If you love working with children in the great outdoors, then this would be perfect for you! If you would like more information and an application form, please look at our website [http://www.tickfordpark.co.uk/uploads/1/0/8/8/10881774/advert\\_for\\_lunchtime\\_supervisor.pdf](http://www.tickfordpark.co.uk/uploads/1/0/8/8/10881774/advert_for_lunchtime_supervisor.pdf) or contact the school office. Thank you.

**Don't Forget - Year 6 - 2019/2020 SATs Parents' Meeting**

As you are aware this is a very important year for your child, as they prepare for the Year 6 SATs tests that take place during the week beginning, **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020**. We would like to invite you and your child to a special meeting on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 5:30pm** in **Martin Hall**.

**Year 6**

Year 6 will be visiting the Baptist church on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March to take part in Easter Cracked. This involves a range of activities, which covers our RE learning objectives. All children will need to bring a coat with them as we will be walking to and from the church. We will have lunch at normal time at school and arrive back before the end of the school day.

**Ladies in Lessons – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Ladies are invited to join us for "Ladies in Lessons" – teachers will plan a lesson which any visiting ladies will take part in with their child/ren. Please be aware that the lesson will start at 1.30pm and it is **vital** that **any ladies who would like to take part are in Martin Hall for the safeguarding and information briefing at 1:15pm**. If you would like to take part please complete the form at the end of the newsletter

**Class**

Pearl and Ruby  
Amber and Quartz  
Diamond and Malachite  
Jet and Topaz  
Peridot and Turquoise  
Emerald and Moonstone  
Amethyst and Sapphire

**Lesson**

Easter themed lesson  
Sewing (simple running stitch) and art /craft based activities  
Water colour and reading activities  
Spring cross stitch and Spring art  
Spring art  
Dodgeball and mindfulness (Please wear training shoes/sports clothes)  
Making Anderson shelters. (Children will need to bring in their own materials to build shelters in groups. A list of materials will be sent home.

We have again had complaints from one of our neighbours about parents leaving their dogs unattended and tied to the school gates. I would like to ask you to refrain from doing this, it is unfair to the dog and also to any children or adults who are frightened or allergic to dogs, as well as a nuisance to our neighbours.

Have a happy and healthy weekend.

Best wishes,

*Claire*

Miss Claire Britnell  
Executive Headteacher

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Name of child: .....

Class: .....

Signed: .....

(Parent/Guardian)



**Greg Rutherford** - Olympic gold medallist Greg Rutherford has jumped in to get behind Milton Keynes' year as European City of Sport for 2020. MK is celebrating the title throughout 2020, and the #MK20in20 campaign is being used to encourage everybody to get involved in physical activity. MK Council bid for the title to unlock more opportunities for investment into local sport and activity, encourage healthy lifestyles and share grassroots success stories.

Rutherford, who won long jump gold at the London 2012 Olympic Games, was born and raised in Milton Keynes and learnt his trade with Marshall Athletics in Stantonbury.

"Milton Keynes is an amazing city, and it often doesn't get the plaudits that it deserves," said Rutherford.

"It's a brilliant place and I'm thrilled to bits that it's got the European City of Sport accolade.

"The infrastructure we have in MK is incredible, and I was lucky enough grow up and train here."

**Inspiring Futures through Learning (IFtL)** Multi-Academy Trust has been selected to run the new school in Glebe Farm. The new school in South-East Milton Keynes will cater for children from Reception through to Year 11 under one roof. The school is expected to open from September 2022 and will provide places for up to 1,530 pupils. It will include sports facilities such as an artificial grass pitch plus provision for a 39 place full-time equivalent (FTE) nursery. IFtL is a Multi-Academy Trust which already runs nine schools in Milton Keynes. This includes Two Mile Ash School and Whitehouse Primary which opened in 2016. Each school has its own unique identity and personality with the same core goal - to provide a world class education for all children.

**The Cancer Centre** brings together under one roof all of the cancer services which were previously provided across three locations on the hospital site. It offers oncology, clinical haematology and cancer-related chemotherapy services, inpatient and outpatient services alongside a wellbeing support service, allowing MKUH to significantly improve the quality of its cancer services to patients whilst also helping to increase capacity. The new centre means MKUH can better support each and every cancer patient, providing most of the cancer services they need in an excellent environment. It will provide a dedicated space offering treatment and a wide range of information and support services to anyone affected by cancer, all within a comfortable and welcoming environment that is also appropriate for patients' families.

#### Dates for your calendar (these dates may be subject to change)

Date	Year Group	Visit/Event
16.03.2020	6	Easter Cracked
16.03.2020	Parents	Maths workshop 5:30 – 6:30pm
17.03.2020	3/4	Deadline for 3/4 football entries
17.03.2020	Selected Children	Voice in a Million
17.03.2020	Parents	Maths workshop 9 – 10am
18.03.2020	Year 6 Parents	SATs meeting in Martin Hall
19.03.2020	Foundation	Pizza Express
24.03.2020	Whole School	Class Photographs (please make sure your children are in uniform)
27.03.2020	Whole School	Ladies in Lessons
01.04.2020	Parents	Supporting Your Child to Manage Their Anxiety'- Information Evening for Parents. (5 – 6:30pm)
02.04.2020	Foundation	St Peters and St Pauls Church and Sandwich Shack
02.04.2020	Whole School	Film Night (organised by FOTPPS)
03.04.2020	Whole School	School closes at end of session
20.04.2020	Whole School	School opens
27.04.2020	Foundation	Rookery Open Farm
27.04.2020	Whole School	Bake Sale (organised by FOTPPS – donations from years 2 and 3 please)
29.04.2020	3 and 4	Performance – 1:30pm
29.04.2020	3 and 4	Performance 6pm
01.05.2020	Whole School	Donation Friday (organised by FOTPPS – donations of gifts/toiletries please)
08.05.2020	Whole School	May Bank Holiday
11.05.2020	6	SATs begin
18.05.2020	Whole School	Bake Sale (organised by FOTPPS – donations from years 4,5 and 6 please)
22.05.2020	Whole School	Donation Friday (organised by FOTPPS – donations of sweets please)
22.05.2020	Whole School	School closes at end of session
01.06.2020	Whole School	INSET Day – staff only in school
02.06.2020	Whole School	School opens
11.05.2020	Whole School	Father's Day Stall (organised by FOTPPS)

12.06.2020	Whole School	Donation Friday (organised by FOTPPS – donations of bottles please)
22.06.2020	5	Residential visit to Oakwood leaves
26.06.2020	5	Residential visit returns from Oakwood
03.07.2020	Whole School	Summer Fair/Dance Showcase (organised by FOTPPS)
10.07.2020	6	Ousedale Art Transition Day
14.07.2020	6	Residential visit to Caldecotte leaves
17.07.2020	6	Residential visit returns from Caldecotte
17.07.2020	Whole School	School closes at end of session
20.07.2020	Whole School	INSET Day – staff only in school
07.09.2020	Whole School	School opens
22.10.2020	Whole School	School closes at end of session
02.11.2020	Whole School	School opens
18.12.2020	Whole School	School closes at end of session
05.01.2021	Whole School	School opens
12.02.2021	Whole School	School closes at end of session
22.02.2021	Whole School	School opens
26.03.2021	Whole School	School closes at end of session
12.04.2021	Whole School	School opens
03.05.2021	Whole School	Bank Holiday
28.05.2021	Whole School	School closes at end of session
08.06.2021	Whole School	School opens
22.07.2021	Whole School	School closes at end of session