



# NEWSLETTER

## April 2021

### Message from the Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

With the clocks going forward last Sunday, bringing us lighter evenings and longer days, everyone seems to be feeling a lot more positive, as we gradually begin to ease out of lockdown. I am sure you would agree that our grounds are a rich and beautiful asset to Thames View and the trees in blossom and other signs of Spring are only increasing this sense of optimism about the days to come. In this newsletter, there are some links to websites and information about well-being, both for children and adults. Do please take some time to look at these.

I would like to close by wishing you all a Happy and Safe Easter Break

Kind Regards  
Wendy Riddington



#### Term Dates

Term 5 begins:

**19th April 2021**

**May Day: Monday 3rd May**

Term 5 ends:

**28th May 2021**

Term 6 begins:

**7th June 2021**

Term 6 ends:

**22nd July 2021**

**(Staff Development day:**

**23rd July 2021)**

#### Diary Dates for Term 5

22nd April 2021—Earth Day

22nd April 2021—Kittle Class Photos

W/C 26th April 2021—Read! Read! Read! Week

W/C 4th May/10th May/17th May—Parent /Teacher consultation meetings

11th May—Y6 Height and Weight checks

# SKIP THE QUEUE

## WHY NOT BOOK A SLOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR EXPERT FITTING ADVICE?



From their very first crawling shoes to robust and stylish school shoes or shoes for those big weekend adventures, our kids in-store fitting experts will help you find the perfect fit for their growing feet. Plus, we have a personal shopping and fitting service for adults, too.

With hundreds of Clarks stores to choose from, skip the queues and book a 15-minute measure and fit appointment at a time that suits you.



Clarks combine almost 200 years of expert shoemaking with everything they know about caring for growing feet to provide unbeatable all-day comfort. Their shoes pass up to 60 tough tests, from flexing leather 500,000 times to pulling laces to destruction. The result? The best shoes ever, keeping little feet happy all day long.

To book your in-store fitting appointment visit [www.clarks.co.uk](http://www.clarks.co.uk) or contact your local store

### IN-STORE FITTING

Avoid the queues and book your in-store measure and fit appointment online now at [www.clarks.co.uk](http://www.clarks.co.uk)

Choose Clarks Hempstead Valley and a time slot that suits you. Plus, take along your child's most recent pair of Clark's shoes, and they'll check if they're still a good fit.

### QUIET IN STORE FITTING?

Shoe shopping can be overwhelming for some children. If you think a shopping experience without crowds, noise and bright lights would be better, then book a Quiet Time appointment.

To do this, contact Clarks Hempstead Valley on 01634 231257  
Or call the Customer Care team on 01458 899053 Mon-Fri 9.00am-6.00pm  
Opening hours, Monday-Friday 9.00am-8.00pm, Saturday 9.00am-7.00pm, Sunday 10.00am-4.00pm

Clarks

Please find below a link to the enrichment pack produced by the Public Health team for onward distribution to parents/carers.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/eksewofoji8tbpr/Nucleus%20Social%20%284%29%20Easter%20Holiday%20Pack%20Final.pdf?dl=0>

This pack contains;

- ◆ Enrichment activities designed by Nucleus Arts and other content
- ◆ 2 menus and costed shopping lists for some tasty and healthy lunches that the whole family can enjoy
- ◆ Activity ideas for families over Easter
- ◆ Signposting to services if needed.



## ECO SQUAD

We have made a lot of progress in school since our Eco Squad was formed at the beginning of 2020.

We are currently embarking on an exciting journey through a seven-step framework in order to achieve the international Eco-Schools Green Flag.

Every class from year 1 to year 6 has an Eco Squad member (our very own Eco Warriors!) that is responsible for making sure their class is recycling correctly, reminding teachers to turn monitors and lights off, and helping to keep our school grounds clear of litter.

The Eco Squad is currently undertaking an environmental review and the children will then decide on and take responsibility for our next actions. It's a very exciting time for the school - watch this space!

## RECYCLING DAY—THURSDAY 22ND APRIL

To coincide with Earth Day, TVPS are holding a Recycling Day in school where children will learn all about how and what to recycle, and how they can make a difference to our planet, both at school and at home. They will be sorting and classifying the waste collected from home, writing stories about sea creatures harmed by plastic in our oceans, creating their own plastic pollution painting and lots more!

During the day, the children will begin to design a poster to encourage everyone to think carefully about the choices they make regarding single use plastics and recycling. We are giving everyone the opportunity to take this home to complete, or to design a whole new one if they would rather. These posters need to be returned to school by Monday 26th April to be in with a chance of winning a prize! The Eco Squad will judge the posters and a winner will be announced for Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2. (There is no obligation for any Reception children to make a poster but they are more than welcome to enter if they so wish).

**Winning posters will also be put up around the school.**

**Good luck!**



**Please remember to name all your child/children's clothes for when they return in term 5, particularly sweatshirts, cardigans and jumpers. Hopefully, the weather will warm up and the children will take jumpers off and we can get them back to them if they are named. Thank you**



## READ! READ! READ! WEEK—Week Commencing 26th April

We all know how important reading is in a child's life and what a great pleasure it can be to us all.

During the week commencing 26th April, we shall be holding a week specifically focussed on reading as a skill and a pleasure. This will include a sponsored read at home with the support of Usborne books, but there will be lots of other activities and challenges for the children in school, too.

Watch this space for more details!!



Please see below, some activities that are happening locally, during the Easter Holidays.

### EASTER ACTIVITIES

<b>Weds 7th</b> Sittingbourne Community Hub 9am - 2pm	<b>Easter Egg Hunts!</b>	<b>Thurs 8th</b> Gravesend Community Hub 10am - 12pm	<b>Crafting!</b>	<b>Fri 9th</b> Gillingham Community Hub 9am - 2pm
<b>Ball Games!</b>	<b>Mon 12th</b> Gravesend Community Hub 10am - 12pm	<b>Prizes!</b>	<b>Weds 14th</b> Sittingbourne Community Hub 9am - 2pm	<b>Fri 16th</b> Gillingham Community Hub 9am - 2pm

Also supporting  
The John Wallis  
Academy -  
Ashford  
throughout the  
holiday

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## Just a reminder or two about PE

We are finding that with the children wearing their PE kits to school on the day they have PE, it is saving so much time for other things. It also reduces any contact when changing and the need to have PE bags in school.

PE days are:-

Monday—Year 3

Tuesday—YR and Y5

Wednesday—Y2 and Y6

Thursday—Y1 and Y4



**Please remember to remove earrings and tie long hair back on PE day.**

## Corona Virus anxiety- specific links

Corona Virus: How to protect your mental health: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51873799>

Coronavirus Medway Support- for people who need urgent help, supplies or medication during the Coronavirus. 01634 306000

Mental Health Europe: <https://www.mhe-sme.org/covid-19/>

NHS Link with most up-to-date info on symptoms  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

A Place 2 Be Website offers several different ideas/ resources to use with your primary aged learner who may be finding the change difficult  
<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/services-for-schools/mental-health-resources-for-schools/coronavirus-wellbeing-activity-ideas-for-schools/>



Also look up the Anna Freud Centre on Facebook for regular videos re: how to manage during this time

Please visit the Thames View Website where there are many other links that you may find helpful.

Please also visit The Hub of Hope:

<https://hubofhope.co.uk/>

Identifying services within your area.