



East Markham CP School

Summer Term 1 Newsletter –

April 2020

Hello everyone! We hope you all had a restful Easter break. Welcome to our very first remote summer term!

We have all had to adapt to new ways of working in recent weeks, so we wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job we think you're all doing in supporting your child's wellbeing during this time. It's definitely been a strange and challenging month, and it's ok if you and your child(ren) feel wobbly and worried at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from school, please let us know by contacting the office email address:

office@eastmarkham.notts.sch.uk. Mr Bingham, Mrs Duggin and Mrs Woods have access to this and will always aim to respond promptly.

We miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. Just because we're not all in the same building, doesn't mean we can't have some fun together! Your children will have lots of activities they can get stuck into over the summer term – so keep a close eye on your email account, where teachers will direct suggestions for work and activities. Make sure you're also following the school Facebook page - @eastmarkhamprimary – where other challenges and updates will be posted.

We love seeing the children's fantastic achievements at home – please keep sending these in via the class email accounts, or by posting on our Facebook page.

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that we'll continue to do our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected.

Sending warmest wishes to you all,

The East Markham Primary School team x

Useful Resources

- This is a lovely resource if you are looking to explain the current situation surrounding the coronavirus outbreak to your little ones:
<https://nosycrowcoronavirus.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Coronavirus-ABookForChildren.pdf>
- We realise children might have an increased amount of screen time at the moment, and this a fantastic link to ensure children stay safe online, with a guide to social networks, apps and games: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Uniform

We know, in usual times, some parents may begin to think about buying their child's new uniform in the coming months. Although this may be something that is now delayed, we thought it might be helpful to confirm what our uniform expectations are:

<u>School Uniform:</u>	<u>PE Kit:</u>
Red school jumper or cardigan Red school polo t-shirt Grey trousers / skirt / pinafore / shorts Smart black shoes	White school PE t-shirt Black leggings / joggers / shorts / skirt Black school hoodie Trainers

Please note, that white polo t-shirts are not school uniform and we politely ask that your children begin to wear red from September, if they are not already doing so.

We know uniform can be expensive, and children certainly have fun whilst wearing theirs! We have therefore been working with our wonderful PTFA to try to set up some kind of 'swap shop' or 'like new / second hand stall'. Although these plans are currently on hold, as soon as we have any further information, we will of course let you know.

Thank you for your support with this. There is always a real sense of pride when our children are dressed smartly and appropriately for school, and we believe it is a great start in taking pride in all we do.

A Message from our Chair of Governors...

Hello everyone, I hope you are well and staying safe. Even in these challenging times, the Governing Body remains in regular contact with the school and are being kept up to date with the changing situation. We have all been really impressed with how the school has adapted and think the daily e-mails for KS1 and KS2 will ensure that the provision of education can continue as best it can. We will be having our first 'virtual' Governor Body meeting early in the summer term - it will be interesting to see how that goes!

I would like to welcome Jo Bridge on to the Governing Body as our new Local Authority appointed Governor. Jo is a retired Primary school teacher and brings a wealth of educational experience to the Governing Body.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we have reluctantly decided to put the Head Teacher recruitment on hold until the school is reopened and back to some sense of normality. The Governing Body have asked Mrs. Duggin to continue as Acting Head Teacher until such a point that a formal appointment can be made.

Take care, Guy Le Geyt

Thank You

Thank you all for your ongoing support at this time. We are incredibly proud of our school community, and how everyone has pulled together to stay safe and well. Times like these certainly make us appreciate what matters, and we can't wait to see you all again, when it is safe to do so.

Stay safe everyone!