

## NEWSLETTER — MARCH 2021



### HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY MRS MORRISON!

To our wonderful Head teacher — wishing you a super day  
on Sunday xxxx

#### What a relief!

It has been such an incredible feeling to have all of our pupils back in school. As staff it has been so refreshing to hear the laughter and feel such a buzz throughout the school as all our children have enjoyed being back in the building. We are so proud of how well all the children have coped with returning to school this week.

Despite wind and rain, we have tried to ensure that we have spent time outside this week to take advantage of our school grounds; from den building, roasting marshmallows, French treasure hunts and even 'walk and talk sessions', we have reminded ourselves how lucky we are to have so much space to learn in.

As we continue to adjust to being back in school, as staff we feel committed to ensuring that learning remains fun, hands on and as exciting as possible to maintain the happy faces that have been coming through the gate each day. As we continue to rebuild our routines and expectations this will provide us with the foundations to transition to a more 'normal' year ahead.

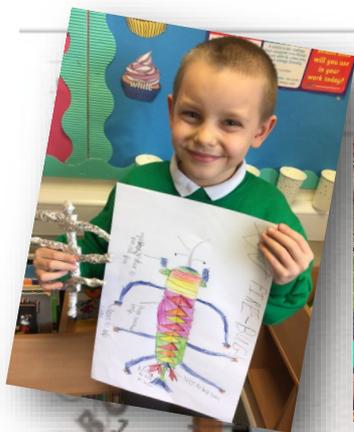
Whilst we continue to strictly spend time in our year group bubbles, as a school community we are finding new ways to stay in touch with one another to celebrate global events. This week Russia class broadcasted an assembly across the school raising the awareness of **International Women's Day**. As part of this, thought provoking quotes from inspirational women around the world such as Maya Angelou, who reminds us that despite a tough upbringing this week, we must inspire our children to 'Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud'.



As we start to rebuild our school community once again, this quote seems poignant as we celebrate Mother's Day, but more importantly to bring attention again to our 'rainbow values' that support us as we come together each day.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support in an excellent first week back for us all.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please either catch Mrs Morrison before school  
or make an appointment via the School Office.



### Staffing Updates

This term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Di Blasio who has been a huge part of our Abbots Green team for nearly 8 years and will be hugely missed especially for her musical talents that bring a smile to us all. This term we have also said good bye to Mrs Miles who worked as part of rainbow room.

We are thrilled to welcome back Mrs Worley to the Year 3 team who will be working one day a week in Japan and Kenya class. This week, Year 3 children have enjoyed catching up with Mrs Worley ready for her return before Easter.

### The creative Curiosity Approach

As we develop a rustic feel to some of our classrooms to echo our Evergreen theme, from time to time we will be asking for donations of any unwanted items that are gathering dust at home. We're currently on the hunt for a large wooden toy chest, old metal or ceramic jugs, or even a metal bucket or two (any size would be wonderful)!

### Happy Birthday Evergreen!

Next week we will be celebrating our first birthday in Evergreen! Despite a year like no other, we're so proud of the Evergreen provision and the opportunities we can offer children from the age of 2. Please contact the office if you're interested in a place - we're now looking at places for September.

### Red Nose Day

Next Friday is Red Nose day - don't forget to wear red or an item of Red nose day merchandise. We will be accepting no cash - **donations to be made via ParentMail Shop.**

### Uniform expectations

The sea of green uniform has been a pocket of well being for us all. Whilst we have some flexibility with uniform, we're keen to be smartly dressed in our uniforms fully from after Easter. For any questions regarding uniform expectations please see the school website for a recent update.

### Have your say

I continue to be keen to gather feedback and opinions from our families so will be launching our first Zoom parent's forum on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. The focus of the meeting will be to obtain lockdown feedback but also establish thoughts on moving forward. If you would like to join the meeting please notify the office who will share the zoom link individually. If you have any further questions that may be a useful discussion point please raise these before the meeting.

### Parking on the estate

Having only been back for a week, we are already receiving several complaints about parking before and after school. Local residents are struggling with blocked driveways and damaged verges/ gardens. Please think twice before parking and respect our community.

### Stay Safe

Please do ensure that only one adult comes onto school site for collection and drop off and that masks are worn. It is essential to stick to the one-way route, whilst this is a longer walk, it is the best way that we can keep our families as safe as possible.

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