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Primary School

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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Diary Dates

April	15 <sup>th</sup> – Pupils return to school for Summer term 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Y2 class trip to London
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### Welcome back

It was so lovely to see you all back in school this week after what I hope was a relaxing and restful Easter holiday. I have enjoyed hearing about the many exciting activities that the children have experienced whilst they were away from school. We have a busy summer term ahead and are looking forward to the many learning opportunities that the children will participate in. This term is always very busy as we prepare the children for the transition from one class, and for some, one school to the next. All term dates will be issued early next week and printed for each family. Please keep reading this weekly newsletter where we will share details of all that is going on.

This week we have welcomed our new class teacher in Ducklings class, Miss Waddington. She has enjoyed getting to know the children and families and is looking forward to planning lots of exciting learning opportunities for the children this term.

### Floral Display in Hall



Ambitious | Caring | Creative | Honest | Inclusive | Resilient | Unique

At the end of last term all the children created a flower. Mrs Arnold has put them all together to create this beautiful display in the hall. If you have the chance, please pop in to see it. I am sure you will agree with us that our pupils are wonderfully creative. We are celebrating every child's flower created is unique and that we stand by our school values that we are inclusive, honest, resilient, unique, creative, ambitious and caring. The children know symbols for each value and will be able to show you these. Thank you, Mrs Arnold, for showing how artistic and imaginative we are.

### Last term

During the last week of term Year 4 visited Cambridge City Centre as part of their tourism topic. They visited Trinity College and saw many interesting exhibits and artifacts at The Fitzwilliam museum. Whilst in Cambridge they carried out a public survey which they then reviewed when back in school. The class made their way into town using the Citi7 public bus which was very exciting. Miss Winter and Mrs Mitchell escorted the class and commented on how well everyone behaved. Well done Year 4.



### School clubs

We have had a huge response from you all regarding our new range of after school activities. Confirmation slips have now been sent home with the children advising which activities they have been allocated to. We hope that your children are satisfied with the clubs they are in and we look forward to hearing how much they are enjoying these over the coming weeks. If your child has been allocated a place in one of the sporting clubs please ensure that they have their named PE kit in school on the appropriate day.

### Absences – new email address

We have a new email address for parents to inform us of a child's absence. Could we ask that from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, you use the new email address, [attendance@icknielprimary.org](mailto:attendance@icknielprimary.org) to let us know if your child is not going to be in school and why. Parent and carers are required to inform the school if their child is unable to attend on the first day of absence before 9:25am and update us every day of illness after that.

## Gardening

Thank you to our FIPs Team who have constructed our new school Polytunnel. You will see from the photographs it is taking shape and we are nearly ready to start some gardening. If any parents or carers, who are keen gardeners, have some free time on a Tuesday afternoon and would like to spend time to garden with Mrs Flaherty and some children, please email the school office to let them know.

We are also asking for donations of old plant pots and strawberry plants. Mrs Seymour and Mrs Flaherty have planned for each year group to spend time over the summer term to plant some flowers or vegetables. We will keep you updated on the various gardening projects planned.



## Communication

Messages and information are usually sent home to parents via email or Parentmail. We are changing the software that we use to deliver communications home. We are now using Bromcom, the school's MiS to deliver emails. In order for this to work, it is very important that all parents are registered on My Child at School. Please ensure that you are registered so that you do not miss any important messages home. Thank you.