

The school year is passing by quickly with the children breaking up for May half term at the end of the day tomorrow, Tuesday, and they will return to school on Monday 7th June. Below are a few updates for you, just prior to the half term holiday.

Questionnaire Prize Draw

We did the prize draw for the returned questionnaires this week and I am pleased to inform you that the Blackburn family were the winners – you may have seen the boys on twitter with their book choices. Thanks again to all of you who returned the questionnaires to us. We are busy going through the responses and will send you a summary, as well as notice of any action taken as a result of your feedback, before we break for the summer.



Art Exhibition

Your children may have talked to you about the art work they have been busy with during the year. More recently they have been finalising their work for our Art Exhibition. As in previous years the exhibition showcases a variety of art techniques. The children have thoroughly enjoyed creating their masterpieces and the exhibition itself has been a pleasure to see. I'm just sorry we have not been able to invite you in but don't worry, you can still view it. Mr Durham has filmed a virtual tour and this can be enjoyed if you go to our YouTube channel or use the link below. We hope you and your children enjoy it.

<https://youtu.be/qGGqXmoKgac>



Update on children's progress

As you will know from our 'Dates for your Diary' we decided not to do any formal assessments of the children until the end of June. Usually these are completed in May but this year, due to the lockdown, we decided to delay these assessments to give as much time as possible for teaching and learning.

We have been made aware, from feedback from a few parents, that some of you would like an update sooner than this.

We did not plan to offer this because all parents will receive the end of year report at the end of the summer term. This will give a clear picture as to how your child is working and what they have achieved by the end of this academic year.

However, for those parents who would like additional feedback we have decided to offer a 5 minute appointment, via video link through Schoolcomms. This will be after school on Tuesday 15th June.

There will be no expectation that you will request an appointment, it will be only if you would like this additional feedback.

We will send more details after half term but wanted to give you notice of this.



We have also had some comments regarding Home Learning and eSchools – Reception up to Y6. Some parents are happy that the children access home learning on eSchools every week. Other parents are keen for children to use their Home Learning books and have the opportunity to complete their home learning in written form.

We have discussed this and have decided to do a combination. We need to keep using eSchools. It's a really useful way of sharing home learning and linked resources but it's also important as if we were to have to close a bubble this would be key in managing remote learning.

We also value how important it is for children to continue to use their Home Learning book too.

This being the case we are going to do a combination of the two. The children will get Home Learning every week and we recommend you look in their Home Learning book first. If there is nothing in there then it will be on eSchools.

Well I think those are the main updates. It just remains for me to remind you what to do just in case your child develops Covid symptoms in the next few days.

Covid-19 Test and Trace

If your child develops symptoms up to and including Thursday 27th May which results in a positive test then you must inform us.

Please inform us of a positive test via email – tanfieldlea@durhamlearning.net

Please title the email '**Positive Test Result**' and include the following information:

Name of your child:

Class of your child:

Date your child's symptoms started:

Date your child had the test:

A contact telephone number for you:

If we receive an email informing us of a positive test result we will contact Public Health and may have to ring you for further information. If we do ring you, the number may come up on your phone as 'Caller ID Unknown'. Please answer this.

If your child develops coronavirus symptoms from Friday 28th May onwards, they must be tested and, if positive, follow the advice of Test and Trace. **You do not need to inform the school of any symptoms which occur from Friday 28th May onwards.**

We will check the school email address (tanfieldlea@durhamlearning.net) every morning at 9 a.m. up to and including Saturday 29th May. After that, the email address will not be checked as any test results from children who had symptoms up to and including Thursday 27th May will have been received by then.

It is crucial that all parents check their emails daily as if we do have a positive case we will have to contact the parents of all children who have been in contact with the child who has tested positive. Thank you.

We hope everyone enjoys the half term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 7th June.

Kind regards,
Kay Hemmings
Head Teacher