



Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Families

It has been a busy few weeks here at Birdsedge and I wanted to save the April Newsletter until today so I could share with you the outcomes of an important day yesterday. Yesterday we were visited for an organised monitoring review. This was a supportive exercise, organised by the MAST to help school review where we are since the last review and support us in areas we continue to work on and develop. I wanted to share with you how positive the inspector was about our school. It was recognised how far school has moved forwards over the last two terms. The engagement of families during a time when barriers make this more difficult was celebrated and children were an absolute credit in their behaviours, engagement in their learning during lessons and the way they talked about their experience in school. We have some really clear points to help us to continue to move forward in our curriculum and feel confident in the foundations we have created to build on over the summer term and into next year. The day was a real opportunity to step back and look at where the school is and feel proud of our journey so far. Thank you, for being with us on this journey, for being so incredibly supportive and for engaging with us every step of the way. Being Birdsedge BEST is a real team effort and I could not imagine a better team to be leading. I hope you all enjoy the long weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone next week ready to continue what I know is just going to be a great final term of the year. Mrs. Waddington.

## Reading

We had brilliant engagement in our House Points challenge last week around reading. Children will continue to be rewarded daily with 10 points for remembering to bring their book bag to school and weekly with 50 points for reading at home 3 times per week or 100 for 5 times per week.

## Covid 19 Updates

Remember, symptoms of Covid 19 are:

1. New, continuous cough
2. High Temperature
3. Loss of, or change in, usual sense of smell and taste

In the event of symptoms developing children should remain off school until a test has taken place and results communicated with school.

School and Trust protocol is to inform families if there has been a positive case in school – either pupil or staff. This will be communicated swiftly and with instruction, following Public Health guidance, of what needs to happen.

## Summer Term Celebrations

Usually at this time of year we would be planning a number of summer events for children and families and as much as possible we do want to provide what we can in the circumstances and adhering to restrictions and regulations to keep everyone safe. We will be having a May Day celebration for children in school on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May, with May Pole Dancing, songs and (weather permitting) an outdoor celebration together. Looking towards Summer Term 2 after the half term holiday we hope to be able to organise usual summer events for children – Sports Day, Summer Fayre and some very special celebrations for our Year 5 children before they leave. I will keep in touch with you and updated as time goes and if there is a way we can safely enable families to join in with these celebrations in some way, it is my absolute endeavor to do so.

## Communication

Remember to follow our social media platforms to stay updated

<https://twitter.com/birdsedgefirst>

<https://www.facebook.com/BirdsedgeFirstSchool>

<https://birdsedgefirst.org>

## Dates for the Diary

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
INSET Day,  
school closed to children

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**  
Last day of  
Summer Term 1

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June** All children  
return to school.

## Friends of Birdsedge

Thank you for the ongoing support to our wonderful Friends of Birdsedge group. The ongoing lottery is helping to raise funds for the group and School Council have been involved in helping to choose a sponsored event for Summer Term. Watch this space for further details! New and much needed blinds for three rooms in school are being kindly funded by the group this term – something that will make a huge difference to school and ongoing work from volunteers in reinstating the school pond is looking incredible. Please do like the groups page on Facebook if you haven't already:

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofbirdsedge>