

Reckleford School & Nursery

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Newsletter 5

APRIL 21



Welcome to the April newsletter!

The weather has been very kind to us for our first week of the summer term so we have been making the most of the outdoors!

THE SCHOOL GARDEN!

Our garden has been a much under-used resource for a long time now as it is in need of some re-landscaping and turfing and costs have been prohibitive.

However, the School Governors have been determinedly applying for grants to help our project to upgrade this lovely space and last week we received news that we have been granted **£4,800** from the Prime Trust! We are very excited and hugely thankful to the efforts of our brilliant Governors!!

We will now be starting to plan improvements to the space and will be asking the children for ideas too. We will update you on progress in the next newsletter.

CLASS OUTINGS

We will be continuing to monitor cases of Covid in our community with extreme caution. However, if they continue to remain low, we will take each class to Ninesprings Park to meet the Rangers and learn about the animals and nature during the Summer 2 half-term.

LEAVERS' EVENTS

Our lovely Badgers will be leaving us in July for their KS2 Schools. We would love to give them a treat towards the end of the year and are hoping to book a climbing session at Ready to Climb in Yeovil.

We will have more details soon!

PE SESSIONS

We are still not asking children to change for PE this term but we do ask that they wear trainers or daps on their PE days.

SQUIRRELS – Monday & Thursday

HEDGEHOGS – Thursday & Friday

BADGERS – Tuesday & Thursday

PE CLUB

We are going to run a sports club after school for Badgers Class. The club will be after school on a Thursday from 3.15 – 4.15pm and will be run by our new Sports Coach, Jack Bunter. Look out for letters next week!

PARENT – TEACHER MEETINGS

We will be holding meetings during the week of May 24th, however we will not take any risks and will hold meetings in fully ventilated rooms or outdoors.

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE SIGN-UP BOARDS FROM THE WEEK OF THE 10TH.

COVID SAFETY IN SCHOOL & NURSERY

We continue to work tirelessly to ensure that every room, tabletop, chair, door sink & toilet remain germ-free every day.

A big thankyou to all parents for following the rules at drop-off and pick-up times and for keeping your children at home when they are unwell.

TESCO FOOD VOUCHERS

These vouchers will be issued during the Summer half-term to those families who qualify for Pupil Premium funding.

Please let us know if your circumstances change. If you lose income you may be entitled to PP support.

SAFEGUARDING – CARS & CHILDREN

I was disappointed to have to send out an urgent safety message this week and to have to patrol the school driveway.

I know that parking near to any schools is extremely difficult however, we must all be responsible in looking after the safety of children and families.

The Magna carpark is private. If you choose to park in there, PLEASE REMEMBER that you are driving across a zebra crossing which is being used by everyone. You MUST drive slowly and responsibly. You must also not park in a way that causes difficulty for drivers and pedestrians to see each other. You can be fined for parking there and you should not allow your children onto the banks.

Think child, think safety!

COMMUNITY NEWS

BETTER RECYCLING IN SOMERSET

Somerset Waste Partnership will soon be changing to wheely bin collections every 3 weeks instead of every 2. Recycling collections will continue to be every week and an extra blue bag will be provided to every home to hold the extra items for recycling. When you receive a Bright Blue Bag your changes are about to happen.

Extra items that will soon be collected are:

- Plastic pots, tubs and trays
- Food and drink cartons such as 'Tetra Packs'
- Small electrical items such as toasters and even laptops (MAKE SURE YOUR DATA IS WIPED CLEAN FIRST)
- Small household batteries

COVID NEWS

TESTS & ISOLATION

ADVICE AROUND TESTING REMAINS THE SAME – if you or someone in your household develops a temperature OR a cough OR has a change in their taste and smell then your household must stay at home and the person with symptoms **MUST** be tested. Please be aware that even mild 'cold-like' symptoms in children may be Covid. If you are unable to get to a testing station then we have some test kits so please do ask.

ROAD MAP OUT OF LOCKDOWN REMINDER

The Government has set out some key dates that will gradually bring us all out of Lockdown. Please adhere to all guidance in order to keep our community safe and protect the NHS.

CURRENT RULES:

- UP TO 6 PEOPLE OR 2 HOUSEHOLDS MAY MEET UP OUTDOORS (2m distance remains)
- Non-essential retail opens, hairdressers and some public buildings like libraries
- Outdoor settings like alcohol takeaways, beer gardens, zoos and theme parks
- Indoor leisure like swimming pools and gyms
- Self-contained holiday accommodation, such as self-catering lets and camp sites

17th May

- 6 people or two households can meet INDOORS

JUNE 21ST

- Normal social contact may resume

TEST AND TRACE AT WEEKENDS

Please remember that families who have been attending school and nursery **MUST** inform us if any family member tests positive for Covid during the weekend. We will work with PHE to contact and inform families and staff should they need to isolate.

PLEASE CONTACT US VIA THE SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS recklefordschool@educ.somerset.gov.uk

SAFEGUARDING – THE END OF THE DAY

Please ensure your child walks with you when you pick them up. Cars will be using the site and it is never safe to allow children to run into the carpark.

I must remind you that The MAGNA HOUSING CARPARK AND GRASS BANK ARE PRIVATE PROPERTY. You can be fined for parking there and you should not allow your children onto the banks. Many thanks.

And finally...



Confidential help and advice for parents and carers of 0-4 years or 5-19 years. A safe and easy way to contact your Health Visiting Team . Just send a text. 07480 635514 (0-4s) or 07480 635515 (5-19)

For more details about the school please visit our NEW website :

www.reckleford.somerset.sch.uk

MAY BANK HOLIDAY

Don't forget - Monday, 3rd of May is a bank holiday so the School and Nursery will be closed for this day.

KEY DATES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
MONDAY, 3RD MAY	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSED
WEEK OF 24TH MAY	PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS
FRIDAY, MAY 28TH	INSET DAY – SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSED
MONDAY 31ST MAY – FRIDAY 4TH JUNE	HALF-TERM BREAK
JULY TBC	YR2 READY TO CLIMB FOR YEAR 2
JULY - TBC	SUMMER FAIR

'Where every child feels safe and inspired to learn and find out what their best can be - now and in the future.' Reckleford School & Nursery ethos