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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of the spring term and what a term it has been! To say it has been a rollercoaster for everyone, not just in our school community but wider afield, would be an understatement.

I am reflecting upon everything that has happened over the last year+ and the last term, and I genuinely just feel so proud of the way everyone has come together to help each other and to support our children. I am looking at the incredible support provided by yourselves during lockdown, thinking about how hard our children worked and the effort they put into their learning at home. Within school, I am also thinking about how our fantastic staff team have not just 'managed' these great changes and demands, but have instead continued to strive forward. This has included: developing our early reading; reviewing our approach to assessment and pedagogical approaches; further developing strategies to develop children's metacognition, as well as providing the high quality pastoral and academic support throughout. The commitment of our team has enabled us to be in the best position possible to support our children during the summer term.

Please Help!



As you will be aware, last year we spent a great deal of money on providing new, high quality reading books for our reading scheme and school library. There are several books which have not been returned to school - please can we ask that all families have a look through any books they may still have at home and return them to school on Monday 19th April. We have a record of books children have been taken home; for any allocated books which are not returned, parents/carers may be charged for a replacement. As I'm sure you will appreciate, with school budgets being as tight as they are, we cannot afford to keep replacing lost books. Please help us to ensure the high quality reading scheme books and library books are returned, ready for our children to use.

COVID INFORMATION

As we enter this Easter holiday, I just wanted to clarify what needs to happen if your child was to test positive during the Easter break. If your child develops symptoms tomorrow or Saturday, you will need to ensure they receive a PCR test and inform us of their results. If a positive test is confirmed, please email us immediately at admin@rothwell-pri.leeds.sch.uk, (using the subject: **Confirmed Positive Case**). At this stage we would then identify any close contacts and ask them to isolate for 10 days.

If your child develops symptoms 48 hours after they were last in school (for example, if your child has been in school today and develops symptoms from Sunday onwards) they would need to take a PCR test, however, we would not need to ask close contacts in school to isolate, as it would have been over 48 hours after symptoms had developed and since they were in contact with children/staff in school).

As per the guidance, if you carry out a LFT for your child at home and have a positive result, you will need to access a PCR test and follow the same guidance as above.

Please note that we do not know the impact that the easing of restrictions will have in terms of positive cases. Please ensure that you adhere to all of the current measures: 2m+ distancing, one way system, wearing a mask, only being on the school site in the given time slot... all of these will help to reduce the risk of transmission and



having to close bubbles. Any bubble closures will ultimately mean children miss more of their learning in school. Thank you for your support with this.

Easter Fun!



Children were able to buy Ester raffle tickets yesterday in school, with the winning tickets being drawn in assembly today. Thank you to you and your children for supporting this and a special thanks to our supportive PTA for their contributions of prizes. Also, thanks to Lindsey at Morrisons and our staff for additional prize donations.



We also had lots of children entering our Easter decoration competition, with many creating imaginative and fun designs. Each entrant received a small prize and a winner from each class received an additional prize, all donated by our generous PTA. Thank you. A great effort from everyone! See the winning entries below.



Ruby L – Nursery



Edan D Nursery



Poppy – Reception Class



Cece B – Reception Class

Class 1 Amelia B



Class 1/2 Seth O



Class 2 Kiera C



Class 3 Isabel A



Class 3/4 Toby



Class 4 Tommy B



Class 5 Naomi D



Class 5/6 Layla B



Class 6 Amy T



Have a fantastic Easter break. Enjoy family time and we will see you on Monday 19th April, ready for an action packed summer term.

Many thanks

Leila Rothenburg
Headteacher.