

Headteacher message

A warm welcome back to you all. I hope that you all enjoyed the Easter holiday and are easing gently into some form of normality with the lifting of some lockdown measures. As always I am incredibly proud of our children who have returned ready and eager to learn.

Ramadan

For many of our families, Ramadan has begun. For some children, taking part in Ramadan is a strong symbol of commitment to their faith and gives them a great sense of pride. It is important that you inform the school if your child is taking part in Ramadan as this will ensure that we are able to monitor children carefully and put additional measures in place if needed. For advice and guidance regarding Ramadan during the pandemic, please visit:

<https://britishima.org/saferamadan/>

Lockdown Rules Changes

From 12 April there have been an number of changes. Our control measures across the school remain unchanged will continue into the foreseeable future as we do our utmost to keep our children and staff safe. As such, we still expect all parents and carers to wear a mask when on site unless you are exempt.

If your child or a member of your household displays any symptoms, you must not send your child to school until you have received a negative test result or have completed 10 days isolation period if the test result was positive. Please keep the school informed.

It is important that everyone does their best to ensure that they comply with the lockdown measures particularly around meeting friends and family. The rules are:

Meeting family and friends indoors

You must not meet indoors with anybody you do not live with, unless you have formed a [support bubble](#) with them (if you are eligible), or another legal exemption applies.

Meeting friends and family outdoors (rule of 6)

You can meet up outdoors with friends and family you do not live with, either:

- in a group of up to 6 from any number of households (children of all ages count towards the limit of 6)
- in a group of any size from up to two households (each household can include an existing support bubble, if eligible)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do#april-whats-changed>

Please visit the government website for more information:



Dates for diary



Week commencing 17th May	Design and Technology week
Monday 3rd May	School closed bank holiday
Thursday 6th May	School closed for polling day
Friday 28th May	Last day of half term
<u>Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June - Half Term</u>	
Monday 7th June	School reopens
Thursday 22nd July	Last day of term— school closes at 2pm

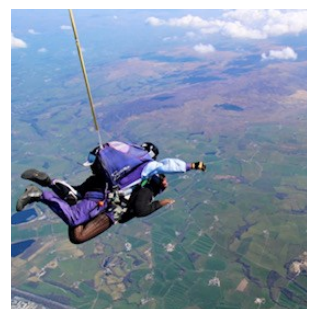


Polling day

Thursday 6th May—school will be closed for all children as it is being used as a polling station.

A Huge Leap

Some of our children have been impressed by Mrs Ashley's huge leap. Last Friday, Mrs Ashley jumped out of a plane at a whopping 15,000 feet. She raised approximately £700 for those affected by Covid-19 through the LIPA association for elders and to support those affected by the volcanic eruption on the island of St Vincent. Well done Mrs Ashley!



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For more information, please visit:

<https://stcg.ac.uk/merton-college/adult-education>

Covid-19 during Ramadan

COVID-19 TESTING & VACCINATION during Ramadan

Fasting plays an important feature in Islam, as it does in many other religions. In Islam, adult Muslims, who are able to, are required to fast during the month of Ramadan. This year is different due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As COVID-19 testing and vaccination appointments continue during the fasting month, and the new lateral flow test becomes available nationally from 9 April 2021, some Muslims have raised questions.

Key points relating to the uptake of testing and vaccination during Ramadan are presented right.



Reception

It has been a great first week back in Reception especially as the children were so excited to find out that the new topic for this term is Dinosaurs!



We have been learning about labelling and 3D shapes this week and the children have really worked hard in their skills based tasks.



This week we have also celebrated Earth Day and St Georges Day, which has been lots of fun too!



Year 4



We have discussed Earth Day and how we can reduce our Carbon footprint. We learnt a song about this and then we did a variety of art activities including making posters, making clay Earth mobiles and material banners.

