Friday 12th March



Dear Families,

What a long-awaited week it has been! We have enjoyed welcoming back all of our pupils to school. So far, it has been a smooth transition and I am in no doubt that this is down to the incredible work of our teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, kitchen staff, lunchtime supervisors, cleaning staff, our premises officer and Family Support Worker. No-one should underestimate the work that has gone into making this a success. Together with each and every one of you, Montrose has gone to great lengths to ensure that our children have had the best possible return to school.

However, we know that some of our pupils, as in all schools, are struggling with the return to school and if you need help with this, please contact your child's teacher or myself and we will do our best to support you. We know that there remain many challenges for us as a school and I think one of the biggest this week has been ensuring that everyone in the community remembers the importance of adhering to the crucial protective measures our school has put in place in the last 12 months.

While there is certainly a growing sense of optimism that we are hopefully on the road to a brighter future, we also know that we cannot relax too soon and that measures such as social distancing at drop-off and pick-up times, adults wearing face coverings and the additional measures that are in place in school remain as important as ever to keep our community safe and keep our school open.

Drop-off and Pick-up times

Coronavirus stewards are patrolling outside school at drop-off and pick-up times to remind pupils and parents about the importance of social distancing and mask wearing. I would like to thank everyone for following government guidance and for working with school where special arrangements have needed to be made.

Parking

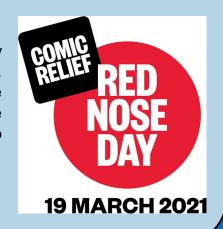
Unfortunately, I must ask that a few parents be more considerate about where they hover/park when dropping-off/collecting children, before an accident occurs. One particular car parks fully on the pavement across from school and then loops around the pedestrian island to drive away. Another pulls across the driveway each morning, stopping traffic. Both of these are unacceptable and dangerous to the school community. Please be considerate and ensure safety for others.

Red Nose Day

Next Friday is Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. Children may come in P.E kit or non-school uniform on that day if they wish. I have challenged each class to collect as much as loose change as they can. I will then weigh each bucket and the wining class will get a treat. All monies will be donated to Comic Relief.

With thanks,

Mr. Owens













Check out the chicks that hatched in our Reception classroom this week. You can watch their progress via the following live link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqEbrlrl3wJ60xBT468qzOg

Any worries?

Our Family Support Worker, Donna, is available to support with a range of issues. 07378 285273.



Instrumental lessons are now taking place in school. Contact Mrs Rupp for further information. jrupp@montrose.leicester.sch.uk

Mrs Cross was pleased to award certificates and badges to children in Mr Rhodes class today. Well done to all of the children who received an award this week.