

# East.Crompton St. George's C of E Primary School

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

We have had a fantastic few weeks following the return of all of our pupils to school. It has been lovely to see them all virtually through our whole school collective worship and to see them engaging in learning and play with their peers.

Celebrating a belated World book day, so all pupils could join in, supporting Comic Relief and our online Easter Eggstravaganza have been great ways for us to unite as a community. Thank you for your support.

Today, we break up for the Easter holiday returning on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Should any of our pupils test positive for Covid-19 over the start of the holiday period, until Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April please email [parents@stgeorges-primary.org](mailto:parents@stgeorges-primary.org) so that we can inform any school contacts. Following this date, track and trace will be carried out by the NHS until school returns on the 19<sup>th</sup>. A member of our senior leadership team will check the emails once a day and inform anyone who may be impacted/required to isolate due to contact.

We have seen and heard of an increase in anti-social behaviour over the last few weeks from some of our older pupils outside of school hours. In addition, it has been disappointing this week to see our lovely 'blooming' daffodils 'beheaded' on the hill along the school drive. Unfortunately, we are seeing increasing numbers of children and young people accessing the bottom field after school hours, including during the weekend. These young people, from primary and secondary schools, are causing some damage to our site. We are also hearing of frequent fights on the local park and children being threatened by other children from other schools. Whilst school are reiterating the importance of being a 'good citizen' and 'respecting our community' within our PSHE lessons I would ask that parents continue to support this by considering if you know where your child is when they are out playing, who they are with, and what they are up to.

## Friday Afternoons

School will continue to end at 12.30pm on Fridays, following the Easter holiday period. I understand that this is inconvenient but would like to stress the following points:

- Teachers are legally entitled to planning, preparation and assessment time during the school day in a block of time each week. This is usually covered by other teachers or senior teaching assistants. We are currently minimising the number of adults working across classes to minimise

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the risks of having to close a significant number of bubbles should we have a case of Covid in school. (In high schools, this time is already built into teacher timetables away from pupils).

- By keeping to one consistent afternoon, we do not have to send different year groups home on different days when we do not have the cover required due to high staff absences related to isolation.
- To ensure that all pupils access the site safely, and so we can get all 'bubbles' through the hall at lunchtimes and outside for play, lunchtimes and playtimes have been shortened. Whole school gatherings for assemblies and acts of worship are currently via Teams taking less time to ensure we maintain bubbles. All of this means that children, and teachers, are engaged in lessons for more time each day. This means that pupils are not missing out on actual learning time.
- Friday afternoon care is available for pupils where there is no-one to look after them because of work commitments.

We hope that things will continue to improve and that we will be able to return to normal school hours soon. In the meantime, thank you for your understanding and patience.

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a wonderful Easter and thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,



Mrs R Ross

Head Teacher



*This board has been created using a heart image from every child made during the first week back after 'lockdown'.*