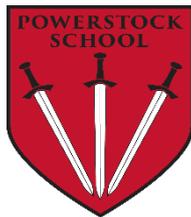


Newsletter

March 2021



Thank you all for helping our return to school be the success it has been. The children are so happy to be back and it has been wonderful seeing friends meet up again and hear the excited chatter in the playground. We really feel as if we are heading firmly in the right direction regarding restrictions and are looking forward to summer term.

We have been working hard in school to ensure everyone is where they should be with their work. With your fantastic support with our Remote Learning offer over lockdown, we are getting back on track. Wellbeing is our absolute priority and we have been very careful to make sure that children are comfortable returning and happy fitting back into our school day. We know being away from friends and family has been tough for some children and we are keeping a watchful eye.

Friday sees the return of Comic Relief Red Nose day and we are holding a super hero day. Children are welcome to dress up, so please do join in the fun! Earlier this week a link was sent if you would like to make a donation rather than bringing money into school: [Comic relief dress-up donate!](#) We usually ask for a suggestion of £1 per child.

We would like the children to wear **school uniform** on their return to school after the Easter holidays. We are hoping that things will be closer to "normal" at that time and welcome the wearing of uniform at that point. We do however appreciate that this is late in the school year to buy uniform and would not expect all children to wear it having grown so much! Year 6s are welcome to continue wearing non-school uniform.

During the Easter holidays work to replace the **front fence** and repoint the school wall should take place. The Diocese of Salisbury is responsible for upkeep of the school and to oversee any work to improve safeguarding of children eg. Perimeter fencing. In accordance with the planning details, the new fence will be in a traditional, black, ball topped style to echo the railings around the church. There will be an intercom system for the gate for times other than drop off and collection.

Some photos 😊



The First day...





We have tried to get outside and out and about as much as we can.



We have two new table tennis tables!



PooH sticks on our village walk spotting river features.

World Book Day
“Extreme Reading”!



Reading up a tree
or in the dairy...





Any budding bakers out there? See the poster for details!

- Kyla, our Chair of the Powerstock School Association (**PSA**), is busy planning some Easter activities and working out what we can do in the summer term. We will be working out how we can involve everyone, especially our new parents with some fun events that provide so much for children in school. Please see the attached PSA quiz sheet for the children, they need to be back in by the 29th March for the winner to be drawn. The children will also be completing an Easter painting competition in school for a prize from the PSA.
 - Please click on the link for excellent advice about **online safety** for your child. It is always useful to have a re-read to make sure we are doing all we can to keep children safe: [Online safety tips](#)
 - Please make sure your child has suitable shoes and a **warm, waterproof coat**. We do try to be outside for break times even in wet drizzly weather and warm clothes will ensure that your child stays with their class at all times.
 - Thank you very much for sticking to the timings for your child's class for **arrival and collection**. This helps with our procedures re C19 where timings are exact and helps your child start off the day together. With collection, we have to arrange separate care for each class bubble if you are late to pick up. Many thanks
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Here is the link for information about **rapid testing at home**:

[All households with children of school age to get 2 rapid COVID-19 tests per person per week - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/all-households-with-children-of-school-age-to-get-2-rapid-covid-19-tests-per-person-per-week)

The test will come with instructions on reporting test results. If anyone tests positive or gets coronavirus symptoms, they should tell the school and:

self-isolate immediately

get a PCR test to confirm the result

follow the stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection

A negative result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus. But this does not guarantee you do not have coronavirus, so you should keep following all coronavirus advice including:

regular handwashing

social distancing

wearing a face covering where recommended

Please can I ask that you do not contact the school regarding household testing as, unfortunately, we will not be able to provide any further information than we have shared above. Thank you.

It is critical that everybody observes the following key behaviours:

- **HANDS** - Wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds.
- **FACE** - Wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet. Also on drop off and collection.
- **SPACE** - *Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible.* If you are transporting other parents' children, then please follow the guidance where possible which includes wearing a mask, using hand sanitiser when getting in and out of the car and opening up the windows to increase ventilation.

By following these behaviours we can protect ourselves and our children's health and **limit the risk of having to close our 'bubbles' or our whole school.** We are doing everything we can to keep our school healthy and happy – thank you for your support in this.

[Latest guidance for parents](#)

Click to see: [Term dates](#)

Thank you all for your continued support 😊

