

# WESTGARTH WEEKLY



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**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Dear Families,



## **Water bottles**

We have noticed that a minority of children, mainly in the KS1 building, are bringing juice or flavoured water to school in their water bottles.

Juice and flavourings lower the pH of water to an acidic level. When this liquid is continuously sipped over the day, it damages children's tooth enamel, which is softer than adults'. It is recommended that children only drink juice or flavoured water with a meal to lessen the impact.

This is why we only allow children to bring plain water to school - to keep them hydrated whilst protecting their teeth. If children do bring juice in, we will replenish their bottle with fresh, plain water.

## **One way system**

A reminder that we operate a one way system across the site as part of our COVID 19 risk assessment, which reverses over the day. The path between the buildings should be used from KS1 to KS2 on a morning, and from KS2 to KS1 at the end of the school day. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

## **Home Learning emails**

We are disabling the home learning emails for each phase of school and will only make them live again should we have a bubble closure. The messaging emails are still available for messages that would have previously been passed on at the door. However, these emails should not be used if you need a reply, as all classroom staff are working with children during the day. If you do need a reply, please email the school office and your child's class teacher will contact you back when they can. Messages about children's absence, school meals, changed contact details etc should be sent to the school office, as usual.

## **Childhood immunisation**

Please find attached a link to a Facebook page hosted by the Childhood Immunisation Team - giving information about why children are vaccinated, how to complete online forms, etc. Parents/carers are also able to message the Team through Facebook.

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## **CAMHS courses**

There are also some excellent free virtual workshops for parents/carers being run by CAMHS covering a range of pertinent themes - understanding anxiety, emotional wellbeing, understanding ADHD and childhood sleep. Details attached.

## **Easter Break**

School continues to be required to support Test and Trace at the start of the upcoming Easter break if children or staff test positive having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school. In these circumstances, please continue to follow the current protocol of emailing [westgarthoffice@westgarthprimary.co.uk](mailto:westgarthoffice@westgarthprimary.co.uk) using the subject heading: Positive COVID 19 test.

Where children or staff test positive for COVID-19 during the Easter break having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, schools are not required to take any action. Staff, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

A reminder that the government is no longer funding benefits related free school provision during school holidays.



## **Easter Activities**

The Link is running two weeks of activities in the Redcar Area aimed at children/young people aged 5 - 16 years old. These activities are completely free and lunch can be provided free of charge. All of these activities will adhere to social distancing and Covid regulations.

Spaces are limited so if you are interested in any of the activities please get in touch with The Link as soon as possible on [linkteesvalley@gmail.com](mailto:linkteesvalley@gmail.com) , [chloe@linkct.org.uk](mailto:chloe@linkct.org.uk) or call 01642 989198. Poster attached.



Wishing you all a "super powered" weekend. May the force be with you!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Woodhead  
Headteacher