



*Pirton School
Information from Mrs Driver
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Dear Parents

What glorious weather we are experiencing at the moment. Just wonderful for our year 5s & 6s who are away at Liddington this week. The year 5s arrived home yesterday after 3 fantastic days and the Year 6s are due home tomorrow. I am sure they have all had a wonderful time.



Current COVID guidance:

It appears that guidance and rules regarding COVID may change over the Easter break but there is no doubt that COVID is still very much with us. We should be encouraging children to wash their hands, keep their hands away from their faces and to space out. Let's hope the weather stays nice and we can all get outside. If you are concerned about your child, monitor them closely and if they display symptoms then conduct an Lft.

A reminder of the symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child tests positive we ask that they stay away from school for 10 days or until they return 2 negative Lfts on days 5 & 6. Please help us to keep the school community safe, especially the staff who have been managing magnificently during the pandemic.



I am sure many of you will be wondering who is teaching in Kestrels class after the Easter break. I am delighted to tell you that we have appointed Mrs Ellie May Hulme.

Mrs Hulme is an experienced teacher who is known to the school through supply work. She now wants to settle down in one school and we are very pleased she is joining the team here at Pirton. She will be working 4 days a week and Mrs Perry will continue with her work on the 5th day.



Now that we are starting to see some warmer weather, even though it might be short lived, I am starting to investigate Pirton School grounds. There are lots of different areas which need a bit of love and attention. The first one being the garden area round the old school house.

This needs a group of us to give it some time and to tidy it up; cut back bushes, clean out the pond and make it look loved!

I would like a group of willing volunteers to come along on Saturday 14th May from 10.00am until about 2.00pm. If you could spare me an hour or two on that Saturday morning I would love to see you. You don't need gardening know-how just a bit of enthusiasm! Please let the office know you will be there.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank our County Councillor, David Barnard, for the generous donation of £500 towards further development of the reception outdoor learning environment. During the summer term we will be purchasing new equipment to enhance the learning environment for our youngest children.

I would also like to remind you that the PPTA are holding an Easter cake stall after school on Wednesday 30th March. They are looking for donations of cakes / biscuits and lots of people to come along and buy cakes.

If you have any concerns about your child, please don't hesitate to make an appointment to see me.

Thank you for your continued support of Pirton School

Kind regards

Mary Driver