

### Message from the head

We are well into the summer term and it has been great to see that our school community is settling back into a routine. It's quite clear that our children are thoroughly enjoying all aspects of school life and I am hopeful that with restrictions easing over the next few weeks that there will be further opportunities for our children to enjoy school events and day visits to enrich the learning at school further.

The new term started with a fantastic whole school "big dance" event coordinated by our dance coach, Louise Jaggard. Each class danced to a choreographed piece and it was wonderful to bring the whole school community together, albeit socially distanced. Feeling a sense of belonging to a community is something we have all missed. So it has been great that with the warmer weather we can introduce events like outdoor assemblies to help us remember we are a family.

The one thing the children have missed the most is playing and socialising with their friends and this is something the teachers are very mindful of when planning lessons. Many class events and activities are shared via twitter so please take the time to share and talk to your child about what they have been learning at school.

At the end of last term the Trust announced the appointment of Mrs Elliott as the new substantive head teacher of Church Hill Infant School. Mrs Elliott is currently the school's Deputy head, SENDCO and a Year 2 teacher. With her wealth of valuable experience she will without doubt do a wonderful job and I am really pleased to be able to work with her and the governors over this term to ensure a smooth handover for September.

Our online communicating systems (SeeSaw and Studybugs) are working well and although we cannot be certain if we will be able to meet parents face to face this term, the staff and I are glad that we can support you and your child with your queries and concerns going forward.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

### Great win for Leicester City

It was a momentous win for Leicester City during the weekend.

Naturally, we wanted to participate in the celebrations and the children really loved dressing in blue and wearing their City football shirts.



## Keep in the loop with what's going on ...



You will find lots of pictures and updates on what our children have been learning by following us on Twitter.

Please follow us on @CHISThurmaston

## Attendance and term time holidays

Our attendance for the year currently stands at **96.3%** which is great!

If your child cannot attend, please let the school know the reason via StudyBugs.

We would like to remind parents that we cannot authorise term time holidays.

## Our rich curriculum

Some of the lovely things our children have been learning over the last few weeks...



Learning about festivals...

## Face Coverings

We want to thank you for your hard work in sticking to the national and local guidance, during drop off and pick up times at school. Our staggered arrangements will continue until the end of term and we would greatly appreciate your support in still wearing masks in restricted spaces within the drop off/pick up zones where social distancing is not possible i.e. when coming through the small gates or where pathways are narrow.

We would like to remind parents that whilst restrictions change, vigilance is key to ensuring the easing of restrictions is done so in a safe way. We are still recommending that social distancing at the school gate and regular hand washing for yourselves and your children should continue, this helps to reduce the risk of transmission. These measures will help to keep your family and school community safe. Our recommendations will continue to be reviewed to support the latest guidance.



## Accessing free home testing kits (Latera Flow Tests).

Testing continues to play a crucial role, in and out of classrooms, in our fight against COVID-19. As restrictions ease, early indications suggest there is a significant risk of virus transmission amongst secondary age pupils and FE students. Home testing is a preventative measure and a way of checking your loved ones are safe and prevents unnecessary spreading of the virus.

Parents can access home testing kits in the following ways:

- Nearest national testing centre (Birstall)
- Local Pharmacy
- Ordering a home test kit online

Households of all school-aged children can access test kits to carry out home-testing twice-weekly. This means all parents and Carers at Church Hill Infant School are eligible for twice—weekly testing

## Water Bottles and sun hats



Please remember water bottles and sun hats as we approach the warmer summer months. We ask parents to apply all day sun screen on their children so that they can play outdoors safely.

## School dinners are yummy!

We are really proud of our cooking kitchen and the yummy menu we have on offer. If your child usually has a packed lunch, why not let them try a free hot meal as an alternative option.

