



KILLINGHALL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Helping children to make the next step on their learning journey.'



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope that you all had a good Easter break despite the very bizarre weather. The children all seemed excited to get back and the buzz of activity coming from classrooms has been great to see.

Well Being Month

Our month long of well-being activities began on Wednesday. All the children took part in two short video workshops at the start of the day and before lunch. They all were introduced to aspects of meditation and some had a go at simple yoga techniques. Each day for the coming month they will have a mixture of activities that will support mental health.

The month will end with a day of skipping workshops run by "Skipping Workshops UK" who have presented demonstrations in schools over the past 20 years throughout the UK. They have represented the UK in international skipping events, and have appeared several times on TV, including on Blue Peter. Their aim is to encourage children and adults to skip for health, fun and fitness. Further details regarding this will be sent out later.

Garden

Thank you to the parents who have already given us seedlings – if anyone else has anything that they think may be useful for us to plant please let me know. The children who have worked in the garden this week have all done a brilliant job at tidying and planting.



World Earth Day

Next Thursday children will be writing 100 persuasive words to make a difference for the world. They will be guided to reflect on why climate education is crucial to fight the climate crisis. They will then write a persuasive 100 word message to share their views. These will be displayed in school.

The morning will start with a special worship led by our Eco Group.

Sponsored 'Race for Life' Walk

The whole school will be taking part in our sponsored walk on Friday 7th May (weather permitting). Different age groups will have appropriate lengths to walk, with Upper KS2 walking the Ripley 5km circuit, The walks will be spread out over the day. This will replace our usual 'Race for Life'. We have set up a fundraising page:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/killinghall-ce-primary-3>

Please support the children and this wonderful cause by sponsoring the children with donations and messages of support. Thanks.



Easing of Lockdown

As the easing of lockdown gives greater freedoms in the public domain, little has changed in terms of the guidelines for school. Government and Local Authority risk assessments continue to remain very stringent in schools, with bubbles in place; children continue to be unable mix outside of their bubble in school with the only exception being allowing us to have the same consistent group of no more than 15 children for breakfast wrap round. Cleaning provision and hand washing continues to be rigorous and regular. The one change that is now in place is that limited day trips may resume.

We appreciate that this is not ideal for all parents, but we are doing our best to support everyone in the best way we can, while also abiding by rules. As soon as we are able to make changes, we will. The next lifting of restrictions is due on 17th May, this will give us the opportunity to review aspects of school for after May half term.

PTA

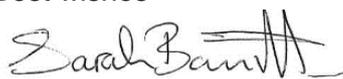
The PTA AGM will be held on Monday 19th April at 4.00pm. We do need more committee members and parent volunteers please. The PTA provide the school – your children – with all the extras that we can't always afford. They have made it possible for us to redesign our libraries over the last year. Please help if you can.

The PTA are keen to try to get some fund raising in place for next term. Any money raised will be used to buy library books. If anyone is interested in supporting the PTA please email Mandy at:

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Take care and stay safe.

Best wishes



Mrs Sarah Bassitt

