**Uniform**

Since we have returned to school after lockdown, we have noticed that the standards of school uniform have dropped significantly so we now want all children to come to school each day in uniform.

From Monday 29th March, if your child has PE, a sports club or outdoor learning they’ll get changed in school so please send your child in full uniform with sports clothes and shoes in a bag.

**Full Uniform:**

* White or blue shirt or polo shirt
* Black or grey trousers. Not jogging bottoms.
* Black or grey skirt or dress
* Blue checked summer dress
* Blue jumper or cardigan
* Black shoes. Not trainers.

**PE kit:**

* White t-shirt
* Black or blue leggings, shorts or jogging bottoms
* Trainers

**Swimming Kit:**

* Full costume for girls. No two-piece suits.
* Fitted trunks for boys. No baggy shorts
* Towel and a bag

If you require a Mellers logo jumper or cardigan, you can buy them from the school office as well as paying on the school gateway app. Jumpers are £9.00 and cardigans are £11.

**Dates For Your Diary**

Here are a few dates for your diary:

* Wednesday 31st March: Nursery closed for deep clean
* Thursday 1st April: Inset day
* Friday 2nd April: Good Friday Bank Holiday
* Monday 5th April: Easter Monday Bank Holiday
* Tuesday 6th April- 16th April: Easter holiday
* Monday 19th April: first day back at school
* Monday 3rd May: May Day Bank Holiday
* Monday 31st May: Spring Bank holiday

 **Lateral Flow Tests**

We have previously informed you about the lateral flow tests that are available for all families with children of school age. This is for children with no symptoms. If you or your child has any Covid-19 symptoms, you need to book a test online. The nearest testing site to school is on the Forest ground. Please do not send your child to school if they have any symptoms.

For more information, see the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>



**Gardening Club**

We are hoping to start a gardening club up in the near future. Keep a look out in our newsletters for more information!



**Travelling Abroad**

We have had an increasing number of families applying for extended leave to fly out of the country.

A £5,000 fine for anyone in England trying to travel abroad without good reason is due to come into force next week as part of new coronavirus laws. It is important that we follow government guidelines. Any extended leave requests will be refused.

Have a lovely weekend!

**Amanda Dawson**

**Headteacher**