

It has been a fairly quiet week in school, with everyone continuing to work hard. On Tuesday the staff and I had a planned learning audit of the school looking at the maths and english that is being taught from nursery through to year 6. We had a very positive day with many areas being recognised as a strength across the school. In the Early Years and KS1 the focus on planning and organisation from 'in the moment planning' through to the 'cool jobs' was recognised, along with the independence and resilience that our children have gained through such careful and considered planning and preparation. Across the school reading was a strength along with the structured approach to writing though the Jane Considine approach. The focus on teaching children how to be good writers could be seen not only in the lessons but in the independent work that the children produced. It was great to have the opportunity to look back at all of the hard work over the last 18 months, particularly after the difficult year that we have had with the stop/start of school life. We have some clear next steps in our development but all in all a very positive day!

The DFE has published new guidance on face coverings. This does not change how we are operating in school, however I have made the decision that you are no longer required to wear a mask at drop off or pick up. This is on the condition that **everyone stays socially distanced in the playground and that families do not congregate at the start and end of the day.** This may be subject to change in response to covid levels locally or new variants that may become a concern.

We will be holding Parent/Teacher meetings during the week after half- term, starting 7th June, to share the progress your children have been making with you. These will be face-to-face meetings in the classrooms – keeping the social distance rule. A letter with appointment times will come home at the beginning of next week. Please check bookbags!

Now we just need the weather to improve so that we can look forward to seeing our family and friends again in the coming weeks.

Have a good weekend.
Mrs Clough

From the Friends of Syresham School (FoSS)

The FOSS are organising a SPRING DIY & TIDY of the grounds [on Wednesday 19th](#) and [Thursday 20th May - 7pm to 9pm.](#)

There are lots of jobs to tackle all around school, including a spot of drilling, weeding, painting, sweeping and repair works to the year 1/2 fence and nursery playhouse... so any support you could give would be very much appreciated!! It will all be outside, with small groups of no more than six working on different areas around school. Please do get in touch ASAP (with Sarah Paterson, Sonny and Ruby's Mum [07971979034](tel:07971979034)) if you or your partner can help so we can plan and get the most out of the evening.

Break the Rules Day - Friday 28th May

For one day only the children will be encouraged to Break the Rules for Syresham School!!! Well, prearranged and very specific ones at least ... the normal rules of good behaviour will of course still apply! Buckets will be placed in the playground and children will be asked to pay a 50p per rule broken fine as they enter school.

They can choose as many as they like from the following...

... come to school with crazy hair

... wear what you dare... home clothes, sports wear, pjs or all out fancy dress the choice is yours!

... Glitter or temporary tattoos

... Squash in your water bottle

... Naughty treats at break time or in your packed lunch! (No nuts though please)

... Come to school with you face painted

... Pop on some glam nail varnish

... Tell a joke in class

Thank you to Gemma Brown and Natalie Brewer for kindly donating a forest of Tomato plants that proved very popular and sold like hot cakes, with all proceeds going towards school.

Headteacher Awards this week

Reception - Lois and William

Year 1&2 - Dougie George and Amelia

Year 3&4 - Lily-Ann & Charlie

Year 5&6 - Lucas Jack Tilly-Ann Emilia & Jacob



Birthdays coming up this week: