



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents/carers

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> week back and the children are all continuing to work very hard it's amazing how resilient they are. Please see the important item regarding swimming, please reply to [admin@mendleshamschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@mendleshamschool.org.uk) by next Thursday 25th March.

There is an exciting end of term treat to look forward to for all the children with an Easter Egg hunt organised by FOMSA. Please see details below.

*Tessa Sait*

Executive Headteacher

## Swimming

Hopefully next academic year we will be able to continue swimming lessons again. This would be for children in Y3 and Y4 from September 2021. However, some groups have missed swimming lessons due to COVID lockdowns. If you have a child who is currently in either Y4 or Y5 and **can't** swim 10 metres please notify the school office by next Thursday 25 March 2021. Schools are required to have as many children as possible swimming 25 metres before they leave to go to High School.

The swimming service need this information in order to evaluate how many trained swimming coaches are required and which groups we need to prioritise.

## PE and Games

PE and Games are important to the school curriculum and all children should have their kits in school ready to take part. If for any reason your child can't take part a letter must be sent to their class teacher. Earrings should be taken out and left at home as school is not responsible for any that might be mislaid.

## Long Hair

If your child has long hair, please ensure that it is securely tied back when they come to school each day. It is difficult for children to work when their faces are obscured by long hair and they are also more likely to catch nits.

## Friday 26 March

### **Non-uniform and East Egg Hunt**

Children can come to school in non-uniform and each class will take part in an Easter Egg hunt organized by FOMSA. Please bring a £1 donation for FOMSA on the day (coins will be quarantined before counting)!

## Breakfast and After School Club

Due to government guidelines, the above clubs are only available to support parents to work and for pupils with specific arrangements with the school to support their child's learning needs.

## Diary Dates

26 March Non-uniform  
26 March Last Day of Spring Term  
26 March FOMSA Easter Egg Hunt at school (weather permitting)  
12 April Return to School  
27 April Bags2School Collection  
3 May Bank Holiday

## COVID Testing

All school pupils and their households are eligible for regular lateral flow testing. This is for people without symptoms, but could help detect asymptomatic cases to help keep our school community safe. You can order tests to do at home or go to a testing centre.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

## Term Dates

**2021-2022**

**Autumn Term**

Monday 6 September

Friday 17 December

**Half term week 25 October**

**Spring Term**

Wednesday 5 January

Friday 8 April

**Half term week 21 February**

**Summer Term**

Monday 25 April

Thursday 21 July

**Half term week 30 May**

PD Day's

2 & 3 September

4 January

28 February

22 July

Bank Holiday

Monday 2 May