



We had a really busy end to the Spring term and over the Easter holiday period with planned building work resuming. In the Reception and Key Stage 1 corridors the window replacement project has made a huge difference to the environment and on the KS2 playground, new adventure play equipment has been installed which the children are looking forward to using. I am sure that you have welcomed the first steps out of lockdown meeting family or friends outdoors over the Easter holiday.



It has been wonderful to start off the Summer term with some fabulous sunny weather last week and the children are really enjoying celebrating World Earth day and lessons outdoors. This week we have also welcomed new children to Giggles Nursery and they are already making new friends.

Following on from the children's work on World Earth Day, we are going to be creating a surprise feature from recycled materials. If you have any unwanted large plastic plant pots please let us know.

We would like to pass on our thanks to all Parents and Carers for continuing to support us with absence reporting procedures and particularly where children have 'wider symptoms' keeping children at home, and accessing community testing. We will let you know as soon as there are any changes to school procedures, but currently all existing control measures remain in place, in line with the school risk assessment. Since the full return to school on March 8<sup>th</sup> school attendance is high at 96.91% – thanks everyone.



### Remote Learning

Remote learning continues to be available on the school website.

### Reading Books

Reminder – Please bring reading books back into school on **Thursdays**, so that they can be quarantined and ready to be sent back home with children on **Mondays**.

### Spellings (Years 1 – 6)

Spellings will be available on the weekly remote learning plans usually as a 'To Do' on Purple Mash (<https://www.gig-mill.dudley.sch.uk/remote-learning>).

**Reminder - school is closed for the May Bank Holiday on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.**

**School is open as normal on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May as we are NOT being used as a polling station this year.**