



## End of Spring Term

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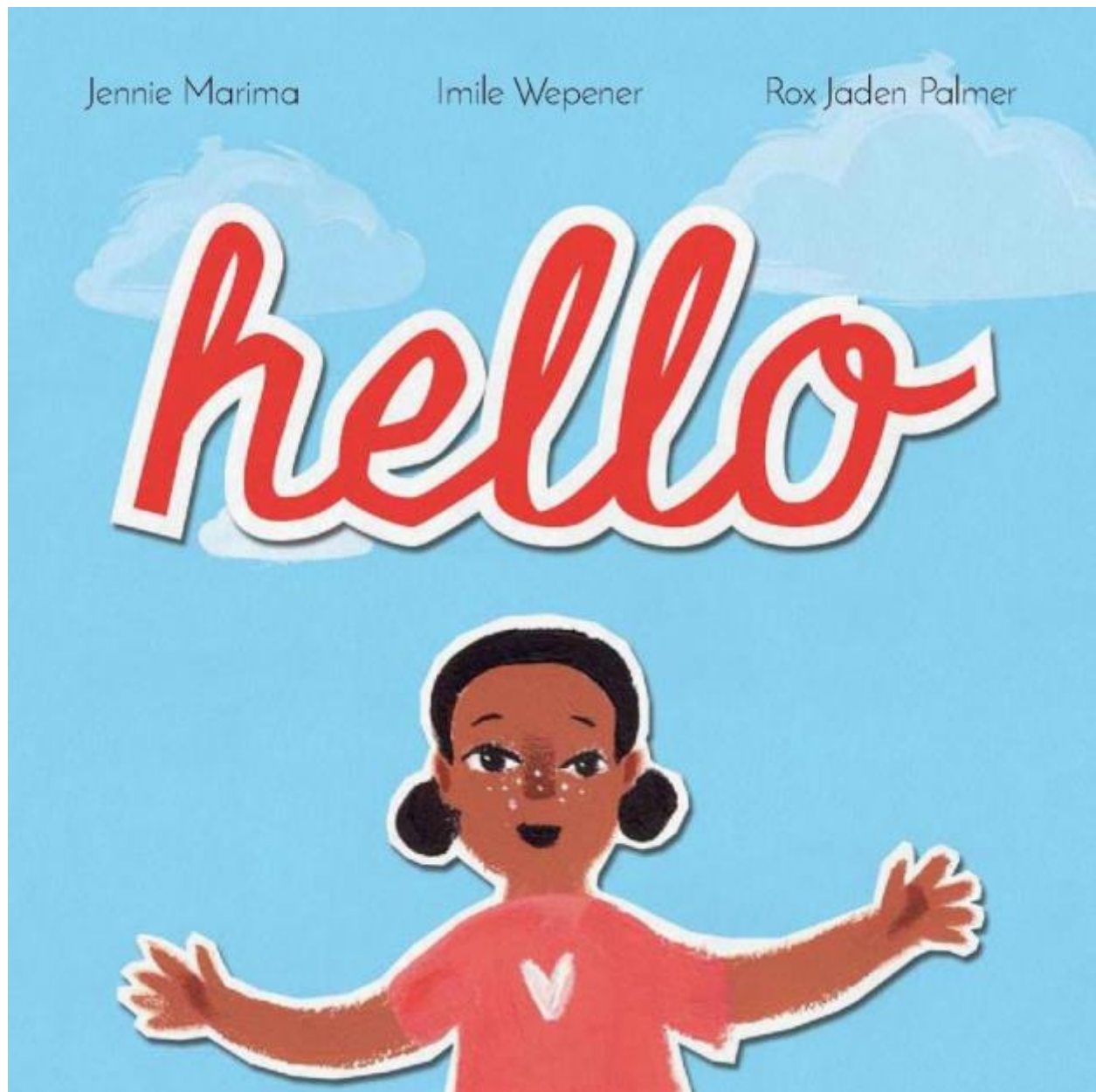
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As the lockdown restrictions begin to lift, we can look forward to reconnecting with friends and family. It continues to be a year like no other and I think we will all welcome the Easter break. The school community has been amazing and we have rallied together to bridge the academic divide caused by the pandemic. This will be this term's last newsletter and we would like to remind parents

that after school clubs will begin again from the first week. These spaces can be booked online via Parent Pay.

On behalf of everyone at Ryefield, we would like to wish you a Happy Easter.

## Moments of Triumph



We hope you enjoy this video which not only showcases the amazing work our Year 6 students have undertaken pre and post lockdown but also what some of our students got up to during the months of January and February.



We have a few more clips to be used in a later edition of MoTV so stay tuned!



**EARLY CLOSING** times on Wednesday 31 April



**EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE:**

- Nursery = 11.30,
- EYFS = 13:15,
- KS1 = 13:15,

- **KS2 = 13:30**

# Easter bucket list



The challenges of home schooling as a temporary teacher and supporting your child as a parent has been difficult.

As we look towards the Easter break, prioritising ways you and your family can look after your mental health and taking time out to be only a parent again is so important.

Our Easter bucket list is a great way to spend time doing positive activities with your child, can provide a space to talk through any concerns and bring you closer together.

Here are some bucket list activities ideas you could do together.

☐ Puzzle or jigsaw

☐ Plant something

☐ Look at photos together

☐ Remember together a favourite family memory

☐ Turn recyclable waste into works of art

☐ Learn a recipe together

☐ Family dance-a-thon

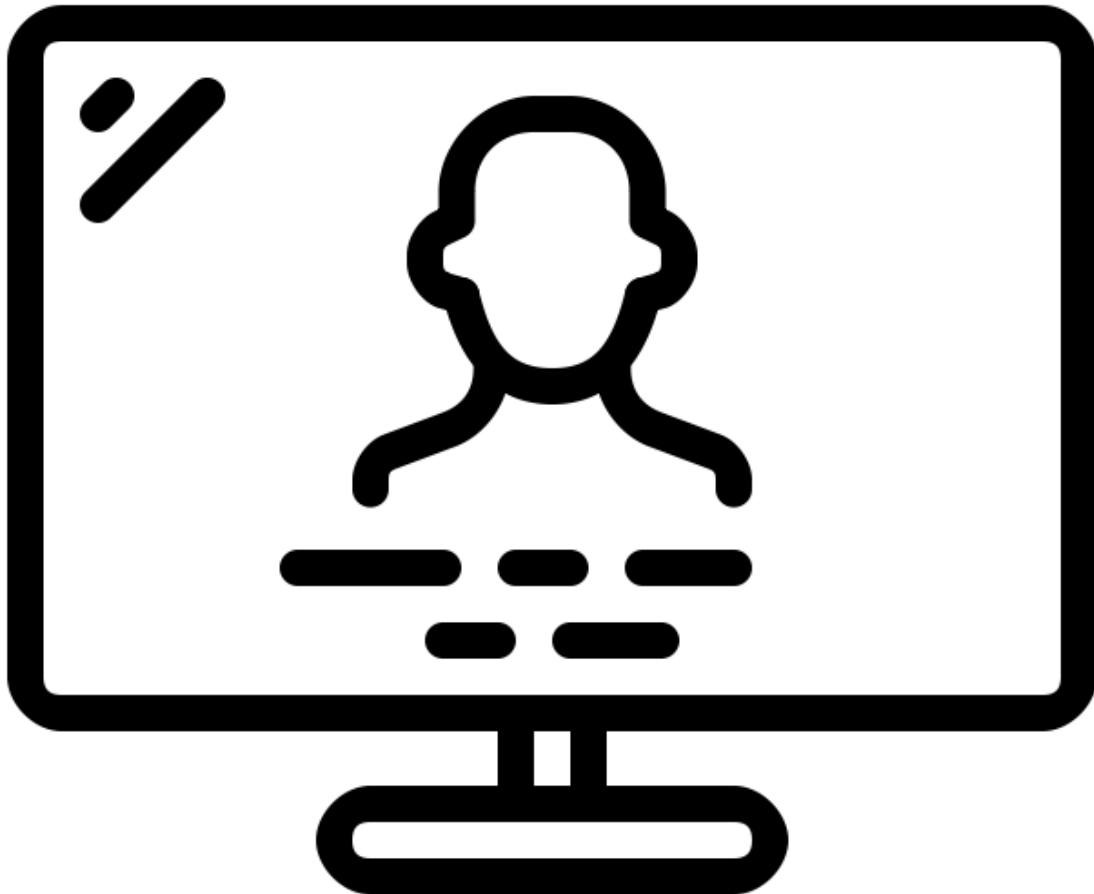
☐ Make a gratitude jar or tree

☐ Tree spotting or signs of spring spotting

☐ Write or draw chalk messages or pictures

*1 - Enjoy the sunshine! How many can you complete?*

Subtitles to kick start reading



Turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can double the chances of a child becoming good at reading. It's so brilliantly simple and can help children's literacy so much that we want to shout it from the rooftops! For more information, see [www.turnonthesubtitles.org](http://www.turnonthesubtitles.org)

[#TurnOnTheSubtitles](#) - thank you!

**Remember students will continue to have access to their e-book library. Password and login details have been sent out via email.**

**Please contact the office should you have mislaid them.**



Reopening guidance.

## 5 important steps

to help our schools  
and childcare settings stay open



**Adults wear a face covering  
at drop off/pick up**



**Stick to one adult  
at drop off/pick up**



**Adults keep 2 metres apart**



**Avoid car sharing**



**Self-isolate if anyone in your  
household has symptoms**

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**For up to date information, support and advice  
visit [parentclub.scot](https://parentclub.scot)**



Adults, please wear a face covering when accessing the school site.



During the last consultation, many parents expressed a preference for all adults dropping off or collecting their children to wear a mask. Your child may wish to wear a mask whilst walking to and from school but they will not be wearing them in school, or at breaktimes.

Whilst working across their bubbles, teachers will not be wearing masks. However they may choose to do so if they are travelling around the school.

We need to reduce the number of adults on the school site.



We are fortunate to have a large and spacious site. We encourage families to ensure that as few adults as possible accompany their child to school.

Maintain social distancing.



We realise that many families will not have seen each other for a significant period of time, but we urge all families to remain vigilant and **do not** congregate in groups. This includes keeping a distance from the classroom doors during drop off and pick up. Parents have limited licence to enter the school site. If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, we ask that you make an appointment via the school office.

If possible, walk to school.

# **Avoid car sharing and limit use of public transport**



We realise that this may not be possible for some families, especially those who travel significant distances to attend Ryefield. However, if you are local please try to avoid car sharing and walk to and from school.

We would also like to remind those parents using public transport that they must wear a face mask.



Self isolate if necessary

# Self-isolate if anyone in your household has symptoms



I would like to thank the entire school community for being proactive and acting as the first line of defence. The vaccine rollout continues to give us all the confidence that better times are ahead. We urge all families to continue to monitor their children for symptoms and if necessary self isolate.

Should a class/year group bubble be required to self isolate, remote learning will be provided. This will be in line with the provision offered over the past two months.

## Reminders for re-opening



### **Timings of the school day will vary for each year bubble:**

Nursery am: 08.30 – 11.30

Nursery pm: 12.20 – 15.20

Reception: 08.20 – 14.50

Key Stage 1: 08.20– 14.50

Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3/4): 8.30 – 15.00

Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5/6): 8.30 – 15.10

### **Lunches**

Children can choose to either bring a packed lunch to school, or order a hot meal/sandwich from our school kitchen. The meals are prepared on site and delivered to your child's classroom.

School meals can be purchased via ParentPay.

All children in Reception and KS1 are eligible to receive free school meals via the government's universal infant free school meal programme.

### ***School Uniform***

Parents are reminded that from 05 January students are expected to wear their **full** school uniform. The uniform is as follows:

- Boys and girls wear:
- A white polo shirt
- School jumper/cardigan
- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore
- White socks
- Black formal school shoes (no trainers) In the summer, girls can wear a light summer dress.

In Year 5 & 6 pupils must wear a white shirt with a school tie. Ties can be bought on Parent Pay for £4.10 each, every Friday a member of staff will deliver the ties to the classrooms.

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*The only exception to this rule will be on the days that your child has P.E. They will be required to come to school in clothing that is suitable for P.E., ideally trainers, tracksuit bottoms, t-shirt and a hoodie or sweater, as your child may well be enjoying outdoor PE in the bracing weather associated with spring.*

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Your child will need to return to school with a restocked pencil case. Please ensure that you have topped up the necessary materials, which include the following:

- HB pencils,
- **KS2 only:** writing pen (friction pens are best),
- **KS2 only:** an eraser,
- a sharpener,
- highlighter,
- glue stick,
- either colouring pencils or crayola twistables.
- scissors - many children took school scissors home with them. Please replace or return.

We request no that no felt tips are to be brought to school. Currently, the school does not plan to reintroduce large bulky bags. We therefore expect children to continue to use a clear, sturdy, zippable plastic wallet ([click here to see an example](#)) with your child's name written on it.

#### **Resources to support children on the return to school**

Childline: <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/school-college-and-work/school-college/school/>

Place2Be: <https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/services-for-schools/mental-health-resources-for-schools/return-to-school-resources/>

NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/away-from-home/at-school/#coronavirus>

Trauma Informed Schools UK [https://6282.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Recognising\\_and\\_responding\\_to\\_Anxiety-4+Trauma+Informed+Schools+UK.pdf](https://6282.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Recognising_and_responding_to_Anxiety-4+Trauma+Informed+Schools+UK.pdf)

## After School Clubs



With the exception of Debate Mate, all after school clubs will resume in the Summer term. If you have already paid for one of the following clubs, then your place is secure. Confirmation emails will be sent out in the near future.

Some clubs may still have limited spaces still available. Contact the school office for further information.

### **Monday:**

- Multi-Skills Sport (Yr1 & Yr2)



- Spy Club (Yr2 & Yr3)

#### **Tuesday**

- Balance-ability (Level 1 Bikes for R & Yr1)
- Dance (Yr5 & Yr6)

#### **Wednesday**

- Multi-sports (Yr 3 & Yr4)
- DebateMate (Yr5 & Yr6)

#### **Thursday**

- Football (Yr5 & Yr6)

#### **Friday**

- Gymnastics (Yr3 & Yr4)

### Ryefield Rascals



**Ryefield Rascals (before and after school club) reopens on Monday 8th March, with an earlier start time of 07:20.**

Due to the need for a consistent bubble of children accessing the service, spaces will need to be booked for the week, rather than individual days. We hope to be able to offer more choice in the future.

Places can be secured via ParentPay.

## Term Dates

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### ***Summer term 2021***

*Term starts: Monday 19 April*

*Half term: Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June*

*INSET: FRIDAY 2 July (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)*

*Term ends: Wednesday 21 July*

*Staff Prep Days: Thursday and Friday 22 + 23 July (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)*

### ***Autumn term 2021***

*Staff Development Days: Wednesday 1st to Friday 3rd September 2021*

*Term Starts: Monday 6th September*

*Half Term: Monday 25th October to 29th October 2021*

*Term Ends: Friday 17th December 2021*

### ***Bank holidays 2021***

*New Year's Day: 1 January*

*Good Friday: 2 April*

*Easter Monday: 5 April*

*May Day Bank Holiday: 3 May*

*Spring Bank Holiday: 31 May*

*Summer Bank Holiday: 30 August*

*Christmas Day: Saturday 25 December*

*Boxing Day: Sunday 26 December*

*Bank Holiday: 27 December (substituted for Christmas Day)*

*Bank Holiday: 28 December (substituted for Boxing Day)*

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## How to upload work to Google Classroom



## How to upload photos to Google Classroom

When your child has completed the task set by the class teacher. Please take a photo and upload the photo by following these steps. This will 'hand in' the work to the class teacher.

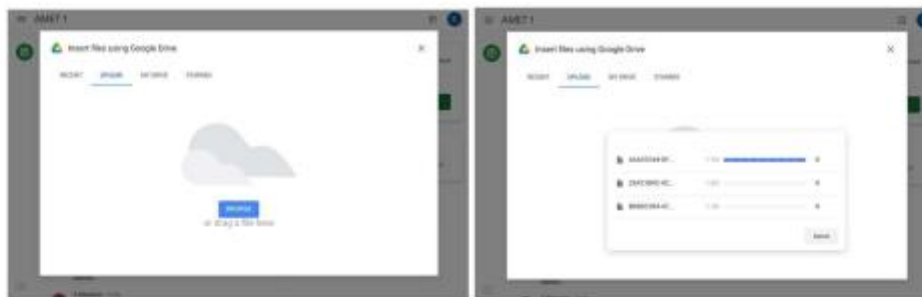
### Step 1 – Click Create / Add



### Step 2 – Click attach file



### Step 3 - Select the file(s) you wish to upload



### Step 4 – Hand in the work



And you are done! 😊

Access Google Classroom with a £29 Amazon Fire Stick

**fire tv stick**  
Basic Edition



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[Click here to learn how to access the resources on a Fire Stick.](#)

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[Further learning resources are available from Ryefield Primary School](#)



Click [here](#) to access the online learning resources available on the school's website.