

# NEWSLETTER

WE 9th October 2020

## Message from Head of Academy

We continue to be thankful for the approach parents, pupils and staff are taking in terms of supporting COVID safety in and around the school.

We ask that you continue to inform us of any cases or concerns you have and we will continue to signpost and support families.

We ask that you continue to follow the school rules around drop off and continue to encourage COVID safety when the children are out of school.

I would like to say a special well done to Years 5 and 6 who have both achieved 100% attendance this week—you are amazing!

### General illness

Please note that if your child is ill and are unsure whether they have COVID symptoms, please consult the information to the right.

If you are still unsure, please call 119 who can advise you on the symptoms and advise a course of action.

General illness should be treat as normal but if you are unsure please call 119 for further clarification from medical experts.

You must still call school for general illness to report absence.

### COVID 19 Symptoms

Please remember that if a child has one of the following symptoms, they should not attend school. You should then request a test and attend the test, informing school of the results.

#### SYMPTOMS:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste.

To book a test you call 119 or visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Attendance <b>TARGET 96%</b>	% WEEK	% YEAR
Nursery	89	82
Reception	96	96
Year 1	89	92
Year 2	90	96
Year 3	92	91
Year 4	96	96
Year 5	100	99
Year 6	100	97
Whole school	95	95

Stars of the week	Name
Nursery	James
Reception	Noah
Year 1	Jaxon
Year 2	Tommy
Year 3	Danielle
Year 4	Leo B / Savannah
Year 5	Che
Year 6	Justin

Note that these figures are not impacted by COVID isolation.

## Halloween disco / end of term

Lots of children have shared that they are really disappointed that we cannot have a Halloween disco this year. So, we have listened to the children and we would like to have an end of half term event on the last afternoon, to celebrate the fantastic effort the children have made since they came back.

We would like to provide some 'party' food so we ask that parents send in a voluntary contribution of £1. We will then ensure that the children are able to have a fantastic celebration event.

We welcome children to come into school in a 'Halloween' outfit or casual clothing. Note that they cannot get changed in school though.

Also—we cannot hold the annual pumpkin carving event—but we will do this next year as it was a firm favourite of children and adults alike!



### Parent information

Throughout lock down, we were able to provide support to parents, offering sign posting advice and direct support e.g. the foodbank. We are always able to provide support when people are in need, so please do speak to Mrs Light or myself.

We have printed some information from CAHMS which is attached to this letter.

### Hand washing

Can we ask, that before children come to school, they wash their hands and use a nail brush as necessary.

Please see advice around handwashing at: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>

### Oracy homework

Each week, we set a short oracy homework task which involves having a conversation for 5-10 minutes with your child. This week the task is:

**What is your favourite holiday (for example bank holidays) or celebrations (for example religious events) and why?**

### Diary Dates

<b>7th September to 30th November</b>	Year 5 will be going swimming each week. They will be back at school for 3.15pm.
<b>Friday 23rd October</b>	School closed for half term
<b>Monday 2nd November</b>	School reopens
<b>Wednesday 25th November</b>	Flu Jabs taking place in school
<b>Friday 18th December</b>	School closes for Christmas
<b>Monday 4th January</b>	School reopens There is no training day

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