

NEWSLETTER

WC 7th September 2020

Message from Head of Academy

We would like to thank all of our families for their positive approach to our 'new normal'. The children continue to amaze us with their fantastic attitudes.

We know that in recent weeks, some of our families have experienced really difficult situations and loss. We will support people as much as possible, and we ask that the community continues to rally around each other with support and kindness, as they always have done. This is a real strength in the community.

On a more practical note, can parents please ensure that pupils are bring coats in a morning, as the weather is really changeable. If children don't have coats, they may not be able to go out if the weather declines.

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 TARGET 96%	% WEEK	% YEAR
Nursery		
Reception		
Year 1		
Year 2		
Year 3		
Year 4		
Year 5		
Year 6		
Whole school		

Stars of the week	Name
Nursery	
Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	Toby
Year 5	Maddie
Year 6	

Warmer homes scheme

You could get £140 off your electricity bill for winter 2020 to 2021 under the Warm Home Discount Scheme. The money is not paid to you - it's a one-off discount on your electricity bill, between September and March.

You may be able to get the discount on your gas bill instead if your supplier provides you with both gas and electricity. Contact your supplier to find out more.

Eligibility There are 2 ways to qualify for the Warm Home Discount Scheme:

- you get the [Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit](#) - known as the 'core group'
- [you're on a low income](#) and meet your energy supplier's criteria for the scheme - known as the 'broader group'

<https://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme/low-income>

Names in jumpers!

Can you please ask you to put names in jumpers and clothing. We have hundreds of jumpers in our school in anyone week—so it can make it a very difficult task to find ones, especially if they don't have names on. They can be written in or labels can be purchased online.

Reading bags and records

Miss Gardom has informed me that we are having real success in terms of pupils reading three times a week. We do have a small minority who are not, and they are not even bringing the book into school. Reading is the key to learning and you will have such an impact by reading just three times a week, so please support your child as much as possible.

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 the kindest thing anyone has every done for you? If you could do something kid for someone else, what would you do?

Diary Dates

7th September to 30th November	Year 5 will be going swimming each week. They will be back at school for 3.15pm.
Thursday 8th October	SCHOOL TRAINING DAY—School is closed for one day
Friday 23rd October	School closed for half term
Monday 2nd November	School reopens
Wednesday 25th November	Flu Jabs taking place in school
Friday 18th December	School closes for Christmas
Monday 4th January	School reopens

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