

# NEWSLETTER

WE 20th November 2020

## Message from Head of Academy

Wow—what another fantastic week for attendance! We are so proud of the children! Thank you for your continuing support.

Christmas is approaching, in terms of free school meals, please note that the council are considering different options and there may be a change to the voucher system, for example a hamper may be given. We will send more details as soon as we are able to.

Christmas will be different in school this year, but we will still make it a special time in school. The PTA have kindly offered to pay for the annual panto! This will be an online production this year, but I am sure the children will still really enjoy it.

We will still have Christmas parties in classes and we are looking at possible options for online productions or concerts. They will be smaller scale than normal—but we want to ensure it is still memorable for the children.

## 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 treated 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	<b>92</b>	<b>96</b>
Reception	<b>100</b>	<b>95</b>
Year 1	<b>98</b>	<b>96</b>
Year 2	<b>98</b>	<b>96</b>
Year 3	<b>91</b>	<b>88</b>
Year 4	<b>97</b>	<b>97</b>
Year 5	<b>99</b>	<b>98</b>
Year 6	<b>96</b>	<b>97</b>
Whole school	<b>97</b>	<b>95</b>

Stars of the week	Name
Nursery	Piper Rae
Reception	Noah
Year 1	Junior
Year 2	Tyler
Year 3	Spencer
Year 4	Jake / Libby
Year 5	Fenton
Year 6	Gracie

Note: These figures are not impacted by COVID isolation.



### Anti-bullying Week

This week we have looked at bullying and what it means. We have discussed the different ways bullying can happen and what we should do if someone thinks they are being bullied.

Cyber bullying is on the increase and we ask parents to keep up to speed with online platforms and safety.

#### Antibullying Alliance

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-parents>

### PE Kit

We are delighted to announce that the new outdoor PE kits have arrived. This will form part of our uniform during the current COVID measures and children are expected to wear them for PE. Note that we have purchased a fleece type for warmth. We ask that the children wear their normal school PE t-shirt underneath.

If you have any issues with the sizing, please get in touch and we will resolve this.

### Twitter

Please follow us on Twitter @DeltaHighfields

We provide regularly updates on things that are happening around school. This gives you an opportunity to see what is happening in your child's class.

We have new science and cross curricular topics, so there will be lots to see. Please ensure your consents are up to date, if you wish to be able to see your child on there!

### Parents' Evening

Parents' evenings will take place on Monday 23rd November and Thursday 26th November. Please ensure that you return the slip that was sent out earlier in the week to book our slot.

Please note that we would like to see a high turnout. Due to lockdown it is really important that we work together to ensure that we are maximising the children's learning. This is also a great time for you to ask any questions you have and to celebrate your child's achievements.

### 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:

**If you could speak another language, what would it be and why?**

### Diary Dates

<b>Monday 23rd and Thursday 26th November</b>	Parents' Evening calls—please return your appointment form
<b>Wednesday 25th November</b>	Flu Jabs taking place in school
<b>Wednesday 10th December</b>	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
<b>Wednesday 16th December</b>	Panto performance
<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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