

# NEWSLETTER

WC 25th September 2020

## Message from Head of Academy

We would like to thank children and families for the good level of attendance we have had in recent weeks. Please continue to follow national guidance on social distancing and hygiene.

We send our best wishes to Mr Williams who had an accident this week and has broken his foot. We hope to see him back in school soon!

I am pleased to hear about all the homework that has been returned recently. Lockdown has made this more important than ever. Each week we expect children to complete the homework set by their teacher, which typically includes spellings, reading and times table work. We are seeing an impact in class, which is fantastic!

Mrs Sercombe

### 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	<b>82</b>	<b>75</b>
Reception	<b>100</b>	<b>98</b>
Year 1	<b>95</b>	<b>92</b>
Year 2	<b>95</b>	<b>97</b>
Year 3	<b>85</b>	<b>84</b>
Year 4	<b>95</b>	<b>95</b>
Year 5	<b>99</b>	<b>98</b>
Year 6	<b>98</b>	<b>96</b>
Whole school	<b>95</b>	<b>94</b>

Stars of the week	Name
Nursery	Lorna
Reception	Kenadie-Mai
Year 1	Indea
Year 2	Lucas
Year 3	Kaitlyn
Year 4	Leo/ Emily
Year 5	Skye
Year 6	Kia

Note that these figures are not impacted by COVID isolation.

## Healthy Diets

Healthy eating has probably never been so important. We are concerned about two main things in terms of children's food in school:

1. Children are arriving at school eating things that are not healthy, in addition they do not provide enough energy and are high in sugar, for example crisps and sugary breakfast bars.
2. Some packed lunches contain far too much food, including too many treats.

Packed lunches should be balanced, so have a balance of healthy, nutritious items, as well as a treat. A packed lunch should not really need any more than a sandwich/wrap, a yoghurt or piece of fruit and a small treat, for example a biscuit or a small bag of crisps.

We are currently in the process of changing catering providers, but we will be promoting that people take advantage of school meals, especially if you qualify for free school meals.

### Coats

The weather is starting to turn and there are a surprising number of children who are arriving without jumpers and coats. Children need to have a coat and a jumper everyday. Whilst school is warm, we need to have windows open for ventilation—so a jumper is important.

To be able to identify any items, but ensure names are in all items.

### Forest Schools

Miss Hepworth has successfully trained as a Forest Schools practitioner and will be starting to deliver sessions in school. This gives children the opportunity to have experiences outside. This will take place on-site and we hope to be able to offer different classes the opportunity to join in at some stage.

### 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:

**How many countries have you been to? Which was your favourite and why?  
If you haven't been abroad, where would you like to go?**

### 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>Thursday 8th October</b>	<b>SCHOOL TRAINING DAY—School is closed for one day</b>
<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

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