

NEWSLETTER

WE 23rd October 2020

Message from Head of Academy

I would like to thank everyone for their calm and sensible approach to the national COVID situation. We have been able to minimise the impact on school, with only one bubble closure in eight weeks—which compared to local and national levels, is really positive. Our systems in school have made it a safe place to be, which has been boosted by everyone's positive approach to following rules in school. Everyday we work together to keep each other safe.

We are pleased to say that we have seen fantastic progress from the children since they have returned and we need this to continue to ensure that we close the gaps created by the lockdown period.

As we enter the tier 3 restrictions, I ask everyone to follow the rules during the holidays.

This has been a long eight weeks for the children and they have worked so hard. Please ensure that you all enjoy the break and have a well earned rest, ready to return in November!

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	93	95
Reception	84	95
Year 1	80	90
Year 2	92	95
Year 3	81	89
Year 4	94	97
Year 5	89	98
Year 6	97	97
Whole school	88	95

Stars of the week	Name
Nursery	Jaxon
Reception	Jake-Patrick
Year 1	Shannaya
Year 2	Lucas G
Year 3	Kacie
Year 4	Jake / Mia
Year 5	Jacob
Year 6	Polina

Note: These figures are not impacted by COVID isolation.

Children in Need

On Friday 13th November, we will be supporting Children in Need with fundraising activities.

- Children and staff will be wearing spots for a donation (£1 recommended)
- The children will complete a sponsored daily mile—8 laps of the playground.

Please help support this great cause!

Donations and sponsorship should be sent in in a sealed envelope. Thank you for your support for this great charity!

Remembrance—Poppy Appeal

Whilst many Remembrance events will not go ahead as normal this year, we will continue to support Remembrance and the poppy appeal in school.

We will be selling poppies on the playground — so that children and families can place their donations directly in the money box and they can select their own poppies.

Many communities are showing their support by displaying a poppy in their home windows—we will also be doing this in school. We have sent a template home with the children—just in case you would like to join in!

Pumpkin Competition

Sadly we cannot complete our annual pumpkin carving competition—but if the children would like to send in a design or a photo of a pumpkin they have carved at home—we will be awarding prizes for the best designs when we return from half term.

Please find a template attached to this newsletter! Return any by Thursday 4th November!

Universal free school meals

Across the country, all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. We would actively encourage parents to consider opting to have a free school meal, as this could save families an estimated £500 a year.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and you would like to take the option of the free school meal, then please contact Mrs Freemans—**please remember this is free for all pupils in the classes listed regardless of your circumstance.**

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 are you looking forward to in the half term break?

Diary Dates

Weekly until to 30th November	Year 5 will be going swimming each week. They will be back at school for 3.15pm.
Friday 23rd October	School closed for half term
Monday 2nd November	School reopens
Friday 13th November	Children in Need day—spots and sponsorship
Wednesday 25th November	Flu Jabs taking place in school
Friday 18th December	School closes for Christmas
Monday 4th January	School reopens There is no training day

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