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Newsletter Friday 2nd October 2020

Dates for your diary:

Mon 5th Oct – Mental Health week

Fri 9th Oct – Hello Yellow Day! Wear Yellow and bring £1

Fri 23rd Oct – Finish for Half term

Mon 2nd Nov – INSET day

Tues 10th and Thurs 12th Nov – parent/carer consultations (Y1 – Y6 telephone)

Another great week

The children have now all settled brilliantly back into school routine. We are 4 weeks in and it really feels like we are (almost) back to normal. It is just lovely to see the children concentrating, on task and learning! I am so proud of all of them, and of all the staff who are working tirelessly at the moment and always show team spirit no matter what!

Reminder of how the bubbles work

I can only hope I am not tempting fate by writing this (!) – but having experienced a bubble closing at my own child's school and lots of parents being shocked and concerned, I thought it would be helpful to remind you what happens if we have a positive case in our school:

- The idea of the bubbles is to prevent the whole school closing if there is a positive case. But also allowing the children to be back to normal whilst in school and to continue group work and phonics etc.
- If there is a positive case Public Health England and the Local Authority advise the school about what to do.
- We have seen locally that whole bubbles have closed for 14 days from the positive case's symptoms (so it might not be a whole 14 days) and the children and staff must isolate at home. You will also receive a letter with more advice on it if it happens.
- In the event of a positive case we will text you to pick up your child immediately and tell you where to pick them up from (it will **not** be the office)
 - The identity of the positive case will be remain confidential.
 - Remote learning will take place. The children will take a pack of work home with them and there will also be activities to complete via seesaw so that the children can get feedback from the teacher. Teachers have sent out codes for the new classes. If you haven't had yours please speak to your child's teacher. Teachers will also be available throughout any unforeseen closure via class dojo or their email as usual. In Reception, the children will receive activities to complete at home through class dojo alongside the home learning packs.

I hope this information helps, so that you are prepared if it does happen at any point during the school year.

Safety in the morning

If you are queuing in the staff car park, please can I remind you again to ensure that you and your children stay on the path. The children **must not** run around in the car park.

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COVID reminders

School is following guidance from the government regarding COVID 19. The current government advice is:

If your child is displaying any of these COVID related symptoms...

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

You should:

1) Keep your child off school, inform the school office and book a test.

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

2) Siblings must remain off school until test results are back -The whole family should self-isolate until the test results are returned.

3) If test is negative, your child/children can return to school (as long as they are well)

4) If test is positive, keep your child at home for 10 days, other family members need to isolate for 14 days.

Please contact school **immediately** so we can track and trace within the schools bubbles.

If you need medical advice the 111 website does have a symptom checker and will explain what to do.

Attendance

Attendance levels are still down at the moment, mainly due to illness. Please follow the guidelines for COVID and if they are showing symptoms get a test as soon as possible then if it's negative they can return to school quickly. Remember children only need to isolate if waiting for a test (for themselves because they have symptoms or someone in their house), or if they have been in contact with someone who has had a positive result.



Everyone in school is looking forward to Mental Health Week next week. There will be lovely activities for the children to do throughout the week and don't forget to wear yellow next Friday (9th) and bring £1. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

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