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Happy New Year!

We hope that you have all had a safe and pleasant holiday and that those of you who celebrated Christmas had happy festivities despite the challenges of Covid.

There has been lots of information published on social media and in the news recently about Covid updates and about schools. We would like to reassure you that we are strictly following all government guidance to keep everyone as safe as possible. Please read the guidance below carefully to help us further:

- If you or anyone in your family has possible Covid symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough or loss/change of smell or taste) you MUST go to <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/> to get your symptoms checked and take an LFT test.
- From Tuesday 11th January, you do not need to get a PCR test if a LFT test is positive.
- If your child is ill in any way, please phone school to tell us, keep them at home and consider taking a LFT test to check if it is Covid or not. Covid symptoms in children and in particular symptoms of Omicron are different to traditional Covid symptoms.
- If the LFT result is negative, they may return to school as soon as they are well enough.
- If the LFT result is positive, they must isolate for up to 10 days at home. They must not leave the home for any reason. On day 6 of isolation, they may take a LFT test and again on day 7. If BOTH tests show as negative, they may come out of isolation and return to school / leave the house.
- If ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD has covid or covid symptoms, EVERY PERSON IN THE HOUSEHOLD should take a LFT test EVERY DAY to check they do not have Covid. Remember it is possible to have Covid and spread it around without having any symptoms.
- Isolation means you MUST NOT LEAVE THE HOUSE for ANY REASON. If parents have Covid, you must not bring your children to school or take them to the mosque or shops as you will be spreading the virus to other people, even if your symptoms are mild. Please make alternative arrangements for a friend or relative to bring your children to school.
- Please send a screenshot of any positive test results to the school Covid phone 07760 721495

Thankyou for your support, as always.

PARENT AND COMMUNITY FORUM

Our next parent and community forum will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 12th January 9-9:30am.

The topic will be Anti-bullying. All parents / carers are welcome to attend provided you are Covid symptom free, wear a mask and sanitize. Social distancing will be in place and the room will be well ventilated.

CLUBS

All clubs start from Monday 10th January.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN SPRING 1

Our focus for School Development this half term is COMMUNITY & CARE. We will be thinking about and working on lots of different projects as part of this including planning to develop our playground and site, mental health and wellbeing, nurture provision and working in partnership with other schools and organizations. Check out our Twitter feed for examples of what we've been getting up to as the term progresses....

LEARNING THEMES / TOPICS

This term is always a busy one and this year will be no different. Each year group has new exciting themes they are working on as below:

PRE-SCHOOL – It's Cold Outside!

NURSERY – Brr! It's Cold Outside!

RECEPTION – Here Come the Bears!

YEAR 1 – Lost and Found

YEAR 2 – Explorers

YEAR 3 – The Jurassic World (dinosaurs)

YEAR 4 – The Great Unknown....

YEAR 5 – The Great Outdoors

YEAR 6 – World Superpowers: Ancient China –Shang Dynasty)

Any help and support you can give your child at home around these topics / with Learning at home work and especially lots and lots of reading is very much appreciated and WILL make a big difference to their progress.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

As usual, we have words of the week guiding our work over the coming half term: Speaking Out, Anti-Bullying, Courteous, Change-Makers, Mathematicians, Safe and Kind.

UNIFORM

Can we take this opportunity to remind everyone about compulsory school uniform, in particular ties for years 5&6 and plain black shoes. As per our previous texts, if children are cold in school because we have to have the windows open for Covid-risk assessment reasons, they are welcome to wear additional plain, dark coloured layers on top of their school uniforms. We would definitely recommend hats, scarves and gloves as well as warm, waterproof coats as we will be outside as much as possible too.

TEXT MESSAGE SERVICE

As per our previous messages, we are now using a new text service which runs through an app called SCHOOL PING. Login details have been sent home previously and sent to email addresses. If you have not got this app on your phone yet, you will not receive any messages. Please phone school to arrange an appointment if you would like support with this.

SCHOOL DINNERS

School dinners now cost £1.95 per meal from Jan 1st.