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NEWSLETTER

25th September 2020

The Next Fortnight for School and Nursery

See below for changes of INSET – FINAL REMINDER

9th October – Virtual Open Day – see below.

12th October – Whole School Flu Immunisation.

Looking Forward

Reminder - Open Day for Class of 2021

We shall be holding a virtual Open Day on 9th October 2020 at 09.30. This will involve a live but brief tour of the school and a question and answer session via the comments section of zoom. Meeting ID: 828 2085 1841 Passcode: 6xXm9t

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82820851841?pwd=eS8veGwyU3RHQW4xSG1rdi91WExzZz09>

Parents who want to visit the school for a 1:1 tour should contact the office. Personal tours are available from 15:45 to 16:30 upon request. This time means that there are no children in the school but gives us enough time to deep clean after the tour. Masks are required.

Because so many of our usual avenues are closed to us, we are asking for your help. We would be grateful if you could write a review or give us a rating on Google. This just helps us reach parents who are unsure to get as clear a picture as possible given they may not be able visit us when choosing (and by the way – thanks to those who already have).

Assembly for those self-isolating.

If your children are missing school because you are having to self-isolate then you are welcome to attend our Monday (normally Tuesday) and Friday's Merit assemblies using the following Zoom links.

Please keep your microphones turned off if you do join us.

Monday 28th @ 09.15 - Team Captains' Assembly.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82949313389?pwd=NHA3YTFVbDhua043djK5aHlM2U5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 829 4931 3389

Passcode: 6fLzc0

Friday 2nd @ 09.15 -

Merit Assembly

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83296580992?pwd=dHBGK1doUFVEWGPWT2pMbG1CNGpOZz09>

Meeting ID: 832 9658 0992

Passcode: 9D1VqE

Flu Jabs.

Public Health England are conducting flu vaccinations as usual this year. They will be visiting school on 12th October 2020, taking all the precautions you might expect to stay safe. This year they are particularly keen:

The flu vaccination programme in schools will be going ahead in the autumn term. It is likely that flu and COVID-19 will both be circulating at the same time which means that it is more important than ever this year to help protect against flu.

I have attached a leaflet designed to inform parents. Also attached is a letter explaining how to give consent online (by basically following these instructions):

- Click on this link <https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/> to complete the consent form.
- You will need this code JBFTWA which identifies your child's school
- Please complete the e-consent form by 11th October 2020

Please ensure that you complete and submit your child's consent form promptly, whether you wish your child to be immunised or not. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Immunisation Team on 0300 124 0366 or email schools.immunisations@mpft.nhs.uk

Social Media

As I am preparing our Virtual Tour on our website and Facebook – I am reminded to send out our normal message about social media as I try to do every year at around this time.

We actively discourage primary aged children from all forms of social media because they have not yet developed the skills to manage it. The chances of misunderstandings, misinterpretations and misinformation are high with adults – but it can be much worse with children.

Cyber-bullying is an incredibly dangerous thing – it gives the victim no relief and no peace. It is a mental health issue that is going to rear its ugly head in this generation very soon – as they work through high school and beyond. And don't get me started on FOMO and other anxieties created by the desire to have friends and shares and likes coupled with the predictable disappointment children feel when they find they're not as popular as Kim Kardashian.

We do a lot about cyberbullying as part of our curriculum. But we **CANNOT** and we **WILL NOT** police social media use outside the four walls of our school. There is a reason why schools take phones off children during the day and our response will almost always remain, "Take your child off social media and report the other child to the appropriate body or service provider."

Obviously, if we see things continuing or starting within school we will deal with it very firmly. But our experience is that it rarely continues in school once the children are face to face and closely supervised (at primary school particularly). It is in the quiet hours when bullies will take advantage and in those quiet hours when victims are targeted.

Finally, it is worth pointing out that pretty much every social media provider including YouTube, Tik-Tok, WhatsApp, Facebook and Instagram, to name but a few, do not allow children under 12 access to their app. Most are 16+. Anyone using these could be breaking the law and are most likely breaking the conditions of use. Parents should ensure that they are not allowing their children access to these and parents should ensure that they supervise their children's use of any media and/or internet for their own safety.

INSET Change – LAST REMINDER

23rd October 2020 (unchanged)

4th January 2021 (unchanged)

~~5th January 2021 (cancelled)~~

NEW INSET CHANGE – 5th February

21st July 2021



Mr B Wilken

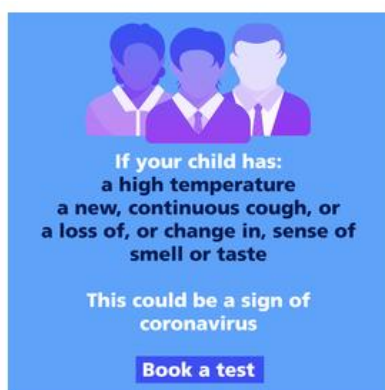
Other Information Sources and Signposts

Weekly DfE update:

NHS APP:

On 24 September, NHS Test and Trace will launch the NHS COVID-19 app to help control the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). It will do this by alerting people who may have been exposed to infection so that they can take action.

<https://covid19.nhs.uk/pdf/introducing-the-app.pdf>



Attachments

- NHS – Test and Trace letter – In summary, saying don't test if you don't have the three symptoms.
- Flu leaflet for parents
- **Flu letter for parents – Important Information and Procedures**