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## NEWSLETTER

**13<sup>th</sup> November 2020** The Next Fortnight for School and Nursery

16<sup>th</sup> Full Governors Zoom at 18.30

23<sup>rd</sup> Provisional Y2 Phonics Test

Interim Autumn reports to parents (via dojo)

### Looking Forward

#### Assembly for those self-isolating.

If your children are missing school because they are having to self-isolate then you are welcome to attend our assemblies using the following Zoom links. Please keep your microphones turned off if you do join us.

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> @ 09.15 – Story Assembly

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84293932435?pwd=NnFjMVVlczJaN05FQzdMTTNTLzY5UT09>

Meeting ID: 842 9393 2435

Passcode: SFEt6S

#### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> @ 09.15 – Merit Assembly

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88243076753?pwd=cINQUy9icmkyZ3VINIZEdFF1cmYyZz09>

Meeting ID: 882 4307 6753

Passcode: CK2Ks8

### Crossing Patrol.

Regrettably Mrs Lancaster will not be available for crossing duty for at least the remainder of November. We are obviously in discussion with Staffordshire County Council about providing temporary cover but I think we have to presume there will be no one available in the short term.

### Looking Back

#### Armistice Day.

Well done to all and thank you for all the zoom attendees. A big thanks also for all the donations. We filled the charity box and more.

#### Children in Need.

I can't say how much we raised because we are leaving the money for 72+ hours before we handle it. But thanks to all for donations.

As always, I will always do my best to speak to you about any concerns you may have on the day so please feel free to approach me, either on the playground or book an appointment if you prefer.

  
Mr B Wilken

### Other Information Sources and Signposts

#### Cases

Our thoughts are with all those in the community who have Covid. We hope that you all make a full recovery.

#### National Website

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

#### Testing

I have been informed that this week (though no indication as to when, "this week" is) you can get tested in Staffordshire if you visit this website. I struggled to get onto the website but it did work at times. I'm also told that the local authority is encouraging people to get tested because of our high incident rate. However, the only source I can find for this is Signal 1's website so I can't comment on its accuracy. <https://staffordshire.zipporah.co.uk/TrackAndTrace/>

### More Below...

## Symptoms

Now that we have had some contact with schools with actual cases, it is becoming clearer that headaches, fatigue and sickness are very much the theme in primary children and not particularly the persistent cough and high temperature that is informed. No symptoms at all was equally common.

We are trying to be cautious and ask that if your child is sent home with suspicious symptoms, you go for a test. At least one family have tried that this week and got told they can't get tested, so I suppose it's a bit hit and miss. But where you can get tested, it would put all our minds at rest (see previous headlines).

It is worth noting that the following website can direct you to a testing station that will test those who are not complaining of the listed symptoms.

## Methodist Church Support

*Has your family been affected financially by Covid, with a reduced income or loss of job?*

*or*

*Is your child in receipt of free school meals?*

*If so, here at Blythe Bridge Methodist Church we would love to send your family a goody bag of Christmas items and treats.*

*Please register your interest by contacting Alison on 07538548388, stating the name of your family and we will make sure that your goody bag is delivered into school before the end of term.*

*In order to arrange these gifts, we will need you to register by Wednesday November 25th.*

*We look forward to hearing from you,*

*Alison*

## Morrisons and Free School Meals (FSM)

Morrisons have offered to provide children who get Free School Meals with food if they have to self isolate. For FSM children not at school, we will inform Morrisons who will then deliver a hamper to your door.

In order to do this, you are going to need to fill in the permission form below. We do all the work, you don't need to contact anyone. It does add a significant amount of work for our office staff and I'm not sure what sort of delay there might be once we send the forms off.



This is really meant for those children self isolating for 14 days as it is a weekly delivery from what I understand. The leaflet does say for up to 7 days but the rest of the literature suggests it is weekly. We shall see. Either way I think it is very good of Morrisons to set this up – I hope they are prepared for the numbers.

**IMPORTANT** – The free meal children get in KSI is **NOT** the same as Free School Meal. You will know if you are eligible for FSM as you will have applied for it and Staffordshire County Council have informed you that you have got it.

## Morrisons Permissions Form – only for parents of children who are Free School Meals

I/We give permission for the school to provide Morrisons with my child(ren)'s details to receive my Free School Meals should my child(ren) go into self isolation.

Name of oldest child in school:.....

Signed:.....

Date:.....