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NEWSLETTER

2nd October 2020 The Next Fortnight for School and Nursery

9th October – Virtual Open Day.

12th October – Whole School Flu Immunisation.

23rd October – INSET then half term.

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 Tuesday and Friday's assemblies using the following Zoom links. Please keep your microphones turned off if you do join us.

Tuesday 6th Oct @ 09.15 - Tuesday Story Assembly.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88917810994?pwd=clkxYThTbEFqRmVLVTZxkbmNTUJlRjRUT09>

Meeting ID: 889 1781 0994

Passcode: 1HwqgQ

Friday 9th @ 09.15 – Merit Assembly

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83921711475?pwd=bXBOY2lRNIhER3NYUXI1NC92SiRBZz09>

Meeting ID: 839 2171 1475

Passcode: 1Uvs0a

Reminder - Flu Jabs.

Public Health England will be visiting school on 12th October 2020, taking all the precautions you might expect to stay safe.

- Click on this link <https://forms.mpfh.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

Reminder - Photographs

Remember the deadline to get your photos back.

Reading Books

We thank the generosity of many companies in providing free resources during the lockdown. That is coming to an end for many, and for understandable reasons. We've been caught on the hop a bit with our Oxford Owl subscription so you may find that they limit the number of books available to you. Hopefully by Monday next week we will have resolved this.

Looking Back

Key Stage II Competition

A fantastic time was had by all as KSII held an early Inter House Competition this week. A stirring effort from all and well done to Sapphire who won the overall competition. 2nd was Topaz and joint 3rd were Emerald and Ruby.

Rules, Regulations and Reminders

Just a short section to inform and remind parents of the school routines.

Old Habits

I don't know about you but I have started to fall into old habits and have seen staff, children and parents doing the same. We may never get a case in school, but we are only as good as our worst day. So I ask you all to keep remembering our routines:

Please socially distance on the playground at the beginning and end of the day.

Dogs

We don't allow dogs on the playground and we ask them to stay well away from the gates to avoid children either petting them or getting scared.

Some dog owners may well say, "It's OK, s/he doesn't bite!" That's even truer of spiders but that doesn't stop Mrs Wilken (as she likes me to call her) running around like a dervish every time she sees one! So please respect the views of others, some of whom may well have been attacked by dogs in the past and are understandably wary.

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

More Below

Other Information Sources and Signposts

DfE daily update summary for week

Changing Regime:

Interestingly, I have seen what appears to be a recent shift in the self-isolating regime. It has been my understanding since September that we close a whole class if we have a confirmed case.

The guidance now appears to be shifting to isolating *members* of the bubble only.

This extract is from a list of information we will need when reporting a case to the Regional Health Protection Team.

I'm not sure how schools could determine this particularly and I suspect that close contact will be pretty much 100% of any KSII classroom. I only hope we never get to find out what the recommended procedures are.

- for key stage 2, 3, 4 and 5, the seating plan for all lessons, and (where relevant) the timetable, for the person who has tested positive. This will help to support identification of close contacts with that person
- for key stage 2, 3, 4 and 5, if the person who has tested positive is a member of staff, records of any instance of close contact with other members of staff or students
- if the person who has tested positive is a pupil, records of any definite face to face contact with the individual and details of their friendship group within the setting

Bus Travel

It may affect no family but children of 11 and over must wear a face mask on public transport.

Stay at Home Guidance for Households – updated 28th September

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above, stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19 – go to testing to arrange.

Main messages

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 however mild, self-isolate for at least 10 days from when your symptoms started. You should arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19 – go to testing to arrange. Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

If you are not experiencing symptoms but have tested positive for COVID-19, you must self-isolate for at least 10 days, starting from the day the test was taken. If you develop symptoms during this isolation period, restart your 10-day isolation from the day you developed symptoms.

You could be fined if you do not stay at home and self-isolate following a positive test result for COVID-19 or if you are contacted by NHS Test and Trace and instructed to self-isolate.

After 10 days, if you still have a temperature you should continue to self-isolate and seek medical advice. You do not need to self-isolate after 10 days if you only have a cough or loss of sense of smell or taste, as these symptoms can last for several weeks after the infection has gone. See the ending isolation section below for more information.

If you live with others, all other household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the household became ill or if they do not have symptoms, from the day their test was taken. If anyone else in the household starts displaying symptoms, they must stay at home for at least 10 days from when their symptoms appear, regardless of what day they are on in their original 14-day isolation period. The ending isolation section below has more information.

If you have symptoms, try and stay as far away from other members of your household as possible. It is especially important to stay away from anyone who is clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable with whom you share a household.

Reduce the spread of infection in your home by washing your hands regularly for 20 seconds using soap and water, or use hand sanitiser, and cover coughs and sneezes.

Consider alerting people who you do not live with and have had close contact within the last 48 hours to let them know you have symptoms of COVID-19.

Following a positive test result, you will receive a request by text, email or phone to log into the NHS Test and Trace service website and provide information about recent close contacts.

If you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home, or your condition gets worse, then use the NHS 111 online COVID-19 service. If you do not have internet access, call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

If you develop COVID-19 symptoms again at any point after ending your first period of isolation (self or household), follow the guidance on self-isolation again. The section below has further information.

Visit [website](#) for more detail.

Attachments