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NEWSLETTER

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The Next Fortnight for School and Nursery

29th Y4 Swimming begins

3rd May School closed

3rd May – Bank Holiday

Looking Forward

Reminder - Mrs Pattinson

From next term Mrs Pattinson will be changing her hours in the office. It will now be Mrs Lowndes managing the office on Mondays, with some limited help from myself so please bear with us as we get used to life without Mrs Pattinson on Mondays. The remainder of the week will be unchanged.

Office hours will be 08.00 until 16.00 Monday to Friday



The Children's Commissioner is asking that families take part in the largest ever survey of children and young people in England.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Standon Bowers – Year 6 21st June to 25th June

The government roadmap states that residential visits can start to happen after 17th May as part of their step 3 arrangements. The only sticking point is the statement you will have heard before– “*The roadmap is driven by data not dates. The approach to domestic residential visits is dependent on the roadmap and is subject to change.*”

I have no further indication as to whether the government/we are on track to stick to step 3 but if we do – **Standon Bowers is on.**

Swimming

Year 4 will be swimming this term. Please note that it is now on Thursday afternoons. You will shortly or already have received details from Mr Richardson.

Events for Summer (see Looking Back below)

I have provisionally booked the following dates:

Parents Evening	29 th June
Sports Day Week	5 th July
Y5/6	5 th July from 14.00
Y3/4	6 th July
Y1/2	7 th July
Nursery & R	8 th July

Looking Back

Full School

It was wonderful to see 200 children and some 30+staff back in the school. Long may this reign. Please note that we really want to focus on the academic this term. Fayres, plays, theme weeks and other community events are normally valuable experience for the children. But with up to 6 months in the last 12 being absent from school for some children, we think this is the right approach.

We still intend to make learning fun and active, and we may well throw in the odd reward afternoon now and then. Just we would rather focus on school learning first.

More Below

What's More

Evolving Advice

As cases go down we hope to have a freer term. Please note this bit of information that has been sent from Director of Health and care (see full letter below).

Anyone who has been in contact with a positive case has to isolate. The government has recently announcement that contacts of a positive case will now be offered a PCR test which they can book through www.gov.uk. This testing will be via a home PCR testing kit.

They will still have to isolate for 10 days even if the PCR test is negative.

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

From Dr Richard Harling, Director of Health & Care, Staffordshire County Council.

Dear parent/guardian,

I hope you had a good Easter break, and your children are looking forward to returning to school for the summer term.

Since my last letter to you, the government have announced several changes to their testing offer. These changes are designed to make it easier for people to continue testing their household and any children aged 11+ twice a week.

Anyone, regardless of their association with a school or nursery, can now collect free lateral flow tests from a government testing centre. Tests can also be collected at a local community testing centre. Full details of all the options and how to book can be found at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus

Lateral flow tests are for testing people who aren't showing any symptoms of Covid-19. If your child is displaying one of the three classic symptoms or the wider precautionary symptoms of Covid-19, they will need to isolate and get a PCR test at one of the government testing sites.

In a change to previous government advice, anyone (including children) who has had a positive lateral flow test, regardless of whether this was done at home, school or a community testing centre, will now need to go for a PCR test to confirm the result. You should also report this immediately to your school, as this will allow them to determine quickly whether they need to isolate classes, or bubbles, and minimise the risk of any further potential spread.

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Finally, it has been confirmed by government that face coverings must continue to be worn by secondary school pupils in the new term. This rule will stay in place until at least 17 May. Please encourage your child to continue to wear their face covering unless they are exempt.

Thank you for everything you are doing to help keep your loved ones safe, and children learning in school.