



# The William Amory Primary School & Nursery

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## NEWSLETTER

**5<sup>th</sup> March 2021 The Next Fortnight for School and Nursery**

8<sup>th</sup> Mar All children in school

12<sup>th</sup> World Book Day

15<sup>th</sup> Full Governors

### Looking Forward

#### Reminders.

- Uniforms should be worn from next week.
- There is still no tuck shop. You may want to give your child a morning snack as his/her eating habits will have changed over the last two months.
- Primary children do not need masks though if they feel happier with them I have no problem. Staff will not enforce anything and won't touch them so children who choose to wear masks should have a bag to put the mask in if s/he decides not to wear it.
- We don't insist on masks for parents on the playground. However, it is nice to see that so many do and I definitely would encourage it. Masks are required for all who enter the building including the entrance hall to drop off items.
- Please remember that parents need to socially distance whilst on the premises and playground.
- Y4 back on the car park for pick up. Y2 pick up at the fire exit. Y6 are leaving at 15.25.

#### Book Amnesty.

Please could you return any books you had from last year onto the table in the entrance hall. In the chaos I suspect many have a decent collection of reading books at home.

**I'm hoping that's the case because we are hundreds of books down** – particularly Oxford Reading Tree books from Key Stage 1 so I hope we can recover them all in order to save the school many hundreds of pounds to replace them.

#### Teaching.

We are going to have to really look at where we are with learning. I know that we now have a Catch Up Tsar in the DfE so we may well end up being directed in what we do. However, we are using this 3+weeks to settle children back down; to get them used to school rules and systems; to find out if any are struggling with wellbeing issues – and, to find out how we go about getting our learning back on track as effectively as possible (this is not the same as, "As quickly as possible.").

#### World Book Day

Come in costume on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> to celebrate World Book Day. The definition of book is very loose this year so please don't go buying anything special. As long as your child has decent footwear and warm clothing, the world's your oyster.

#### We're Still In This!.

I desperately hope that by summer we can remove the playground cones and start to ease our restrictions. But right now, we are still following our very clear risk assessment (attached) and that will include sending children home who are displaying symptoms:

- A child displaying symptoms will be sent home and we request a test.
- Even if negative, a child should not return until 48 hours after the test (as they displayed symptoms) and should not return if they continue to display symptoms.
- Those in contact with a confirmed case will need to isolate for 10 days.

### Looking Back

I really don't want to look back – do you?!

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