



Weekly Newsletter: Lockdown number 2! 6th November 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we have now entered the 2nd lockdown, we continue to monitor our health and safety procedures regularly. On Tuesday, we were chosen for a spot check by HSE (Health and Safety Executive) who are run by the government. This was a 2 hour visit where we showed 2 inspectors around the premises and evidenced all the preventative strategies we have in place for COVID. I am thrilled to say that we passed with flying colours and no recommendations were given.



We are still extremely fortunate that we have not had to close a class down to self-isolate due to a positive case within school. We know that it is likely there will come a time when this changes but for now, we will keep on with our strict measures in place and we remain thankful.

Key areas where you can really help:

- Wearing your face mask on the premises
- Being on time for drop off and collection (but not too early, so you don't need to be on site unnecessarily!)
- Ensuring your child comes to school each day with everything they need so you do not need to return
- Keeping your child off school if they have any of the COVID symptoms:
 1. *a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)*
 2. *a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)*
 3. *a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal*
- Getting your child tested if they have any of the above symptoms (in most case the process only takes about 48 hours now)
- Phoning school on the day your child is absent
- Not going into each other's houses (the children do tell us!)

Extra measures that we are putting in place are that we are only allowing essential visitors on site and we have postponed the after school sports clubs for the Autumn term.

The building project that I have mentioned previously is still going ahead but there have been some delays. One of the main changes that will be happening is that we will be moving our Year 1 and Year 2 classes into to the outside cabin classrooms. I will write to those families in more detail about this.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if we can support you in any way.

Kind regards
E. Harding
Mrs Harding
Acting Headteacher

Head's weekly awards

This week's awards go to **Daisy** in Year 2 / **Dan** in Year 2 / **Logan** in Year 2 / **Blake** in Year 3 and **Sophie** in Year 4 for having an excellent attitude to reading.



Keep it up! I wonder who I'll be mentioning next week?

Special mentions

We hope you have noticed the improvements we have been making to the school premises. We have now installed the new security gate, which makes our premises so much safer during the school day. All the new school signage is also now in place. For us it is so important that security is as tight as possible and we have a school environment to be proud of.



Attendance

We want all attendance to be **over 95%**. Class attendance from September to now:

EYFS	
Year 1	91.8%
Year 2	97.2%
Year 3	86.2%
Year 4	95.8%
Year 5	95.2%
Year 6	94.7%
Whole school	94%



Best attendance to date! Keep it up!

Birthdays next week ...

Sorry the errors in the last newsletter.

Happy birthday to:

Hessa in Year 3
Alex in Year 6
Lucas in Year 5

We hope you have the best day!



Reminders

We have noticed an increase in children bringing in unhealthy snacks e.g. sweets, chocolate, Nutella. This is a reminder that from Monday to Thursday only healthy snacks are allowed. If a child brings in an unhealthy snack, we will keep it safe and return it to them at the end of the day.



Looking ahead ...Diary Dates

- Flu vaccinations 23rd November
- School breaks up for Christmas 22nd December

