

Friday, 9th July, 2021



Dear Parents/Carers

Science Week

The children have thoroughly enjoyed our Science week this week. A big thank you to Miss Thackrah for organising this for us.

We will be enjoying Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Week next week and Mr Cundall has organised lots of great things for us to enjoy!

Transition

The children really enjoyed meeting their new teachers yesterday. Mr Cundall's current class (who are in isolation at the moment) will spend the day with Mrs Hick (their new teacher) on Friday, 16th July and Mr Cundall's new class will spend the day with him on Monday, 19th July.

Year 1 teacher

Interviews for this post will take place on Monday, 12th July, not yesterday as previously stated. As soon as I have any further information for you, I will be in touch.

Parents in School

Even though it looks like the restrictions are going to be lifted on 19th July, the requirement to self-isolate if someone has contact with a positive case is not removed until 16th August.

For this reason, the Chair of Governors and I have decided against inviting parents into school to attend the EYFS and Y6 graduation ceremonies and other such events taking place over the next couple of weeks.

I realise that this is hugely disappointing, and I really do understand that, but I feel that I must do all I can to ensure that the children can remain in school until the end of the year.

Whilst I cannot guarantee that we won't have a positive case in school anyway, I would not be able to live with myself if someone who had attended one of these events - that did not need to be there - tested positive and the children did not get to enjoy their final days with us (it would mean Year 6 children missing their Prom, Leavers Assembly, clap out, signing of shirts etc.).

I also want to do all I can to avoid having to tell anyone that they have to self-isolate during the first week of the holidays because many families have booked holidays and would not be able to go on them. As I said, I cannot guarantee that we won't have a positive case in school and we may well have to instruct people to self-isolate anyway, but I do feel inviting parents in to school is taking an unnecessary risk.

This was not an easy decision to make. As a parent myself, I can completely understand how frustrating and disappointing it must be, but remembering that we are doing this because we have the children's best interests at heart hopefully makes you feel better – I know it does me!

The events will be recorded and placed on our YouTube channel for you to view. We have already sought permission for Y6 children to be recorded and I will send an online form out to EYFS parents next week to seek permission for those to be recorded too so please look out for this.

Year 5 trip (or lack of one)

I just wanted to take this opportunity to reassure you that we have not forgotten about our wonderful Year 5's. I know that all other year groups have been on a school trip this term and Year 5 have not been on one, but I can assure you that it is not through lack of trying!

As you can appreciate, it takes a long time to organise a trip (even before COVID struck – which does makes things ten times harder).

We did have a trip to Tatton Park booked for Year 5, but the venue cancelled and gave us very little notice meaning that we could not find a suitable alternative in time.

We then booked for a visitor to come into school instead, but unfortunately, our Year 5/6 bubble has closed and the visitors could not accommodate a change of date so we have had to cancel that too.

Our Year 5 teachers are looking into organising a local trip instead as we are determined to offer them some sort of opportunity so watch this space!

Ordering lateral flow test kits

If you would like to order some COVID home testing kits, please contact the office on 01924 663641.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and although I know I am incredibly annoying with my 'boom box' blaring out 'It's Coming Home' and 'Sweet Caroline' on the playground, let's hope that I am able to play it again on Monday morning! I have my fingers (and toes) crossed for an England victory on Sunday night!

Come on ENGLAND!!

Kind regards,

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