Weekly Newsletter

Monday 17th January 2022

Dear Parents,

We have been delighted to see a much improved attendance at school this term, and much reduced cases of Covid in the school community - long may it continue! To reflect this improvement, we are moving away from the 'bubble' set-up again, meaning that assemblies will now take place in the hall; children will eat together in the dining hall and play together outside. Of course, this will be kept under constant review and we will go back to bubbles if it becomes necessary, but we have our fingers crossed that w e, like the country as a whole, are making slow moves back to normality.

You will be aware from the news that there has been a further reduction in isolation times for those who receive a positive lateral flow or PCR test - from today, you can reduce the isolation period to 5 full days if you test negative on both day 5 and day 6 after the original test and do not have a temperature. Individuals who are still positive on their lateral flow tests must stay in isolation until they have had 2 consecutive negative tests taken on separate days, 24 hours apart. Those who continue to have a temperature must remain in isolation.

Families continue to be encouraged to carry out regular (twice weekly) lateral flow tests and to isolate if the tests are positive, without the need for a confirmatory PCR.. Lateral flow tests should only be used where none of the main three Covid symptoms - temperature, continuous cough and loss of the senses of taste and/or smell - are present; if you have symptoms, a PCR should be booked and you should isolate until you receive the results. Although there has been much discussion in the news about Omicron often presenting as a cold, this is not currently listed as a primary Covid symptom.

Given that we currently have no cases of Covid in school, and have not had since we returned from the Christmas break, we are happy to be able to invite parent volunteers back into school to rad with children, play games and support learning. If you were previously helping out and are happy to return, please talk to the class teacher you were previously working with. If you are able to offer support but have not done so before, please get in touch, either by talking to your child's teacher or by emailing me, you would be very welcome!

As ever, all the best from all of us to all of you, Lucy Overton

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Diary Dates

New or changed dates in red

Friday 28th January - PTA Quiz Night - POSTPONED until after Easter

Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February - half term

Monday 21st February - Non-Pupil / Staff Training Day

Wednesday 23rd February - height, weight and vision checks for Y6 and Reception

Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day. Children are invited to wear red - red noses, red clothes, red hair ….

Friday 25th March - Clubs finish (Cookery, Ball Skills, Cricket, Choir, Dance, Film, Football)

Monday 28th March - additional club session for Woodland and Basketball clubs to replace session missed on 21st February

Friday 1st April - final day of Spring Term

Tuesday 19th April - first day of Summer Term

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June - Half Term

Wednesday 20th July - final day of Summer Term

Thursday 21st July - Non-Pupil / Staff Training Day

Friday 22nd July - Bank Holiday