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# Newsletter | 19

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## Covid Update

I wrote to you on Tuesday regarding the number of Covid cases in school. Thankfully for most children Covid is fairly mild and this week many children have returned to school following their self-isolation.

As you know, when 3 or more children in a class test positive for Covid, we take extra measures to stop the spread of the virus including the children being in a class 'bubble'.

**Public Health England** have been in touch with us regularly to risk assess our measures. This week they commended us on our effective response to the Covid cases in school. I would like to thank the staff for this, especially when many adults were off. I would also like to thank parents for keeping children off when they are unwell, and for testing regularly to identify Covid.

## Please remember:

- Children should not come to school if they are unwell, even if their illness seems mild.
- Children must self-isolate for at least 5 clear days when testing positive and only return after 2 negative tests (and no temperature).
- Children must take a PCR test if they have a continuous cough, high-temperature or loss of taste/smell.
- Children should do daily LFTs when other members of the household test positive.
- It is also recommended that all children take regular tests before coming into school.

## School Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on our school Governing Body for a parent governor. This is a great opportunity to contribute to make our school even better. You do not need a background in education as all training is provided. If you are interested, please get in touch with the school office.

## Mrs Cummins

Today Mrs Cummins, our fantastic Year 5 teacher, goes on leave to start her maternity. We wish her and her husband all the best for the next few weeks and we hope to update you soon with exciting news!

## School Values - Honesty

Each week a child from every class is awarded with a Values certificate. Last Friday, I was covering Sparrowhawks when the class decided to take nominations and then vote on this week's winner for Honesty. It was great to see Honesty and our British Value of Democracy in action! Well done to Grace, who was one of three children nominated by the class and was our eventual winner!

## Safeguarding Update – Pastoral Care

In our school, we talk to the children about 'Trusted Adults'. These are people that the children know they can talk to about any worries. The children identify adults they prefer to talk to on their 'Safeguarding Hand'. They may be the class teacher or TA or another adult in the school. We are also lucky to have a great pastoral team which many children work with throughout the year. This includes our ELSA (Mrs Clark), our Well-being Support (Mrs Gamble) and our Family Support Worker (Mrs Pelling) who works primarily with parents. We also have two counsellors who visit school each week – Charlie and Jane – for 1:1 sessions.

**If ever you feel your child has a worry, whether it is from in school or out of school, we can point them in the right direction to help give the support they need.**

**Please remember, for Safeguarding concerns, our Designated Lead is Mrs Johnson and our Deputy Leads are Mr Williams and Mrs Udale.**

### Zouch 2022 Reading Challenge!

We are challenging children to read **22 times** in 4 weeks up to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February. To earn a certificate, children must read this many times:

**15 reads – Bronze certificate**

**18 reads – Silver certificate**

**22 reads – Gold certificate**



### PE and Forest School Days this Term

Please ensure that children have the correct kit in school for their PE, Forest School and Swimming sessions.

Class	PE	Forest School
Nursery	Daily Activity	Tuesdays
YR (Robins and Wrens)	Tuesdays	Tuesdays
Y1 (Skylarks and Nightingales)	Mondays	Mondays
Y2 (Woodpeckers and Kingfishers)	Fridays	Fridays
Y3 (Eagles and Merlins)	Mondays	Wednesdays
Y4 (Ospreys* and Kestrels)	Wednesdays	
Y5 (Peregrines and Sparrowhawks)	Thursdays	Thursdays
Y6 (Tawny and Snowy Owls)	Thursdays	

### Swimming - Ospreys

**\*Swimming for Osprey Class (Y4) is on Mondays – they will need swim kit.**

Kestrels will be swimming in Term 4.



### Tuition Sessions

Please note, the Tuesday After School Tuition sessions have now finished.

**Skylark will have their last session this Tuesday with Miss Knapman.**

### Chelsea After School Club Monday 31st Jan

We still have a high number of COVID cases in school and Mrs Johnson and Mr Williams think it is best to postpone the Chelsea After School Club for Monday, for one more week. We still have classes in bubbles and strict COVID procedures in place. We hope to resume Chelsea for Y1 to 3 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### Non-Uniform Day Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb

We are so excited to have a new library in our lower school building and one coming soon in our upper school building. It is so important for our children to be reading for their enjoyment. Our next project to promote reading for enjoyment across the school, is to further develop our classroom reading corners. We are going to be having a non-uniform day on the last day of term (Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February) to raise money to buy resources for our classroom reading environments. A small donation would be greatly appreciated.

### Main Pedestrian Gate

We have been made aware of our main gate being left open by visitors or parents collecting or dropping off children. Also, that the bottom pin is being lowered and the bar moved.

Please be aware the gates are on an automatic timer. Please ensure the gate is closed after your visit and the pin at the bottom is left up and the bar left open. When we release the gate from the office it will release the magnetic lock.

### Dates for your Diary:

**Fri 18th Feb** – Break up at 1PM for Half Term, Non-Uniform day for a donation

**Mon 28th Feb** – Children come back to school