



### NEWSLETTER NO 5 – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

	Term Begins	Finish		Return	Term Ends
Autumn 2021	Thursday 2 September	Friday 22 October	Half Term	Tuesday 2 November	Friday 17 December
Spring 2022	Wednesday 5 January	Friday 18 February		Tuesday 1 March	Friday 8 April
Summer 2022	Monday 25 April	Friday 27 May		Tuesday 7 June	Wednesday 20 July

Inset Days: 1 November 2021, 4 January 2022, 28 February 2022, 6 June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you all for your support and understanding following our decision to reintroduce some additional Covid precautions this and next week. We currently have 7 confirmed cases across all classes, except for Years 1 and 2, however two of those isolations are due to end in the next few days. We also have four outstanding PCR tests for children who have displayed symptoms or had a positive lateral flow test. We understand there has been an outbreak at a local cub-scout troop.

As some of you will know, our neighbouring Pre-School has closed this week due to staff cases; please be reassured that we are subject to different guidance, however we also would only have to consider moving to remote learning if we could not sustain an appropriate ratio of staff and children, or the number of cases in one class triggers local authority involvement. Our current measures observe and adhere to the official guidance without moving to a full bubble structure as doing so would have massive implications for the children's learning and our parent community.

Please can we again stress vigilance (in and out of school) and ask parents to take immediate action around any symptoms or ill-health including:

- making use of lateral flow tests (if symptoms are not present or just feeling 'under the weather')
- contacting NHS 111 for advice
- pursuing a PCR test if one or more of the main symptoms are present (cough, high temp, loss of taste/smell)
- informing the school office of any absence, illness and test results as soon as possible.
- providing copies of all PCR tests (positive and negative) to the school office immediately to explain absence or to demonstrate it is safe for your child to return to school. This should be a forwarded copy or screenshot of the original test result please.

Please do keep the school office informed of any developments immediately so we can keep the school community informed in a timely fashion and pre-empt any arrangements or actions which may be required. All measures will be reviewed on a daily basis so that we can make informed decisions regarding current circumstances and the rest of the term.

#### Superhero Graduation

Thank you to our Year 1 and 2 parents for supporting their children at last week's graduation as part of this term's topic. We really appreciated your understanding around limiting numbers in attendance. Thank you also to our Year 1 & 2 staff team whose imagination and organisation makes occasions such as these possible.

#### Antibiotic Awareness

This afternoon, Years 1 to 6 had a presentation from a local NHS team about safety and awareness of antibiotics. Attached is a document provided for parents with tips and advice that could be discussed further with your children.

#### Children in Need

Thank you for supporting our Children in Need day last week with your donations and Pudsey Pennies; with a lot of loose change provided, we hope to be able to share the total raised with you shortly.

### Young Voices Concert

Preparations for the Year 5 & 6 Young Voices Concert will continue with distancing measures in place. For those families involved, please remember the after-school rehearsals begin this Wednesday 24th November between 3.15 and 4.14 with Mr Pilbeam.

### Nativity & Christmas Service

As our update last week stated, we are continuing to prepare for the Nativity and Christmas Service in the hope they can proceed as planned. During this two-week period of additional measures, we will monitor impact and consider implications for the final two weeks of term when these occasions are due to take place - it is noted that local events and organisations in the wider community are also reviewing their positions. Understandably we wish to make the best decisions for all members of the school community in order to minimise risk and reduce impact on both learning and holiday plans.

### Dogs

Thank you to those dog owners who observe our request for dogs not to be brought onto the school site, including the car park, due to hygiene and safety reasons. Please can we also ask you to consider where you wait or leave your dog (gates and pathways etc) as adults and children of a nervous disposition often have to pass by in a limited space to get into and out of school. Thank you.

### Car Engines

With the temperature dropping, we are entering the season when our car heater and air-conditioning is working overtime. Please can I urge parents not to park and wait for long periods with their engine running as this is not good for the environment or the pedestrians passing by. Thank you.

### The Queen's Jubilee Tree

Some of you may have noticed a new sapling has been planted on the lawn adjacent to the tyres and playground shelter. This Wild Cherry tree has been provided to the school as part of The Queen's Jubilee celebrations in Buckinghamshire. We have taken measures to protect the sapling from over-exposure to children and small animals but please be aware of the metal stakes and mesh in use. Thank you

Mr M Tomson  
Headteacher

### Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

EYFS	Wilf, Megan	Year 3	Freddie B, Imi
Year 1	Logan, Isla	Year 4	Celyn, Emily
Year 2	Harrison, Arthur	Year 5	Livie, Rowen
		Year 6	Benjamin, Abigail

### DATES FOR THE DIARY (New items or amendments in bold)

24 Nov Years 5&6 Young Voices Choir Club starts, 3.15-4.15pm  
3 Dec PTFA Christmas Fayre, 3.30-5.30pm  
9 Dec PTFA Waterside Panto Ticket Night  
10 Dec Christmas Jumper Day  
**10 Dec House Captain charity cake sale**  
13 Dec Infant Nativity, 9.30-10.30am & 2.00-3.00pm  
14 Dec Infant Nativity, 6.30-7.30pm  
15 Dec Christmas Church service 9.30-10.30am  
15 Dec AIP Christmas lunch  
17 Dec Last day of term  
4 Jan Inset day  
5 Jan Children return to school

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