



Monday 8th March

We are so excited about Monday and can't wait to be back together again!

Just wait until you see all of your fantastic work on display in class, in the Library and around school. It looks A-MA-ZING!

Your teachers have been busy planning lots of exciting activities for your return next week.

Parents, please make sure you have read the updated guidance that was emailed out on Wednesday and please pass this on to any childminders or grandparents who help with the school run.

Thank you so much to our wonderful parents and community for all of your support during the latest lockdown period.

The real stars, as ever, have been our amazing children, in school and at home.

You are all brilliant and we are so proud of you!

Mrs Lamb

Lateral Flow Tests

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible.

Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

GPFS Nursery

If your child will turn three before September 2021, now is the time to apply for a Nursery place. The deadline for applications to Nursery for September 2021 is **Friday 19th March**.

Although we would love to have invited parents to visit our Nursery, obviously that has not been possible this year. However, we have created a virtual tour of our Early Years setting, which can be found on the school website. Please go to the 'New Nursery and Reception Parents' section to find our tour, we hope you enjoy having a look around! You can also find application forms and the information you will need to apply in that section of the website too.

If you have any further queries please contact the school office.

Thank you
Miss Gasper
Nursery Teacher and Early Years Lead

Good luck and thank you!

Good luck to the Mancini family who are embarking on their challenge this weekend, running 4 miles every 4 hours for 48 hours including through the night! They have already smashed their target of £250 and have raised over £1000 for school. For more details and to donate please follow https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/christina-mancini-1?utm_term=4rwExbeGD



Some exciting things to look forward to over the next few weeks ...

- WB 8th March – Return to school week! Lots of fun activities as we get back together with our friends
- WB 15th March – Red Nose Day!
- WB 22nd March – STEM week
- WB 29th March – Easter fun and egg decorating!

More information to follow soon ...

School Uniform

PLEASE REMEMBER - Preloved uniform is available to buy anytime through Kate Watkins. Please contact her on 07947846974.

This includes not only official school uniform but also grey items priced as low as 50p.

If you have any pre-loved uniform in a good condition that can be passed on, please leave it at the school office. Thanks



Healthy School

It's so exciting to think that all of our children will be returning to school next week. It would be fantastic if more families made a decision to leave the car at home where possible and include walking, scooting or riding a bike to school as part of their new school routine. Getting a bout of fresh air and exercise on the way in is a great way to help ease the transition back to school, offering a mental and physical boost before they arrive. It also benefits everybody by being safer for our children around school. Also, having fewer cars on the roads helps ease traffic congestion and reduce pollution. If time or distance is an issue, parking a short distance away at Asda offers the easiest parking around. It still enables 10 minutes of exercise, keeps our streets around school safer and less polluted and only adds an extra 10 minutes to the morning routine. Hopefully when the 3 Mile Inn re-opens we'll be able to make arrangements to park there again too.

Mrs Wells



Yellow class are our Mathletics of the week – well done everyone!

Maisie Rivett, Sahib Singh Dhaliwal, and Ella Sinclair have been working so hard on Mathletics this week – amazing effort!



Jemima Bond, Elizabeth Muldoon-Smith, Isabel Gent and Millie Anderson are still our Rock Legends – well done girls. Lots of you have been earning more coins this week though – keep up the good work, and I'm sure we'll have more Rock Legends really soon!



Malaika Malik in Yellow Class is our Oxford Reading buddy this week - well done!

Mrs Lambert

