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Welcome back! It has been so wonderful to see all of our children and families this week. We have missed you all so much!

The children have been absolutely amazing, adapting to new routines and settling into the new normal.

There has been a real buzz in school with lots of smiles, giggles and laughter!

Thank you for your patience at the beginning and end of the day. We know the staggered starts aren't ideal for parents with children in different classes and schools. The system has become much quicker over the course of the week. Thank you so much by arriving at your allocated time and following the rainbow loops in the morning.

Please remember not to come on site until your allocated time so that children with earlier drop off times can get to where they need to be safely.

If you are waiting with siblings, please keep your children next to you at all times to help others maintain social distancing.

Please remember to park considerately.

A few questions/issues have popped up over the course of the week – please see below

Birthday Treats

Please do not send birthday treats into school. We will of course celebrate your child's birthday but we want to limit non-essential items on site and the passing of items from home/school.

Personal Hand Sanitiser

Please do not send personal bottles of hand sanitiser to school. We have lots of sanitiser points both in and outside of school and handwashing facilities in the toilets in all classes.

Show and Tell

Please do not send items in for show and tell.

Grandparents, Friends and Relatives

If someone else is picking your child up, please explain the drop off and collection procedures and share the map and times for each class (which have been in the last few newsletters) so they know which door to go to. Previous newsletters are available on the front page of the website.

Messages

Please do not try to give staff messages on the door. Please email or phone the office and these will be passed on.

Packed lunches

Please remember we are a nut free school. We have a number of children in school with *severe* nut allergies. Please remember to cut grapes in half lengthways.



Please make sure you are signed up for Seesaw. If you need us to resend your instructions, please drop Admin and email and we can get those sent to you. If your child needs to isolate at home for any reason, this is how we will be sending out home learning. This is also how teachers will be sending homework.



The school newsletter is emailed to you each Friday via ParentPay. You should also have received an email this week asking you to activate your account (new parents).

Please activate your account as soon as possible. ParentPay is used for emails, trips and permission slips, not just for paying for school lunches. Once you have logged into the web browser, make sure you have your notifications turned on (speech bubble icon, change alert settings, turn on email and text alerts in all categories).

If using a smart phone, you will be prompted to add ParentPay to your home screen so it appears as an APP for easy access.

If you have any problems, please let the office know.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb



Teachers are busy sorting out new passwords for Mathletics, PurpleMash, Oxford Owl and Times Table Rock stars. These will be stuck into your child's reading record so they are easy to find.



Whole school attendance was 99.5% this week! Up from 97% this time last year. Please see below our Covid Related Pupil Absence Guide. Please be aware we still cannot grant term time holiday requests and holiday absence will be followed up in the same way as usual as will all other unauthorised absence.



Gold Stars

We are very excited to be able to reveal our new Gold Star prizes for the new academic year. Children will earn gold stars for good work or effort within classrooms. Each time they reach a multiple of 10, children will receive a special wristband which they can wear during the school day to show off their achievements. These will be kept in school.



Raffle tickets

Raffle tickets can be earned for courteous behaviour around school. Each teacher will keep their own raffle ticket box within classrooms and draw out the lucky prize winner during Friday's virtual assembly. Prizes can be taken home as they will not be touched by any other teachers or children.

Book Bags and Reading Books

Please look out for a message on Seesaw about reading book arrangements for your year group. Remember the Oxford Reading Buddy online resource has loads of fantastic books and quizzes. The log ins from last year are the same and all children have been moved to their new year group. We will be sending log in reminders for everyone next week and new logins for Reception. If you have any issues please email Mrs Lambert.

Please only send book bags to school on Mondays and Fridays.



Covid Related Pupil Absence Guide

	Scenario	Action required
1	<p>My child has COVID-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High temperature • New continuous Cough • Loss or change to sense of smell or taste 	<p>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Book a test https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/</p> <p>Self-isolate everyone in your household while you wait for the test result.</p>
2	The test result is negative	<p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>If well enough, your child can return to school on the following day (or the same day if possible).</p>
3	The test result is positive	<p>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</p> <p>Everyone in your household must self-isolate for 14 days. The person who has a positive test must self-isolate for 10 days or until they are well (we will authorise 14 days self-isolation absence as we understand the practical difficulties in getting your children to school if you are self-isolating for 14 days)</p>
4	My child is unwell with non COVID-19 related symptoms	Follow the usual school absence procedures.
5	Someone in my household has COVID symptoms	<p>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Book a test https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/</p> <p>Self-isolate everyone in your household while you wait for the test result.</p>
6	Someone in my household has tested positive for COVID-19	<p>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Self-isolate everyone in your household for 14 days.</p> <p>The person who has tested positive must self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.</p>

7	NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as being in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or I know that my child has had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19	<p>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Your child will have to self-isolate for 14 days. Other members of your household do not need to self-isolate. If your child develops symptoms in the self-isolation period, follow the advice for scenario 1. If another member of the household develops symptoms, follow the advice for scenario 5.</p>
8	We are returning from travel to a country where a period of quarantine is necessary.	<p>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</p> <p>Follow advice regarding the need to quarantine https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice and how to quarantine https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk</p> <p>Ring school immediately so that we are aware and so that we can agree a return to school date.</p>
9	We have received medical advice that my child needs to resume shielding	<p>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</p>
10	My child's school bubble has been told to self-isolate.	<p>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</p> <p>School will contact you to share the advice from Public Health England and to inform you of a return to school date and arrangements for remote learning.</p>

