

Newsletter 9

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Challenge, Equality & Opportunity

News and Information from School

Positive Cases in the Holiday

Unfortunately, we can't rule out the possibility of staff or pupil positive cases being confirmed in the holidays and some of these could impact others in the school community, depending on when symptoms started and when confirmed cases last had contact with people in school. It is essential that you inform us if your child has a positive test result in the holidays, even if they are asymptomatic. We have created a form on ParentMail which will ask for your details, when your child was last in school, when the

symptoms started, when your child had the test and when you received the test result. This information will enable us to take any necessary action and inform other people who might be required to self-isolate. You do not need to inform us of positive cases for other members of your family, just for children who attend Broadway. If you submit a form and we do not get in touch with you, then no action is required from school. Thank you for your support.



January Absences

We are hugely relieved that the DfE announcements for a late return in January only apply to secondary schools. We will be open and ready to welcome everyone back on Monday 4th January. If your child is unwell or self-isolating at that time, please let us know in the usual way.

School Meals in KS2

We are hoping to be able to offer a hot school meal to children in KS2 in the spring term, at the usual cost of £2.20 per day. However, as you can imagine, the issues around distancing 'bubbles' in the hall and having the appropriate supervision still remain. Our hall is considerably smaller than Gosforth Park First School's hall and we currently are using mostly classroom tables in the hall in order to keep the appropriate distance between the class bubbles. The tables were not needed in classrooms when we ordered new tables so that all classrooms could be set up within the guidance. In order to make hot meals for KS2 feasible, those wishing to have a hot meal would eat in the hall on the first sitting with, but distanced from, the Reception children. They would then go out to play with the other children in KS2. If the numbers are higher than we expect, then we will not be able to go ahead with the plan. In order to help us to assess the feasibility, we have devised a form for you to complete on ParentMail. We hope to be able to get started in the second or third week of term. If we are able to provide hot meals for KS2, then there will no longer be an option of a purchased school packed meal. You only need to complete the form on ParentMail if you want to take up the offer of the hot meal for your child in KS2 (Classes 5, 6 and 7).

And Finally...

A thank you, an enormous thank you, for your support over the past 9 months. We could never have predicted what 2020 would bring to our school and our communities and it has been difficult and challenging for so many reasons and in so many ways, not just for school but for individual families and the whole community. It is in times of difficulty that we realise our collective strength and the value of working together and so I would like to thank every single member of our school family from staff members to parents and carers and most importantly, our children. We consider ourselves so lucky to work every day with the best 4-9 year olds in the world. Their love of learning, enthusiasm for school, friendships, happiness and general fabulousness has been what has kept us going.



Many thanks also to you for your generosity, kind words and gifts this week. You are all awesome, and we are very grateful #teambroadway!

Before I sign off, a quick message for the children who are expecting a special visitor on Christmas Eve... I have had confirmation that Mr Claus is fit, healthy and not restricted to working from home, so he WILL be able to make his usual visit this year and as you will all be tucked up in bed asleep, you don't even need to worry about social distancing!



I hope that you all have a wonderful restful holiday and manage to safely enjoy some time with your families. Take care, stay safe and here's to the new year!

Best wishes
Helen McKenna
Headteacher