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New Pupil (Year R, 2)

Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Good Morning!

UNWELL CHILDREN

In the last week we have had a number of children with colds and coughs. A few families were concerned about Covid19 and managed to get tests – we have not been notified of any positive results at this school.

IF your child/someone in the household has Covid-19 symptoms of high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of taste or smell -your child and all of your household must stay home and arrange for a test to be done. The whole household must self isolate until you have the result of the test.

Stay at home

You and everyone else in your household needs to remain at home. Do not go to work, school, or public areas, and do not use public transport or taxis.

Nobody should go out even to buy food or other essentials, and any exercise should be taken within your home.

Please let us know if your household is doing this so we can monitor our school community.

HAND SANITISER

Children are not required to bring their own santiser. We have 'medical quality' sanitiser available in school and the application of this has to be supervised. This is because many products have a high % of alcohol (which makes them effective) but they should not be used without adult support.

If children bring their own (not fruit flavoured etc.), it must be handed in to their teacher in order to prevent sharing with other children and so the use can be supervised. We are aware that a few children cannot use sanitiser due to diagnosed skin conditions and they will be supported to wash their hands as an alternative.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

This week our parent/carer consultations are taking place and many of you have signed up for a 10 minute appointment with your child's class teacher through Parentmail.

Please be available at the time you have booked and teachers will ring you. Please note that the number will be 'unknown/no caller id' as teachers are using their personal devices and are not permitted to share their personal contact details with you.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Our updated policy for this year is available on our website, under SAFEGUARDING. If anyone has any concerns about a child outside of school, we all have a responsibility to tell someone so they can be protected and supported.

One way to do this is to contact:

NSPCC 0800 800 5000 or use their online contact at [nspcc.org.uk](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)

BAG2SCHOOL - Monday 19th October

We are sending home the blue/white plastic bags for donations. As many of you may have had a 'sort out' in the last few months, this is an opportunity to fill the bags and raise some much needed funds for our school.

On Monday 19th October please bring any full bags to the outdoor classroom in Key Stage 2 before 9am.

PACKED LUNCHES

We promote the eating of a balanced diet through our school lunches and taught curriculum. Our school dinners follow national nutritional guidelines and 'Change 4 Life' has many ideas for packed lunches. Packed lunches should not be too large, contain no more than 1 cake/biscuit bar and NO sweets are allowed. Following all of the medical and dental advice, we have a policy of WATER in bottles and support children to drink regularly. Returning or starting school is a really good time to book a school lunch as it will encourage your child to try different foods - they always try items at school they won't eat at home!

CURRICULUM

We are providing a full curriculum offer within the school day with some necessary amendments in some subjects. Details of the planned learning for each year group is on our website under PARENTS - CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS - Autumn 1

REMOTE LEARNING STRATEGY

We have drafted our remote learning strategy in the event of a class/year group or the school needing to temporarily close. A key element of our communication with families will be the use of **Tapestry** to send children's learning to their teachers and enable us to give individual feedback. Please ensure that you have activated your account and contact the school office if you have any problems with this.

And finally...Year 6 HOUSE CAPTAINS

22/58 children applied and presentations took place on Friday afternoon. It was such a pleasure to hear so many children speak positively about their time at this school - this included some who had been here since Nursery and others who had joined more recently - Thank you Year 6, you made my week!

Best wishes,
Lynnette Selbie