

Annie Lennard Primary School

The Oval, Smethwick, West Midlands, B67 6LE

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Newsletter 7th January 2022

Good Afternoon All

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back. Well, we have started the new year some what affected by Covid, we have had many staff and pupils not return from the Christmas break due to testing positive. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Can I take the opportunity to welcome Mrs Jones to our school. She has been getting know pupils and staff all week, if you see her about please don't hesitate to stop and have a chat to introduce yourselves she would be looking forward to getting to know our wonderful families. (there is a letter from Mrs Jones also attached to this newsletter).

COVID-19

You will be aware that guidance has changed and is set to change again on Tuesday so I thought I would update you on school procedures.

- If your child develops any of the main symptoms they will still need to go and get a PCR test.
- From Tuesday 11th January 2022 if you test positive on a routine LFT you no longer need to get a PCR test to confirm the result.
- If your child tests positive on a Lateral Flow Test or a PCR test they will have to isolate. On day 6 and day 7 (taken 2hrs apart) they can take an LFT, if both of these tests are negative then the pupil can return to school on day 8. If the LFT is positive then they will have to isolate for the full 10 days, returning to school on day 11 – providing they are well enough.
- If your child is a close contact we will contact you directly to inform you.
- If your child is considered to be a close contact of someone who has tested positive in school they will not be required to self-isolate but are strongly advised to take an LFD test every day for 7 days, or until 10 days since your last contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19 if this is earlier. The test must be taken in a morning before they come to school.

If your child is isolating and they are well in themselves they will be required to log into Teams where they will be able to join their classroom virtually and access everything the pupils in school are doing. Log ins remain the same from last year. If you need your log ins please contact the office and arrangements will be made to give you the information you need. If your child is ill we do not expect them to join in with the online learning until they are well enough to do so.

Year 3 and 4 Trip to young voices – postponed

I have received an email this week saying that we will find out our new date within the next 2 weeks I will keep you updated as soon as I receive the date.

School meals

Currently cost £2.40 daily and must be paid online via ParentPay BEFORE meals are taken. The school does not cook meals on site and, therefore, all dinners must be ordered by 9:15am.

Training Day

On Monday 17th school will be closed to pupils.

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Trips reminder

All trips have places available and need to be booked via ParentPay.

- Year 2 and 3 Residential trip to Edgmond Hall 23rd - 25th May

Completion of forms

Can we please ask that all forms that are sent home are completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible please

Home Time

If someone different is going to be collecting your child/ children can you let the school office know before the end of the day please. We will **not** let your child go with anyone other than you or the person who normally collects them until we have had confirmation from parents.

Dates for your Diary

January 22		
	Monday 10 th	Year 3 and 4 @ Young Voices Concert – postponed, see above for details
	Monday 17 th	Training Day - School closed to pupils
February	18 th	School closes today for half term
	28 th	School reopens to pupils
March	1 st	KS1 parent consultation (tbc in school or via phone call)
	2 nd	Early Years parent consultation (tbc in school or via phone call)
	3 rd	KS2 parent consultation (tbc in school or via phone call)
	3 rd	World Book Day – dress up as book characters
	15 th	Theatre Company in school
April	8 th	Pupils Break Up for Easter Holidays today
	25 th	School reopens to pupils
May	2 nd	May Day Bank Holiday school closed
		Year 2 SATS will be undertaken throughout May (Statutory Tests)
	9 th – 12 th	Year 6 SATS – all year 6 children must be in school this week (Statutory Tests)
	23 rd – 25 th	Year 2 and 3 residential trip to Edgmond Hall
	27 th	Sports Day – provisional date
	27 th	Pupils Break Up for Whitsun Holidays today
June	6 th	School reopens to pupils
	6 th – 10 th	Year 1 Phonic Screening Test (Statutory Test)
	6 th – 24 th	Year 4 multiplication Test (Statutory Test)
July	15 th	Reports out to parents
	19 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
	19 th	Provisional Date for Year 6 leavers Party
	20 th	School closes to pupils for Summer holidays today
	21 st	Training Day School closed to pupils

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Friday 7th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I thought I'd take this opportunity to introduce myself and say hello to you all! As of this week, I have taken up the position of Deputy Head at Annie Lennard Primary after Mrs Rogman's retirement at Christmas. I know I have very 'big shoes to fill!' Many of you may have seen me at the start of day on occasions this week and it has been lovely to say hello to yourselves and your children.

So, a little bit about myself - I have taught in Sandwell for the last fifteen years as a Primary school teacher, leaving my last school and Year 5 class at the end of the Autumn term. I have taught across Key Stage 1 and 2, in every year group, in my teaching career and have led many different curriculum subjects and areas during this time. When I came into teaching, my reason was to make a difference to children's chances and opportunities in life; even now, nearly two decades later in a different role as Deputy Head, that is still my motivation.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week, getting to know the amazing staff and wonderful pupils. I've been made to feel very welcome and I've been in classes lots this week, finding my feet and getting up to speed with how we work at Annie Lennard. I really am looking forward to working with and alongside you all and your children. So, please say hello, they'll always be a friendly smile in return.

Best Wishes
Mrs H Jones