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Newsletter No.5 - 7th January 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Children, Diary Dates

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you have had a lovely festive break with friends and family and hope you have stayed well. On behalf of all of the staff I would like to say a huge thank you for all of the lovely gifts you gave us before Christmas.

Please find enclosed a link to our new diary dates for this new Spring Term. There are just a few dates we would like to draw to your attention but we will be adding more dates over the coming weeks.

This term's topic plans are available for you to view on our website. <u>Year 1</u> <u>Year 2</u>. Year R's topic for this term is 'Mythical Creatures' and their plan will be available to from next week.

We sent out an email earlier this week outlining the new guidance for Covid and I have included these below for your information again.

Thank you for your continued support.

Covid Update

There have been a few changes to the guidance with effect from 22nd December and I would like to draw your attention to these.

The self-isolation advice for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed.

- Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.
- Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive **two**negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be
 taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart.
- This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7.
- Please can you notify us if your child received a positive LFD and the test result of their PCR in the normal way.

COVID-19 infection rates are very high and the Omicron variant is spreading rapidly. It is important that we all take steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19 infection in the community to save lives and protect the NHS.

If you have COVID-19 <u>symptoms</u> you should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. You should <u>arrange to have a PCR test</u> as soon as possible. If this PCR test result is positive, you must continue to self-isolate.

If you do not have COVID-19 symptoms, but you have a positive PCR test result, you must stay at home and self-isolate.

If you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 you are at significantly higher risk of becoming infected yourself. LFD tests are very good at identifying people who have high levels of coronavirus and are most likely to pass on infection to others, even if you do not have symptoms.



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Lunchtime Football Club (Full details enclosed in the flyer)

In conjunction with Premier Education we will be running two lunchtime football clubs again this term. The clubs will run Tuesdays and Fridays and cost £45 for each one. Spaces are limited to 20 for each club.

YR & Y2 (TUESDAY) 11th January—29th March (11 sessions)

YR (FRIDAY) 14th January—1st April (11 sessions)

Please book your child's place by clicking on this link. https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/836/?location=haddenham%20infant

Then, please make payment on the School Gateway app or website. https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login

Please click on 'clubs'. You will see there is one session date, please select which will allow you to pay for the term. Thank you.

If you would like your child to join one of these clubs but feel you would need financial support please do come and chat to us.

Parent's Evening

We would like to give you advanced notice that parent's evening will be on Monday 28th February, Tuesday 1st March and Thursday 3rd March. Further details will follow.

PTA Christmas Raffle — Thank You!

Thank you for supporting the raffle. The PTA raised an amazing £370 profit.

New Parent Governors—Note from Hilary Conboy, Chair of Governors

Dear Parents

I hope you all had a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

I am delighted to report that we have two new parent governors, Rob Beatson and Clare Farrow. You will remember that I wrote last term asking for nominations and as there were just two nominees by the end of term, they have been appointed in accordance with the rules without need to go to an election.

Kind regards, Hilary Conboy, Chair of Governors



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Parent Forum—Feedback

The Class Reps and I met for a Parent Forum just before the end of last term. Thank you for providing your comments and feedback, all of which are greatly appreciated to help us improve on what we currently do in school. Please find enclosed the notes from the meeting.

Trips - parents were pleased with the plans for future trips and we hope all of the ones we have scheduled so far can go ahead.

Home learning - Parents liked the home work home learning and felt it was manageable (Y2) they also liked the slips each week which were put in to the reading records telling the parents what each weeks homework in Y2 was. The homework in Y2 does increase compared to the reading requirements in YR and YR1

They requested whether there was any way we could facilitate a what the children have been learning in Maths and English that week in the same way but recognised that the MY Maths was used to reinforce what was in class. (We are looking in to this for classes)

Parents requested some more guidance on what was happening in terms of recording reading in the reading records in YR - We are in the process of formalising what is being recorded in Reading records and Mrs Moore will comment on this along with some further guidance on reading from the school about reading at home with your child.

Clubs - There was a request for a return of the Froglets club which was run by Mr Rowe last year. We are currently in conversation with Mr Rowe and he is looking at the feasibility of running a similar type of club one lunch time at some point in the year...watch this space!

Hot lunches - there was a query about what the children were having and the menus online and whether they were up to date. The menus we have on the website are up to date and the company we have been receiving lunches from have been revising their menus and there is still an issue with supply levels of some ingredients we have been told. Some changes come through the same day as the lunch they are due to provide. We are in conversations with the company about the provision at present.

Newsletter - Parents liked the calendar dates and felt that worked well for the whole term. They also liked the Christmas events calendar sheet as it is such a busy time of year.

Parents were enthusiastic about the curriculum in KS1 and commented on what a fantastic time they were having.

YR parents also commented on how good the YR team were.

Best wishes

Lucy McNeil