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## NEWSLETTER 10 - 24.01.2022

#### Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware I finally got caught by Covid, luckily with a mild dose and a release on day six, it was certainly good to be able to get back to school this morning! We still have Covid cases in school as follows; Rowan - 6, Willow - 0, Oak - 1 and Nursery - 4. These numbers have been steady for a few weeks (with children moving on and off the list) and having the classes in bubbles does seem to be working regarding reducing the spread without too much impact on children.

We are really grateful to those of you that are using lateral flow tests when you know there are cases in your child's class and we will continue to communicate with you about cases in school.

We are also really grateful that you are all so good at calling school to leave absence messages or let us know that your child is not coming into school - it saves Mrs Gozney and I a lot of time. A gold star for everyone!!

If your child is at home with Covid but feeling well and you would like home learning for them please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself. We don't expect them to do this but we also understand that some of them may want to so it is completely up to you as parents.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 3<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day so we are asking all children (and staff!!) to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We are looking forward to seeing some fantastic outfits but are very happy for you to be creative and use what you have at home or equally for your child to come in non-uniform if they are not a fan of dressing up.

## VALENTINE'S DISCO

Just to remind you the Valentine's Disco takes place on Thursday 10th February, a letter has been sent with the times for each class and a slip to return with the payment please.

Please note – there will be NO Doncaster Rovers Football Club that day.

### I LOVE YOU DAY

Please come and celebrate the love you share with your children. The children will work with you on a variety of activities which will celebrate Valentine's Day. If you are unable to come please feel free to send granny, granddad etc. If this is not possible please speak to me and I will happily go and work with your child. If you have two children at the same time please feel free to take one child to the other child's classroom.

A letter has been emailed with the times and dates for each class.

## **ASSESSMENTS**

Year 2 Assessments will take place in the month of May and the Year 1 Phonics test will take place during week beginning Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022. These are statutory government assessments which have to take place but we will ensure that they are carried out in a relaxed and happy atmosphere with a drink and a biscuit at the end! Please do not book holidays during this time.

## Y2 SWIMMING

Please be aware that if your child has their ears pierced they will need to have their earings taken out before school on swimming days and if they get them newly pierced and cannot take them out then they will not be allowed to swim - these are Notts School Swimming rules.

# **DIARY DATES**

Tuesday 1st February Willow & Rowan virtual visit to the London Transport Museum

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February Valentines Disco - see letter

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February I Love You Day - Acorns (Nursery) - see emailed letter Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February I Love You Day - Oak, Willow and Rowan - see emailed letter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February Willow and Rowan visit to Torworth Gym - PM

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February Break-up for half term Monday 21st February First day back at school

Monday 21st February First swimming session for Rowan class (Year 2)

Thursday 3rd March World Book Day

Wednesday 9th March Oak and Acorns (Nursery) Sam's Safari in school

Week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> March

Friday 1st April

Baby chicks arriving in school

Break-up for Easter Holidays

Tuesday 19th April First day back at school after holidays

Mrs Cook Head Teacher