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NEWSLETTER 13 - 23.02.2022

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been lovely to see so many children and staff back in school this week - we are almost completely Covid free which is lovely. You may have noticed that Mrs Bower is still absent from work. I know you will join me in sending her our best wishes. This means that there is less office capacity than normal so please continue to put your money in a named envelope so it doesn't get muddled up, we really appreciate your support with this.

LIVING WITH COVID

As you will be aware the Government are removing legal requirements relating to covid including the legal requirement to isolate and the expectation that school staff test twice a week. They are still giving advice though! I have copied what I think is the bit of the document that might be most useful, please see below:

Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. After 5 days, they may choose to take a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) followed by another the next day - if both are negative, and they do not have a temperature, they can safely return to their normal routine. Those who test positive should avoid contact with anyone in an at risk group, including if they live in the same household.

Schools have not been given any specific advice yet so for now I suggest we follow the Government advice and I will update you further when I get information from the Local Authority. I realise that these "living with Covid" plans will evoke different thoughts for different people so if you have any particularly questions please feel free to come and speak to me.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP ROUTINES/LATENESS

Thank you to everyone for following the new routines and to the majority of you who are on time for school every day.

It is really, really important that children come to school on time. When children arrive late they miss learning that is happening in the classroom, some feel awkward that they are late and it disrupts learning for everyone which is far from ideal. It also means that office staff (or me!) have to take children to classes which means they are then not available to answer the phone or get on with their work. We realise there are exceptions e.g. sick siblings, car breakdowns etc and these are obviously fine.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE BE ON TIME FOR SCHOOL - THE GATE OPENS AT 8.40AM AND CLOSSES AT 8.50AM.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

Lots of our families kindly donate their child's school uniform back to school so it can be used by others. This is something which we support and are happy to facilitate. If you would like any preloved uniform please phone the office on a Monday, Wednesday and Fridays - Mrs Gozney's days and she will put some uniform to one side for you.

We would also be grateful for donations of tights, socks and girls pants (bigger sizes).

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Everyone should have received their child's school photograph. The deadline for returning order forms is Thursday 10th March.

PARENTS EVENING

These will be held face to face on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th March for Nursery, Oak and Rowan Classes and for Willow Class on Wednesday 16th March and Thursday 17th March. Signing up sheets will go up on the 7th March.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 3rd 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.

DIARY DATES

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| Monday 28 th February | Willow Class to The Elizabethan Academy Dance Festival |
| Thursday 3 rd March | World Book Day |
| Wednesday 9 th March | Oak and Acorns (Nursery) Sam's Safari in school |
| Wednesday 9 th March | Willow & Rowan Classes to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park |
| 15 th , 16 th & 17 th March | Parents Evenings |
| Week commencing 21 st March | Baby chicks arriving in school |
| Friday 1 st April | Break-up for Easter Holidays |
| Tuesday 19 th April | First day back at school after holidays |

As always if you have any questions or concerns please come and speak to me.

Kind regards

Mrs Cook
Head Teacher