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HOMEFIELD NEWS

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Headteacher's Message

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Things have been a little tricky in school since we returned after the Christmas break. We are seeing increasing numbers of COVID cases affecting children and staff and this week we have had both the cook and assistant cook absent after testing positive. As a result, we have had a limited menu but at least we managed to feed our children. I would like to thank Mrs Sandall for stepping in as school cook for the week and would also like to thank you all for your cooperation and patience. I think that when things like this happen, the strength of the school community comes through as everyone works together to ensure the least disruption for the children. As a precaution, we have reverted to sitting children in rows, facing the front of the class instead of sitting opposite each other on tables. This is a temporary measure and will be reviewed at the end of this week.

Thank you once again and stay safe.

Mrs Glendinning

COVID-19 Updated Guidance on Testing and Isolation

Children should not come into school if they have any symptoms of COVID 19, have had a positive test result or are at risk of passing on COVID-19 because they should be quarantining.

If a child in school develops symptoms, no matter how mild, they will be sent home and should be collected by a member of their family or household. The household, including siblings, should follow the UKHSA stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

Children with a positive LFD test result should also self-isolate in line with the above guidance and will need to have a PCR test if they have symptoms. They will need to isolate while waiting for the result. If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the LFD test and is negative, then the child can return to school. Children who test positive on LFD but have no symptoms must stay at home and follow the guidance found on the www.gov.uk website – Stay at Home: Guidance for households with possible or confirmed Coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

If a child tests positive, then they can return to school on Day 6 (after 5 days) providing they have 2 negative LFD tests at least 24 hours apart on days 5 and 6 of their isolation. There is no need for primary age pupils to regularly test unless they have been identified as a contact of someone testing positive and are advised to take an LFD test every day for 7 days.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the school as safe as possible for everyone.

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Wildlife Area

Mr Green is currently clearing the wildlife area to make it safe, and we are hoping that the children will be able to use it as an outdoor learning space by the summer term. We are going to ask the children for their ideas on what they would like to see in the area.

IT Improvements

We have stated a programme to improve IT provision for staff and children. A class set of 30 Chromebooks are now available for children and all teachers have a laptop to enable them to work both at school and at home. During the February half term break the interactive boards will be replaced in the classrooms. We will continue to improve provision in the school to ensure it is suitable to meet the needs of the school and the curriculum

Term Dates

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5th January 2022 – Children return to school

Friday 11th February 2022 – Break up for half term

Monday 21st February 2022 – Return to school

Friday 1st April 2022 – Break up for Easter

Summer Term 2022

Wednesday 20th April 2022 – Children return to school

Friday 27th May 2022 – Break up for Half Term and Queen's Jubilee

Tuesday 7th June 2022 – Return to school

Friday 22nd July 2022 – Break up for summer holidays

For Information

Just be aware that the February half term and the Easter holidays are different than Suffolk schools. This may impact anyone with children in schools in both counties.

Marvellous Me!

Don't forget to download the App and share your children's great news and achievements. Contact the school office if you need a copy of your child's join code.

Reception Class – Exciting News!

Parents of children in the Reception Class may have noticed that the room has been cleared and cleaned over the Christmas break. We are working with the Early Years' Excellence Centre in Huddersfield to completely refresh the classroom with new furniture and high-quality resources. We are hoping that this will be completed over the half-term break and the children should return to a more stimulating and exciting classroom.

Year 6 Residential – 28th to 30th March

We are getting closer to the Year 6 residential and keeping our fingers crossed that this will go ahead. All the children are looking forward to it and, after the two years they have endured throughout the COVID pandemic, they really deserve to spend time together and challenge themselves to do things they wouldn't normally do.

As you can see there are a lot of great things to look forward to and we have many projects underway. We are all very excited about what this term will bring.

TAKE CARE, HAVE A GREAT WEEK AND STAY SAFE