

Friday 26 November 2021

Update Letter



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

I am pleased to report that Covid cases have remained low again this week, with two pupil cases. Unfortunately, we had to close a class for two days this week. I would like to thank all the parents & carers, for their understanding and support, it was much appreciated.

Current Covid Measures

- All staff and secondary age pupils to continue wearing face-coverings when arriving, leaving, and moving around the school site.
- All staff engage in twice weekly testing until the end of the autumn term in December.
- All staff who are identified as a close contact will seek a PCR and engage in daily testing for 10 days.
- All secondary age pupils to continue with twice weekly testing until the end of the autumn term in December.
- All pupils who are identified as a close contact of a confirmed case are strongly encouraged to seek a PCR.
- All visitors to the school will be required to show evidence of a negative LFD test prior to arrival onsite and wear a face-covering throughout the duration of their visit.
- Assemblies will remain virtual.
- Lunches and breaktimes to continue in class bubbles.

We have enjoyed our Active Mile Week this week, encouraging staff and pupils to increase the amount of physical activity they do each day. There are several benefits of regular exercise on not only our general health and fitness but on our mental health too. As a school we are aiming to work towards the 30:30 initiative, with staff & pupils engaging in at least 30 minutes of daily physical activity and not sitting for periods longer than 30 minutes.

It has been great to get swimming going again, as this is one of the pupils' favourite activities and one, they have missed the most during the pandemic and lockdowns. Mr Murphy has worked incredibly hard sourcing suitable swimming venues that meet the needs of our pupils and has done a wonderful job.

We have also begun to participate in other sporting events and activities, Willow Class enjoyed participating in a dance festival yesterday, and Beech Chestnut, Maple and Oak are currently two weeks in to a four-week Bikeability programme enjoying balance bike sessions, with seven pupils progressing to Learn to Ride, both events have been organised in collaboration with Chorley Schools Sport Partnership.



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We are looking forward to celebrating Saint Andrew's Day next week, as part of our learning about British Values, we will be celebrating each of the Patron Saints Days from the British Isles.

We have restarted our before and after school club this week, Mrs Mahood has shared a great blog which highlights all the fun activities the pupils take part in. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Mahood who will be happy to give further details mahoodd@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk

Today is the final non-uniform day to support our Christmas Bingo event, your kind and generous donations of a variety of festive goodies today have been wonderful – thank you so much.

Christmas Bingo will be taking place via teams on Thursday 2 December 6-8pm, if you are interested in taking part or have not bought your tickets yet, please complete the link below [Christmas Bingo Ticket MS Form](#) or contact a member of the business support team bst@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk

We have been busy preparing for our Christmas Show, we are sure you will love it. Once it has been recorded and edited, we will be sharing the link via email for you to see.

We have lots of exciting Christmas activities taking place over the next three weeks, please look at the school calendar on our website. We have updated it and removed the Christmas show as this will now be virtual.

Keep Safe 🌈

Kieran Welsh
Headteacher

