

Friday 11 March 2022

Update Letter



Dear Parents & Carers,

Unfortunately, our Covid 19 cases are rising, we had two last week and have had a further six this week, four staff cases and two pupil cases. Fortunately, we have been able to keep all classes open.

Current Covid Measures

- All staff and secondary age pupils to continue wearing face-coverings when arriving, leaving, and moving around the school site, with the option to wear them in class if they choose to.
- All staff engage in twice weekly testing each Sunday and Wednesday until the end of term.
- Any staff member who develops symptoms will immediately self-isolate and seek a PCR.
- All secondary age pupils to continue with twice weekly testing until the end of term.
- All pupils who are identified as a close contact of a confirmed case need to engage in daily testing for 7 days, any pupils who develop symptoms must immediately self-isolate and 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.

International Women's Day

On Tuesday we celebrated International Women's Day, showing our thanks and appreciation of all the great women in our lives, past and present and the positive impact they have had on our lives. Take a look at some the class blogs, they are great.

Lancashire Sports Partnership Jubilee Baton Relay

On Thursday members of the school council took part in the Chorley leg of a Lancashire wide baton relay to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee year. We had a whole school welcome party on hand to meet and greet pupils from St Mary's School in Chorley and provided them with refreshments after travelling with the baton from their school to ours. We then set off with the baton to complete our leg of the relay and headed to St Laurence's Primary. We had a terrific welcome from the staff and pupils who were clapping and cheering and treated us like VIPs. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the community event to mark the Queens significant milestone.

Easter Bingo

Thank you for your kindness and generosity today we have received some fantastic donations of Easter treats for our Easter bingo prizes. We will be having a second non-uniform day on 18th March as this is the same day as Comic Relief: Red Nose Day, we are having a Superhero Day, staff and pupils can wear their own clothes or choose to dress as their favourite Superhero to fit in with this year's theme. Easter treat donations for bingo and cash donations e.g., 50p/£1 for comic relief would be greatly appreciated.



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Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a Parent Governor vacancy and are looking for a parent or carer who has the time to commit to playing an active role in the life of the school to join our team. We are keen to secure a parent governor whose skills, knowledge and experience will complement the existing team. Whilst not essential, we would especially welcome parents who have worked or are currently working in the following professions medical/healthcare, social care or who have/had their own business.

If you are interested and would like an informal discussion about the role of governor, please feel free to get in touch with Mrs Wendy Blundell, Chair of Governors blundellw@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk who would be happy to give you further information about the role. Further details including the nomination pack will be emailed out next week.

Conflict in Ukraine

Thank you all so much for your kind and generous donations, they will no doubt be very gratefully received, I'm sure. Class 11R are still collecting items if you would like to donate.

Fundraising Boost

Thank you to Mr Wilding, father of one our Y10 pupils for his extremely generous and kind donation of £200. Mr Wildings company The Config Team, have introduced a new scheme which allocates each member of staff £200 to award to a charity of their choice. Mr Wilding has kindly chosen Friends of Astley Park School (FAPS) as his charity, and we are extremely grateful. Each year we need to raise approximately £15,000 to subsidise the Y7 & Year 11 residential activity holiday to Calvert Trust and the Year 6 Graduation and Year 11 Graduation & Prom, so donations like this are very important and much appreciated.

Take care & keep safe 🌈

Kieran Welsh
Headteacher

