

Friday 23 September 2022



Headteacher Letter

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope my letter finds you all safe and well.

Unfortunately, we needed to close Class 11R for two days this week, a decision that was not taken lightly, but necessary due to the staff team having covid. I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the young people for coping with an unplanned change to their routine and the parents for their understanding and support.

As we enter the Autumn/Winter season, I am anticipating that we will see a resurgence of COVID and a rise in cases across the school. Government guidance remains in place for special school settings and is staff who test positive should be absent from work for 5 days and return once well enough to do so, pupils should be absent for three days and return when well enough to do so. As you can appreciate this poses a problem as pupils are able to return prior to the staff team, which will mean safely staffing the classes and keeping them open will become increasingly problematic should the numbers begin to rise.

We are continuing with our strict hand and respiratory hygiene practices to reduce the spread of the virus, however with no other measures in place in or out of school this could prove to be a challenge.

School Events

MacMillan Coffee Morning

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our MacMillan Coffee morning last week. Thanks to your generous donations and support on the day, we raised a very impressive £300 for a charity close to all our hearts.

Parents Evening

Next Wednesday 28th September we have our parent/teacher meetings. These meetings will take place virtually via Microsoft Teams. The first meeting will start at 5.30pm, due to staff training that afternoon. Each meeting will be a maximum of 15 minutes. Unfortunately, due to only being able to start at 5.30pm, we can only hold 9 meetings on the evening itself, the two remaining meeting slots will take place at an alternative date and time to be agreed between yourselves and the teacher. Class teachers will be in touch to arrange the two further meetings.



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How to book your spot

- Click the booking link, (Sent from your class teacher)
- Select your Childs Teacher from the dropdown staff list
- Choose the date of your event
- Choose your time slot
- Add your details to the booking form
- Click Book
- You will then receive an automated email confirming your booking
- You can reschedule or cancel anytime if needed via the link in your email

Fundraising

Our fundraising hero Aaron Causey, parent of a pupil in Maple Class is nearing the end of his exceptional challenge the Cape Wrath Trail, a gruelling 230-mile hike across the remote Scottish Highlands, wild camping along the way. He has already raised an absolutely fantastic £1,305 for the pupils of the school so far. He now needs our support more than ever as he approaches the end of this difficult and challenging journey. Aaron has a Facebook page, please share with family and friends, and follow him on his final leg of the journey and offer him the much needed encouragement and support he deserves <https://m.facebook.com/Enduring-Cape-Wrath-for-Education-charity-walk-102941482503916/> Any donation of any amount would be greatly appreciated, please see the link to his fundraising page <https://gofund.me/67cf2c68>

You've got this Aaron – we are all behind you every step of the way!

Kindest regards,

Kieran Welsh
Headteacher

