

Friday 26 March 2021

Update Letter



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well.

It has been a short half-term, but a very busy one.

It has been wonderful to welcome all the pupils back and come together as a whole school community. The pupils have been truly remarkable and have adapted to full-time onsite learning fantastically. It has been such a challenging time for them, and it has been lovely to see them all settle back in and reconnect with their friends and their teachers. The teachers have been busy planning lots of fun learning activities for the pupils which have provided the opportunity for them to re-assess the pupils and identify where they are up to in their learning and development. Over the next term we will be using this information to help support your child to regain any learning and skills they may have lost during their absence from school.

Easter Bingo

Mrs Clegg led our Easter Bingo online event which was a great success. We had 45 families taking part and we had some very happy winners who will be enjoying their easter egg hampers that were sent home yesterday – we even had some very lucky double winners! Thank you to Mrs Clegg and to all those who took part, your support helped us to raise a fantastic £307 for school.

Chorley Police station Easter Egg Competition



Mrs Taylor from 7A entered our school into an Easter Egg Competition organised by Chorley Police, courtesy of the Morrisons Community Fund. The aim of the competition was to give something back to the community and as you may have seen from the recent blog the children created Easter cards that we gave to the residents in our local nursing homes. I am pleased to announce that we won and officers from Chorley Police delivered them to school today for us all to have a much needed chocolate treat in class.

Staffing Update

We have two staff leaving us today Mrs Emma Down, Class Teacher in Maple & 9R who was covering a maternity leave and Mrs Jacqueline Branfield School Counsellor & Teaching Assistant who is moving on to concentrate her efforts on her counselling career.

Mrs Brereton, school Speech and Language Therapist is starting her maternity leave after the Easter holidays. Mrs Emily Bigio 9R Class teacher and Miss Lucy Hothersall Maple Class Teacher are both returning from their maternity leave after the Easter holidays.



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Staff Achievements

As a school we are proud of the dedication our staff apply to their continued professional development, we have a number of staff that despite the challenges the pandemic has created have continued with their studies and achieved recognised qualifications. Mrs Anna Clarke has successfully completed and been awarded the National Professional Qualification in Middle Leadership (NPQML). Mrs Rebecca Tolan and Miss Lucy Hothersall have achieved the Forrester School Leader Level 3 qualification and Mrs Katie Goonan has received the Level 1 Braille qualification. I am incredibly proud of their achievements and commitment to the pupils and the school.

Premises Projects

Throughout the pandemic Mrs Harwood School Business Manager has been working hard to continue to update and improve our premises and has co-ordinated the installation of a new climbing frame and covered outdoor learning areas for Chestnut, Maple and Oak class.



I am sure you will agree they are great additions to the school facilities.

Calendar of Events

We have recently re-issued and updated the calendar of events. Please take a look as some of the dates have changed. One date that has changed is the INSET Day on Friday 30 April 2021, school will now be open to pupils on this day and the INSET Day will now be on Friday 16 July 2021.

Pupil testing

Secondary pupils who have selected Home testing – please could you continue with the twice weekly testing on a Wednesday and a Sunday throughout the holidays. Pupils who are being tested at school, will not be tested during the holiday period, and will be tested on their return to school on Monday 12 April.

Staff Testing

Staff will be continuing to test twice weekly throughout the holidays on a Wednesday and a Sunday. They will complete a test on the Sunday before returning to school on the Monday.





Reporting a positive or void LFD test for secondary aged pupils

If your child does test positive when using the LFD test at home, or they have two void tests please use this [Online Form](#).

Reporting a positive PCR test result

If your child takes a PCR test and their result is positive please use the [Positive PCR Test Result](#) to let us know.

Positive Cases

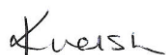
Since returning to school after the February Half-term we have had three staff members test positive, which resulted in two classes needing to self-Isolate for the 10 days.

During the last 12 months we have had seven members of staff test positive and seven pupils. This extremely low number is testament to how well we have worked together, and our commitment to everyone's safety in and out of school.

I hope you all enjoy the break.

Thank you for your continued support.

Take Care & Keep Safe 



Kieran Welsh
Headteacher

