



Newsletter – 31st January 2022

On this day - 1983: New law: Car drivers and front seat passengers must wear seat belts.
Birthdays - 1956: John Lydon (aka Johnny Rotten), born in Holloway, England.

Dear parents, carers and families,

I hope you were all able to enjoy a happy and peaceful weekend. I was able to notice just a little more light in the afternoon sky as we come to the end of January and move quickly towards the end of this half term.

You will have been aware of a recent increase in positive Covid-19 cases across the school. We moved to work in 'ring-fenced' groups over the past fortnight, which the children responded to positively. From today, we will be removing this measure. The children will return to shared playgrounds, eating in the hall and using their usual toilets. We will also be able to host all children in after-school clubs. Thank you for your support to make these measures possible and easy to introduce. Masks for parents and carers are still recommended, please, and we will continue with handwashing, ventilation and surface wiping.

Please check the 'Diary Dates' section below for upcoming events in school. We will be marking Children's Mental Health Week with a selection of activities and assemblies throughout the week beginning February 7th. A separate letter will be sent out today with further details.

One of our music tutors has let me know that there are spaces on a Wednesday afternoon for violin, viola or cello lessons to take place. Please visit the following website if you are interested in booking a place: <https://www.cambridgeshiremusic.org.uk>. These lessons take place in school but are arranged privately.

Back on the Covid-19 front, we have seen 44 positive cases in children this term, with all years affected. From a high of 29 cases in isolation during the week before last, we are now down to just a handful of cases and hopeful those children will return to school in the coming days. I will report on attendance and punctuality again from next week. I would like to thank all of you, however, for your efforts on the punctuality front. I am hopeful the improvement I have seen will be reflected in next week's figures.

With best wishes for the week ahead,
Richard Martin.

DIARY DATES

Monday 7th – Sunday 13th: Children's Mental Health week.

Monday 7th February: National Child Measurement Programme – Reception and Year 6.

Friday 11th February: Dental Survey – Reception and Year 1.

Friday 11th February: Elder Class assembly – pre-recorded for parents / carers.

Friday 11th February: Last day of half term.

Monday 14th – Friday 18th February: Half term break.

Monday 21st February: Children return to school.

Wednesday 23rd February: Year SATs parent meeting – 5.00pm.

