



Dear Parents and Carers,

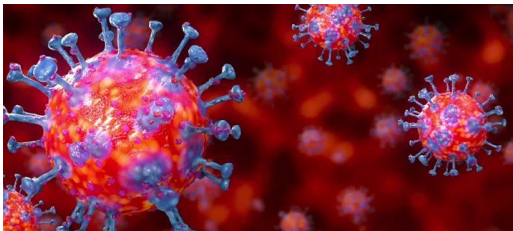
It has been a difficult few weeks adjusting to new reported cases of infection and having to follow new government guidance on return isolation and restriction measures. Thankfully none of our reported infection cases have been linked and the remaining pupils and staff in those 'bubbles' remain safe and well. What is important to remember is that we all support each other during these unprecedented and challenging times and we continue to maintain social distancing as far as possible. Please remember as always, if your child's bubble is isolating, encourage them to continue with the learning offered on 'Class Dojo'. If you have any concerns we are always here to help. Best Wishes, Mrs Stav.



## Covid-Care

If your child has any of the following symptoms cough, fever, loss of taste and smell:

1. Keep your child at home and notify school immediately
2. Arrange for your child to have a COVID test
3. If your child tests positive, notify the school immediately and keep them at home for at least 10 days
4. Make sure the whole household isolates for 14 days
5. If another household member tests positive your child must also isolate for 14 days.



## **'Huge Thanks' for your food bank donations-**

Friends of Crowland together with Crowland Primary School have once again managed to rise up to yet another charitable cause by collecting and donating food to many families in need of support.

A huge thank you to all our families who have contributed to this worthwhile cause and for making our charitable work count once again.

It is important for all of us to remember that as a school we strive beyond academic excellence by continuing to teach our children the importance of charity, sharing and understanding the lives of all human beings.

When we support those around us with genuine commitment, we become more rounded caring individuals!



## **Diary Dates:**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November-Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Anti-bullying Week

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Odd Socks Day

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

Return of Nursery and Reception pupils

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Return of Y1 pupils

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Online Parent Consultations

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

School closes at **1:30** for Xmas break

## COVID: The Importance of Isolation and Continued Care

As you are aware we have had three reported cases of COVID in our school since the beginning of term.

It is important to note that none of these cases are related to each other. This is an indication that the measures in school are effective and that the precautions we take around isolation are crucial in keeping any potential spread under control.

However it is still important that we are all maintaining current government guidelines outside and inside school. In school, we have maintained all safety measures as follows:

- Complete separation of all year groups (referred to as 'bubbles') through staggered playtimes and lunchtimes
- Increased sanitising/cleaning routines
- Regular handwashing by all adults and children
- Sanitising stations in every class and common areas
- Restriction of outside visitors including supply teachers as far as possible
- Separate staffroom areas for adults
- No gathering such as assemblies except for within year groups
- Remote communication with parents and carers
- 'Catch it , Kill it, Bin it' routines established
- Clear and speedy protocol routines for suspected cases
- Quick response to any positive cases in line with Public Health England advice

Please continue to reinforce handwashing routines for our children and if you suspect any symptoms in your household let us know immediately. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

## Ways to Use Xmas Cooking to Teach Children about

### Maths and Science

Xmas holidays are almost here which means many of us will be spending more time in the kitchen. Cooking and baking offer awesome opportunities for hands-on learning, so recruit your kids to help out!

Science and Maths is all about observing and exploring wonder happening around us. So we're challenging you to turn your kitchen into a chemistry lab and whip up wonder while your children explore science with each homemade holiday recipe. They can learn about states of matter, fractions, chemical reactions, use of tools and scientific predictions.

Check out this excellent website by KiwiCo which provides lots of good ideas! **Enjoy!!!**

[https://www.kiwico.com/blog/2020/11/11/5-ways-to-use-holiday-cooking-to-teach-kids-stem/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=blast&utm\\_content=diy&utm\\_term=lg&utm\\_ad=1718498&utm\\_campaign=q-int-30-111420](https://www.kiwico.com/blog/2020/11/11/5-ways-to-use-holiday-cooking-to-teach-kids-stem/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=blast&utm_content=diy&utm_term=lg&utm_ad=1718498&utm_campaign=q-int-30-111420)



## Our New Website



We are so excited to be launching our new website in the new year. These are just some of the benefits we should expect:

- Each year group sharing the work through virtual galleries and curriculum outlines
- Promotional videos about what Crowland Primary School is about
- Key information on events , newsletters and all parent/carers correspondence
- Information and links to remote learning on an ongoing basis
- All up to date school policies and guidance
- Clear profile of all key members of the staff team including governors, senior leaders and teaching staff

We realise that our current website is in need of updating and we are very much looking forward to a much richer, more relevant and a more exciting info sharing tool!

Much appreciation to Barbara Owusu for all her hard work and perseverance!