**Head Teacher’s Comment – from Bryony Surtees**

We have had a lovely first week back following the half term break. The children came back positive, keen and eager to learn and happy to see their friends. Pupils of Red House thoroughly enjoyed their non-uniform day on Monday. Since Monday, we have obviously entered another national lockdown and we have reviewed our risk assessment and our procedures in light of this but our bubble systems work well and the children continue to socially distance, wash or sanitize their hands regularly and their classrooms are well ventilated. As we move further into the winter months, please ensure your child is wearing warm clothing as the rooms will continue to be ventilated throughout this season and the rooms can get slightly chilly. A nice warm vest under their shirt and jumper may be appropriate. Some bubbles have to use the field to ensure the children don’t mix with other year groups at playtime and lunchtime and the field will get muddy in the coming months so please send your child to school in appropriate footwear and which you won’t mind getting muddy. Moving forward the newsletter will move to a fortnightly newsletter so the next one will be sent to you on Friday 20th November. Enjoy the weekend.

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**Parent Governor Elections:**

A big thank you to Sam Brooke, Nick Clay and Matt Rooke for nominating themselves to stand for parent governor. Congratulations to Matt Rooke for winning the election. We look forward to working with you in the future.

**Children in Need Day Friday 13th November:**

Children’s Council have decided on a pyjama day to celebrate Children in Need day. There will also be wrist bands to purchase on Thursday 12th November and Friday 13th November. Donations for the pyjama day can be made at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cin2020-3052038>

**Kindness Day:**

Friday 13th November is also world kindness day. On this day, participants attempt to make the world a better place by celebrating and promoting good deeds and pledging acts of kindness, either as individuals or as organisations.

One of our school values is community and we will be thinking about how we can be community spirited and kind to each other throughout the week. Perhaps you can discuss how you and your family could do a random act of kindness and make someone’s day.

**Anti-bullying week:**

Anti-bullying week is next week, 16th November, and to kick off the week we are inviting the children to wear odd socks on Monday 16th November. Throughout the week assemblies and PSHE lessons will have an anti-bullying focus.

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**Parent Share Sessions:**

The videos to showcase the teaching of reading are taking a bit longer than planned so please bear with us and as soon as we are able to, they will be uploaded onto the class pages on our website.

**Remote Learning Policy:**

If the school has to partially or fully close, or if a child/ren has to isolate, it is important that the children’s education continues. We have put together a remote learning policy which clarifies how we will deliver your child’s learning in such circumstances. Please read the policy which can be found on our website.

If your child has to isolate whilst waiting for the results of a Covid test, the teachers will upload the day’s work/learning onto the class TEAMS account so that your child can do the same work as their class mates. You will find the work under the assignment tab.

**Parking:**

Thank you for being mindful of our neighbours, the children and each other whilst parking at the beginning and end of the day.

**Face coverings:**

As we are now in another national lockdown, we made the decision to encourage parents to wear face coverings whilst picking up and dropping off your children. You will notice the staff will also be wearing mask as this time.

**Road Safety Newsletter:**

Please find attached the latest edition of Way 2 Go the Road Safety Education Team’s newsletter for schools.  I hope you find it enjoyable and interesting.  If you would like to submit an article for the next edition in March please contact:

Rosemary Mullen

Road Safety Officer (School Travel Plans and Sustainable School Travel)

Cambridgeshire County Council

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**Coronavirus:**

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other:

Wash hands, keep washing your hands regularly

Cover face, wear a face covering in enclosed spaces

Make space, stay at least 2 metres apart

**Covid Symptoms:**

If your child displays **any** of the following symptoms, we will send them home and ask you to get them tested for Covid. Similarly, if your child has any of the following symptoms before school, please do not send them in and organise a test.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

* **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature) NHS guidance states that a high temperature is 38C+
* **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
* **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

For all other illnesses, e.g. cold, sore throat, blocked nose, you should send your child to school if you normally would.

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**Dates and School Term Dates 2020/2021**

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| **November** | |
| Friday 13th | Children in Need day |
| w/c Monday 16th | Anti-bullying week |
| Thursday 19th | Zoom Meeting for Prospective Parents @ 1800 |
| w/b: 23rd | Year 2 Phonics Screening |
| Monday 23rd | Parents’ Evening 1530-1730 |
| Wednesday 25th | Parents’ Evening 1530-1930 |

**Autumn term**

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| Starts | Monday 7th September (3rd & 4th September PD days) |
| Half term | Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2020 (Monday 19th October PD Day) |
| Ends | Friday 18th December 2020 |
| Christmas holiday | Monday 21st December 2020 to Sunday 3rd January 2021 |

**Spring term**

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| Starts | Tuesday 5th January (Monday 4th January PD Day) 2021 |
| Half term | (Friday 12th February PD day) Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February |
| Ends | Friday 26th March |
| Spring (Easter) holiday | Monday 29th March - Friday 9th April |

**Summer Term**

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| Starts | Monday 12th April |
| Half term | Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June |
| Ends | Thursday 22nd July 2021 |
| Bank Holiday (School Closed) | Monday 3rd May 2021 |

**PD days - The school is closed on the following days for the professional development of staff:**

**3rd September 2020, 4th September 2020, 19th October 2020, 4th January 2021 and 12th February 2021**