



Head Teacher's Comment – from Bryony Surtees

We have come to the end of a very long and challenging half term and I would like to thank all of our staff, our children and their parents for their hard work, patience and commitment to each other and our pupils. Everyone has had to learn and adapt to a new way of schooling and I have to say, I think everyone has excelled. I am so proud to be the head teacher of such an amazing community. We have received so many positive emails and thanks from parents which has been greatly appreciated and kept our morale high so thank you for your kind words and support. Everyone now needs to rest and recuperate over half term so that they feel refreshed ready for our next half term. We have at least another two weeks of remote learning but we expect to know more about when the children can return to school on Monday 22nd February. As soon as I am able, I will be in touch with our plan. Even though this lockdown has been long and we are missing interacting with our friends and family, I think it's important what we try and focus on some positives and for me the resilience, resourcefulness and adaptability of our community had shone through. Happy Half Term!

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PD Day:

We have a planned professional training day on Friday 12th February and so the school will be closed to all pupils which means there will be no online lessons that day. All of the staff will be having their own online learning.

Parking:

To relieve the pressure on the parking around the school, we have opened our staff car park for parents to use at pick up and drop off. Please ensure you park near the far end of the car park and do not drive through the cones and park in the staff section. Unfortunately, some staff cars have been damaged so please do respect the cones, there is plenty of space elsewhere in the car park.

Illness:

If your child is ill and unable to take part in the remote learning or attend school, please inform the school office.

Please inform us if your child has Covid symptoms and tests positive for COVID, **even over half term.**

Equipment:

This week some children brought their wellies into school due to the snow. This was perfectly acceptable due to the weather conditions. However, normally, we ask that the children do not bring anything else into school except their water bottles. If your child has Forest School on a Friday, your child should wear their wellies on that day and not bring them in separately.



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, please get your child tested, isolate immediately, let us know, whether they are at home or at school, and inform us of the result.

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.

Dates and School Term Dates 2020/2021

Spring term

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

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:

12th February 2021