

## Weekly Newsletter – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### Thank you

Well we have finally made it to half-term – I know it has been a long last week (in fact a long six weeks) for everyone children, parents and staff alike! However on behalf of all the teachers I must say a huge well done to all of our amazing children and parents – you have blown us away with your commitment and resilience during home learning. We know it hasn't been easy with so many of you also working from home at the same time but we are delighted that almost every child in every class has been engaging every day with the remote learning – this is truly impressive and a testament to the determination shown by our families. The children have certainly earned their week long break from home learning.

### Reporting Positive COVID Tests over Half-Term

Fortunately, we have had no bubble closures this half-term but we still need to remain vigilant. If your child has attended school on Thursday or Friday of this week and develops symptoms before Sunday evening, please could you let me know the result of the test as soon as possible - [head@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk) so that we can let the relevant pupils and staff know about any required isolation periods.

If the symptoms start from Monday onwards then there is no need to inform school as contact tracing will need to be through NHS track and trace.

### A Message from Lancashire Public Health – If you Feel Unwell, Get a Test

We have received a message from Lancashire Public Health who are asking anyone who feels unwell with symptoms such as a headache, sore throat, runny nose etc to get a test. This can be done using the Government test booking website [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) and when asked why getting a test select the option that 'the council has asked you to get a test'. Alternatively, due to the high number of cases locally, there are drop in testing stations where anyone can access a free test once a week. You don't need to have any symptoms – they are hoping to pick up asymptomatic cases too. These tests are available from 9.30am to 4.00pm and the results are back in 30 minutes. They are being held at AFC Fylde on Mondays and Kirkham Community Centre on Fridays.

### Support

We recognise that although half-term brings a welcome break from home learning it still doesn't alleviate the many pressures of lockdown for our families, especially those with young children to entertain! If you do feel overwhelmed and need support please email myself [head@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk) or message me on facebook messenger.

Miss Crompton put a post on ClassDojo on Thursday with details of financial support which is available for families in need, feel free to email me for further details.

We will also share some ideas for holiday activities on ClassDojo and Facebook.

Finally, thanks again for your continued support through this difficult time and we wish you all a happy and safe half-term holiday. School re-opens and remote learning resumes on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Take care

Rhiannon Jones

