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## Weekly Newsletter – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### COVID Update – Thank You

I must start by saying a heartfelt thank you for all your support and understanding this week. It came as shock to us all that a pupil had a positive test result so early in the term, however I know a number of schools in Lancashire were in a similar position. We were especially disappointed that our lovely Year 1 class only had 4 days in school before they had to isolate following Public Health England advice. The good news is that the pupil had very mild symptoms and was well after only a couple of days.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to send their child into school. I know it wasn't an easy decision for some of our parents and I do appreciate the trust you have placed in us. Please rest assured that we have lots procedures in place and are doing all we can to keep our children and staff safe.

**We have been asked by Public Health England to share the following information:**

**Please continue to monitor yours and your child's health, looking out for any of the following symptoms:**

- new continuous or persistent cough
- fever (a temperature of 37.8°C or higher)
- loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you, your child or any member of the household develops these symptoms, **however mild, at any point** you should self-isolate and book a test.

**Do not send your child into school and inform school that you or your child are taking a test.**

**The family should remain in isolation until the results have been confirmed.**

**You should inform school of the outcome of the result as soon as you can.**

### Dropping Off and Collection Times

Thanks to your support for the staggered start, the children are coming in and out of school quickly, so to minimise time that parents are waiting we are intending to reduce the stagger times for the Juniors. I know Year 2 have been able to come in a little earlier too but please bear in mind next week is Reception's first time with everyone in the morning so it may take a little longer. After Reception's first week back we may well be able to amend the Year 2 time too.

	Drop Off	Collection
Year 3	8.45-8.50am	3.15pm
Year 4	8.55-9.00am	3.25pm
Year 5	8.45-8.50am	3.15pm
Year 6	8.55-9.00am	3.25pm

Please could parents ensure that they remain socially distant in the playground when collecting their child and **stay well away from the Junior doors**.

We have also been asked to remind all parents not to remaining talking by the school gates . This is especially relevant on the pavement on Nelson Street as other parents and children need to pass by and are being forced into the road to remain socially distant.

### **Remote Learning**

Year 1's classteacher Mrs Coxon is trialling the use of 'Classdojo' for remote learning with her class whilst they are at home and I'd like to thank the year 1 parents for engaging so well with this already. Although we recognise that there may well be teething problems, if the feedback from Mrs Coxon and the Year 1 parents is positive we may roll it out to the other classes if/when needed. (Fingers crossed it's not.)

### **Extra layers**

As part of the Government guidance, we are required to keep windows open so that the room is well ventilated. Therefore, you may wish to make sure your child has an extra layer under their uniform on colder days to prevent them becoming chilly. I know the staff will be layering up too!

### **School Dinners**

Thank you to everyone who has got into the swing of using ParentPay again already and a special well done to our new Reception parents who have set up their account so quickly. Having ParentPay in place has proved invaluable when everyone is trying to minimise handling cash.

Just a reminder that dinners need to be chosen by midnight every Tuesday for the following week please. However, if it is easier, you are able to choose multiple weeks in advance.

### **Reception Class**

We are all looking forward to our Reception children joining us full time next week. They have made a super start and should be very proud of themselves.

### **Homework and Home Readers**

We have made a few adaptations to our usual system for homework including home readers:

The juniors brought their homework home yesterday in a plastic bag rather than the usual homework folder. Please can this be returned by next Tuesday at the latest.

All the junior children are reading daily in school and their reading book and reading record book is remaining in school. However, it is important that they continue to read at home, at least 3 times a week for a minimum of 15 minutes. Years 3 and 4 are able use Bug Club for their home reading and Year 5 and 6 Reading Plus. Please email their classteacher if you do not have the user name or password.

The children love to read 'real' books too, so if your child is in the Juniors and you would like your child to bring a book home from school please email the classteacher and it will be sent home in a separate plastic wallet. This book can remain at home until your child has finished it.

Please note that we operate a strict quarantine system with all reading books which are stored separately for at least 72 hours after they have been returned.

Finally, thank you so much for all your support this week. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me by email [head@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk), via messenger on our school Facebook page or by ringing school.

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