

NEWSLETTER

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Tuesday 19th October

- Y2 Forest School for **2T**

Wednesday 20th October

- Y4 Forest School for **4KR**

Friday 22nd October

- End of Term 1

Monday 1st November

- Start of Term 2

Tuesday 2nd November

- Open Afternoon for prospective parents
1.30pm - 3.00pm

Tuesday 9th November

- Open Afternoon for prospective parents
1.30pm - 3.00pm

Friday 12th November

- Outdoor Learning Day

Thursday 18th November

- EYFS and Year 1 Cursive
Hand Writing Workshop

Thursday 25th November

- Flu Immunisations

Friday 15th October, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I trust you have had a good week, although I am sure, like us, you will be navigating different situations and responding to advice around Covid-19 and testing. With all children returning to school, it was inevitable we would see a rise in cases and sadly, subsequent pupil absence. This week particularly has highlighted this and, as a headteacher, it is incredibly difficult to accept that we remain in turbulent times. All I want is for us to be able to keep moving forward with all that has become more normal this term, and to make school life the wholly positive and enriching experience it should be for everyone. Please know, that despite the twists and turns we are facing, all of the staff remain committed to this and, after six incredibly demanding weeks of term and feeling very tired, they continue to do their absolute best.

With the rise in positive cases, and with clusters of cases in four classes currently, we have now had to implement some measures from this week. The identified classes have received a letter, advising that PCR tests are undertaken for those children who are asymptomatic. Also, as a result of increased cases, we have introduced some measures to limit mixing. These include not holding any assemblies currently and staggered use of communal areas, such as the cloakroom. Following Public Health advice, we are able to make decisions such as these, however we will not implement any measures which impact on the children's education.

Whenever your child has any of the symptoms of Covid-19, a PCR test should be sought. LFD tests are to be used for those over the age of eleven years and for those who are asymptomatic. A PCR test should be booked when there is one or more of the following symptoms:

A high temperature: any new, high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature).

A new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.

A loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal.

You will know that there has been much media coverage about positive LFD results with subsequent negative PCR results and the UK Health Security Agency is looking into this. To aid your decision making around this issue, if you encounter it, please can I ask you to refer to the letter sent by school yesterday, from Public Health. In brief it stated:

Whilst the investigation is underway, where a child has the following markers, we advise that they are more likely to have Covid-19 than not, and are treated as potentially infectious for Covid-19. Where they:

1. Have displayed Covid-19 symptom/s AND/OR have been in close contact with a positive case (such as a household member), AND

2. Have tested positive via an LFD test (even if they subsequently tested negative on a PCR) We recommend they isolate and remain out of the setting for 10 days. The isolation period includes the day symptoms started (or the day of the test, if the child had no symptoms) and the next 10 full days. It should be noted that this is advisory and as such parents are unable to claim the additional Covid payments without a positive PCR test result.

Florence Nightingale Day

Learning in classes continues to be great fun, and this week the Year 1 children were wowed when on Tuesday, they learnt about the life of Florence Nightingale through activities including dressing up as a doctor, nurse or soldier, and acting out caring for patients in the Scutan Hospital. The day was to highlight what a hero is, and the impact we can all have by caring for others.

Harvest

Very sadly, we have had to make the decision not to hold our Harvest celebration assemblies on Monday. Importantly, however, the children will continue to rehearse their chosen songs and poetry. It is such a shame not to be able to hold these, and with coming from a farming family, I always associate harvest with many happy memories and a celebration of the farming year.

We will still welcome donations of non-perishable foods for Bath Food Bank, please. The items that are most beneficial are jars of tomato pasta sauce, tinned custard, tinned tomatoes, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned fish, tea bags, tinned chocolate sponge pudding, biscuits, instant mash and instant coffee. If you are able to make a donation, we will collect it from the bottom of the drive on Monday and Tuesday morning next week, at drop off time. Thank you in advance.

Early Years Foundation Stage – entering school

As Bee and Ladybird Class have very successfully managed their start to school, we will be asking them, from Monday 8th November, to demonstrate their independence by entering school via the door to the lower school, from the driveway. The children should still come to school via the Charmouth Road gate and parents and carers should enter the site to meet the class teachers, who will then guide the children into school.

Doodle

Please remember that all children from Year 2 to Year 6 are expected to complete their Doodle home-learning tasks each week, as set by their class teacher. This is in addition to staying in 'the green zone'. If you need to check your child's login, please email the school office.

Google Classroom Blogs

Thank you very much to parents who left a comment on the Google Classroom Stream last week, showing they value the updates left weekly by teachers. With demanding teacher workloads, I wish to ensure these are useful to parents in knowing more about life in school and the learning activities.

Using Breakfast Club

For Breakfast Club users, please can parents make sure that a booking has been made for each session as we have to ensure correct staffing ratios each day. Please can all users be at Breakfast Club for 8.20am, so that breakfast can be served in time before the start of the school day.

Prospective Open Afternoons

For parents with children starting school in September 2022, we will hold open afternoons on Tuesday 2nd and Tuesday 9th November. Please sign up using the live form at <https://forms.office.com/r/hNDVsBBAFv>

Guidance for your reference

For reference, please see the full government guidance about the return to schools.

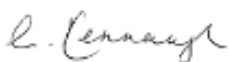
[Schools COVID-19 operational guidance](#) (updated 27th September, 2021)

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19](#) (updated 27th September, 2021).

I hope you enjoy the weekend.

Many thanks for your continued support.

With best wishes



Gill Kennaugh



STARS OF THE WEEK



Bee Bill H & Louis R

Ladybird Isaac H & Rose Y

1EO Sophie S & Mia-Louise N-J

1R George R & Joe M

2T Tommy E & Alba M

2A Whole Class

3OG Thai P & Alessia Z

3C Oliver A & Dylan B

4B Beau B & Seb S

4KR Eloise P & Zelda L

5G Finn G & William S

5HT Scarlett S & Iris H

6B Tilly G & Zach A

6H Eva S & Megan T-B



CURRICULUM CORNER

Super Spellings

Can you write your spellings in **alphabetical order**?

What happens if they start with the **same letter**?

Challenge: Use a dictionary to find the definition of each of the words.

FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

22ND OCTOBER

It is now two years since our first Feel Good Friday event, where we promote wellbeing and mental health through themed activities.

To celebrate the anniversary we are revisiting something that was very popular in

February 2020: **Inside Out Day!**

Pupils and staff can wear items of clothing inside out to encourage others to stop and think about how someone may look OK on the outside, but inside they may be feeling sad or worried.

This can be uniform or non-uniform - and it would be lovely to see parents and carers in their inside out outfits at the start or end of the day.

Alex Bacon

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INSIDE OUT DAY : WHAT & WHY?



Wear an item of clothing **Inside Out** to make others stop and think about how someone may look OK on the outside but inside they may be feeling sad or worried.



Remind us to **always be kind** and think of others as no one knows how another person may be feeling.



Social media can disguise reality, making everyone look like they're happy and leading wonderful lives, even when they're not.



It's OK not to be OK, no- one is perfect (even if they look it).



Don't be afraid to **talk to someone** who you feel comfortable talking to.

YEAR 1 FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DAY





THE NPSA

FIREWORK

BOOK
EARLY!

IS BACK!

DISPLAY

THURSDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

Entry via Charmouth Road gate from 5.30pm

Fireworks start at **6.30pm**

Hot dogs and doughnuts ● Mulled wine and beers ● Free squash and water for children - bring a reusable mug/bottle ● Please bring a torch ● NO sparklers!

£5

a ticket (under-2s free). Online sales via npsabath.org will open 8pm on Monday 18th October and close on Friday 22nd October. Book early to avoid disappointment as no ticket sales on the night.

Harvest Collection

Bath Foodbank
requests your
support again
this autumn

Needed items:

Tomato Pasta Sauce (Jars)

Custard (Tinned)

Long Life Juice

Tomatoes (Tinned)

Tea Bags

Rice Pudding (Tinned)

Fruit (Tinned)

Chocolate

Sponge Pudding

Biscuits

Mash (Instant)

Coffee (Instant)

Meat (Tinned)

Fish (Tinned)