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HAPPY
new year
2022

**WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY AND HEALTHY
2022!**

TERM DATES FOR 2022

SPRING FIRST HALF-TERM from **Wednesday 5th January 2022 to Friday 18th February 2022**

SPRING SECOND HALF-TERM from **Monday 28th February 2022 to Friday 8th April 2022**

SUMMER FIRST HALF-TERM from **Monday 25th April 2022 to Thursday 27th May 2022**

SUMMER SECOND HALF-TERM from **Monday 6th June 2022 to Friday 22nd July 2022.**

Friday 29th May 2022 is a TEACHER TRAINING DAYS and school will be closed to children.

School is also closed on **Monday 2nd May 2022** for the Bank Holiday.

School is also closed on **Friday 1st July 2022** in lieu of the extra bank holiday for the Queen's Jubilee.

NOTE: Dates of events (such as parent/carer meetings and visits and visitor will be added over the next few weeks).

CURRENT COVID GUIDANCE

As you know, positive COVID case are currently at a high level in the community. There are no new restrictions in school but we are making sure that those we have in place such as handwashing, keeping year groups separated, ventilation, staff wearing masks in corridors, etc., are being followed rigorously.

It is very important that if your child has any symptoms of COVID at all, you take them for a PCR test or a lateral flow test at home. Do not bring them into school. The guidance has changed temporarily **to if your child has no symptoms and tests positive on a lateral flow test then they do not need to take a PCR.** If the test is negative, then they can return. If anyone else in the house has a PCR test, even if they do have symptoms, your child can still attend school (unless they have symptoms themselves). If anyone in the household has a positive test but your child tests negative, then they can still attend school. This is all according to government guidance. Please contact the school office if you have any queries about this.

Current guidance states that symptoms are: **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature), **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) and/or **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.

There are other common symptoms reported but they are NOT recognised by Public Health such as headaches, sore throats, etc. If in doubt, then test your child if you can.

The only reason your child should be absent is if they have symptoms and are awaiting a test result or if they have COVID.

I understand that a number of parents are concerned that we are not informing them of cases within their child's class. This is direct advice from public health. As we have done through the pandemic, we continue to follow advice from the government and public health.

Thank you for your support.

FUNDRAISING

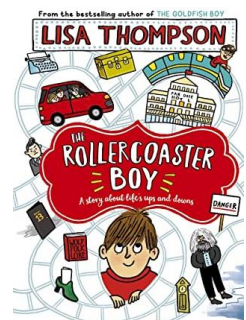
From all the fundraising before Christmas, including the staff pantomime, winter wonderland, etc., we have managed to raise £1270. Over the next few months, we will be looking at spending this money on playground equipment for the children. Thank you so much for continuing to support us.

RECOMMENDED READS: NEW RELEASES THE ROLLERCOASTER BOY BY LISA THOMPSON

Todd and Laurie's dad is either on top of the world, taking them on fun adventures, or down in the depths and sleeping all the time. In the middle of the night, he bundles them into the car and drives them to the Paradise Hotel. He paints a picture of a luxurious mansion surrounded by acres of land - a fairground, a swanky swimming pool, a grand ballroom, firework displays.

The reality is a rundown dump - and the disappointment means Dad takes to his bed. Todd and Laurie have the run of the place, and meet Scout, the daughter of the owner, who tells them about the night many years ago when a famous novelist vanished from her room on the top floor, which was locked from the inside... with clues to crack, a mystery to solve, and Dad to worry about, this holiday is full of twists and turns.

A sensitive, empathetic portrayal of having a parent with bipolar.



CATCH UP FLU VACCINATIONS

South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust are providing some final catch up clinics for **flu** vaccinations for children. Parents need to contact our service via telephone on 0191 4028179 as soon as possible if they would like their child to receive the flu vaccination, if they have not yet received it since September 2021.

The clinics are running on an appointment basis; therefore, details will be given to parents/guardians when they call the service.

NURSE VISIT

Next week on Thursday 13th January the specialist nursing team will be running a drop-in session for any parents who have children with toileting difficulties. The nurses will be able to provide practical advice and can arrange a home visit. The session will run from 9.15am to 10.15am. We would encourage any parents who have concerns to attend the session. If you attend please wear a mask and we will make sure that you are able to socially distance within the ventilated room.

NOTE ALL CLUBS AND CATCH-UP SESSIONS BEGIN ON MONDAY

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Club name	Club Leader	Year Groups	Location
Monday	Construction Club	Mrs Jones	All	The Base
Monday	Crazy crafts	Mrs Kaur	3-6	Art room
Tuesday	Film Club	Mrs Steel/ Mrs Prosser	3-6	The Base
Tuesday	The Movie Review Crew	Mrs Wall/ Mrs Bloomer	1-2	Small Hall
Tuesday	Performing Arts	Mr Wright	3-6	Main Hall
Tuesday	Fun Friends	Mrs Dickinson	All	Thrive
Thursday	Dodgeball	Mr Dickinson	4-6	Main Hall

TWITTER STARS

Remember to check out this week's Twitter Stars! These are tweeted on: @TStarKS1_UCPS or @TStarKS2_UCPS. They also appear on @UCPrimary and on our website Twitter feed

DOJO POINTS

Check out our dojo/house point counter at <https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/children/house-point-counter>. Children are awarded points throughout the week for following the Colliery Code. This week's classes with the most house points are:

1st – 4RB 2nd – 1JB 3rd – 1ES

Mr Gary Wright

Headteacher