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13th March 2020 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a windy week but that has not stopped our children being out and about enjoying their play times. Please remember to ensure that your children come dressed appropriately (a coat/waterproof coat and wellies to change into) to play in all weathers.

Bernadette

Tax-Free Childcare

If you are hoping to use our After School Club from 3-5pm or Bounce Breakfast, you may be eligible for Tax-Free Childcare. We have registered through Childcare Choices and you can check if you are eligible to access this scheme. You can check if you are eligible by going to <https://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare>

Any parent who is eligible, can contact the school office so that we can provide you with our account details so that your vouchers can be paid directly.

Entitled to Free School Meals?

If you think your child might be entitled to Free School Meals, please contact the school office and the ladies will be able to check for you.

This also applies to those children in Nursery although children do not stay for a school meal we could receive additional funding to support your child.

This also applies to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. All children are entitled to a free school lunch but a check could mean we receive additional funding for your child to support them at school.

Bounce Breakfast

Our Bounce Breakfast has run very successfully over the past year and is going from strength to strength even been nominated for an award!

Children can be dropped off at the pupil entrance. Parents do not need to come into school as children can independently go straight into the hall. The cost of the sessions is free if your child is entitled to Free School Meals or £1 if they are not.

These sessions should be paid via ParentPay.

If you are having any issues with ParentPay, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Toast

Toast is on sale every Tuesday and it is 10p per slice available to children from Year 1 to Year 6.

Contacting Members of Staff

We work hard to ensure home school relationships are supportive. However, we would ask that parents do not contact members of staff to personal accounts such as email and Messenger. We would ask that if you do need to speak to a member of staff that you contact the office to make an appointment or if it something that does not need an appointment you can speak to a member of staff after they have dismissed their children at the end of the school day.

Year 2 SATs Meeting

As you may know, Year 2 children will be taking their KS1 SATs in May. I would like to invite you into school on Wednesday 1st April at 2:30pm to talk about these tests and answer any questions you may have. When you come along, we will also show you examples of tests and let you know how you can help your child.

Public Health England

Please see the most up to date advice for schools below. We will continue to share any updates via our Newsletter and Facebook page.



Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

