

Good Morning

Firstly I would like to let you all know that the week has been full of joyous moments of activities and learning that do the children and teachers proud. It is down to how well the children have returned back to school and their motivation to do their best, thank you to all our families for preparing them so well.

We have been able to keep our clubs going and activities in class are returning to more hands on and interactive lessons. That being said we are continuing with all our measures to keep the community safe from Covid.

Happy Children

This weeks focus has been on 'Turn your frown upside down'. The school have looked at ways to look on the bright side especially when life is difficult with lots of negative 'noise' going on around us. The children came up with some fantastic ideas and we are determined to spread happiness around school and the community during the challenges of the time we are in.

It is really nice that so many of our families feel they can contact us to ask for support and guidance for the children and as always we will do what we can and sign post you where appropriate to other agencies.

I while ago we produced a leaflet supporting positive mental health so I have attached it again today incase it is of any help to anyone.

Courses

Rachael sent home a range of courses that may be of interest to some of you. We have also been asked to forward a survey on the use of libraries in the County and how they can be improved for better use. Here is the link if anyone would like to contribute:

<https://forms.gle/sZZ4o5p47CWdwPbW7>

Choir

the church children's choir is starting up again - I have attached the information and the contact details are: Joan Johnson email mjjmusic4@gmail.com or by phone 07455 531153

Learning at home

Reading books - could everyone make sure these are returned so we can use them in school. It is vital that children get the opportunity to practice reading with fluency at home so we will continue to send the books home we just need your help to make sure they come back into school. The teachers are working really hard at present so do really appreciate the work the

children do with you at home as part of their homework and our thanks goes to those who are engaging in this.

Attendance

One of the reasons the Government have put so many new procedures in place is to ensure children can and are attending school. We would all agree the pandemic has not been good for our children whatever age. We will continue to closely monitor attendance for all children and make sure you will be informed at the points we would deem 'cause for concern.' Information I have previously shared with you identifies children need to currently attend for 96% of the time just to maintain current progress so for children who have significantly fallen behind through lost learning they need to have better attendance than the National Expectation.

Incident outside school this morning

Although I have no information to share regarding the incident I just want to reassure all families the children were kept inside whilst the helicopter, police and ambulances were in situ.

Covid Changes:

This is the latest information than came into school this morning

"Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation."

Have a lovely and safe weekend everyone

M Mackenzie and all the staff

Attachments

[supporting positive mental health.pdf](#)