

A message from the Headteachers:

We have had another fun and busy week at school. All classes have been working hard. A highlight this week in Year 3/4 was, in addition to their daily maths lessons, they have enjoyed a maths morning problem solving collaboratively in their classes and yesterday they were making pitta bread and hummus, the school smelt delicious!

The Key Stage 1 teachers are inviting parents of children in Year 1 and 2 to a phonics parent's information session on **Tuesday 1st February at 4pm.** They will cover how phonics is taught daily and the things you can do at home to support your child with their reading. The new books, kindly bought by the PTA and the money from the Read-a-thon, are in use and the children are really enjoying the new texts. Thank you to everyone who has supported us to make this happen.

We have arranged a virtual parent session on E-Safety to coincide with Internet Safety Day on **Tuesday 8th February at 4.30pm.** More details to follow. Hope you can join us then.

Cases across the county have sharply risen this last week. We want to reassure of all the measures we have in place to mitigate the risks.

- We ensure good ventilation and move classes outdoors if possible

- Ring fenced year groups to minimise mixing
- Cleaning of touchpoint areas is carried out throughout the day
- Hand washing and sanitising is part of the regular routine
- Staff socially distance
- Assemblies are virtual
- Staff LFD twice weekly and report results
- Staff wear masks around the school
- Parents and carers at drop off and pick up wear masks
- Communicating school cases and identifying possible close contacts where possible

Please remember to get your child a PCR test if they have symptoms and please do not send them to school.

The main symptoms remain:

Loss of taste or smell, a new continuous cough or a high temperature.

Isolation Period reduced: As you already know from previous letters, from 17 January 2022, a person with COVID-19 (a case) may take an LFD test on the fifth and sixth days of their isolation period. If both these LFD test results are negative, and they do not have a high temperature, they will be able to end their self-isolation after the second negative test result. The LFD tests must be taken on consecutive days but the guidance no longer stipulates

that these tests should be taken at least 24 hours apart.

No need for confirmatory

PCR: From 11 January 2022, people who receive a positive LFD test result for COVID-19 will no longer be advised to take a confirmatory PCR test.

Contacts and self-isolation:

Contacts of a positive case (PCR or LFD) who are fully vaccinated or under the age of 18 years and 6 months do not have to self-isolate but are required to take daily LFDs for 7 days. If the LFD is positive they should self-isolate as a case. If asymptomatic their isolation will begin from the date of the positive test and if symptomatic from the first day of symptoms.

Contacts who are not fully vaccinated do have to self-isolate for 10 days.

Please see the attached flow chart for your information.

Mrs. Jemma Calverley
Head teacher

Dates for the Diary 2022

Spring Half Term – 14th-18th Feb

All Term Dates are on the school website.