



10th December 2021

Dear Parents,

Autumn Letter 29- Autumn Term 2021 – 2022

As you can see, the number of Covid-19 cases has fallen significantly. Unfortunately, we do still have 7 members of staff absent from school. One member of staff returned today but another tested positive last night. We are really looking forward to all staff and pupils returning to school next week to enjoy the end of term together.

As a precaution, we will remain in class bubbles until the end of term.

Unfortunately, the two full-time after school club members of staff are both absent from school with Covid-19.

Mrs Marshall and I will be managing the club from today and throughout next week with the help of members of the support staff team.

Covid-19 Update 18

Today's numbers are as follows:

Willow- 1 pupil 4 members of staff

Rowan- 10 pupils plus 1 member of staff

Hazel- 0 pupils

Oak- 0 pupils

Ash- 0 pupils

Cedar- 0 pupils

Maple- 0 pupils

Elm- 0 pupils

2 further members of staff are absent due to Covid related circumstances.

**Please note these are the reported and confirmed cases.*

Christmas Panto

I have booked the 4Front Theatre Company for next week. As we are remaining in bubbles until the end of term, the pupils will enjoy the show from the comfort of their own classrooms at 2pm on Wednesday 15th December. Many thanks to Revd Mark for funding this activity. The Christmas Fayre will be held in the morning.

Reminder – Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Innovate caterers will be providing a Christmas Dinner for pupils who wish to have one on Wednesday 15th December. If your child/ren would like a Christmas Lunch you MUST go on the Innovate website and order one. The deadline for this is midnight Saturday 11th December. Late orders cannot unfortunately be accepted. Alternatively please remember packed lunch on that day. To ensure all pupils feel festive on that day we are also having our annual Christmas Jumper day. Pupils can wear their school uniform and Christmas Jumper in exchange for a £1 donation to the Grace Kelly Trust. A collection bucket will be sited outside school on the day.

Pocket Money Presents

As part of the Christmas Fayre the PTA have organised a 'Pocket Money Presents' stall. Pupils will be able to buy a gift for a family member and have it wrapped ready to take home and put under the tree. Pupils can bring in money from Monday 13th December (presents will be £1 each).



School Emails

We are currently receiving emails via the office and individual staff accounts however you might find that we reply via Scholarpack. This is due to a technical issue, as some days we are unable to reply via our school accounts.

Willow Class Nativity

The filming of the Willow Class Nativity started today. The Nativity takes about a month to put together and a lot of practice and work behind the scenes. This has not been possible without a full complement of staff and class. As children have returned, Mrs Marshall has talked to them about their part and what they will be doing. Over the next few days, the Nativity will be made into a short film for everyone to watch and share with loved ones.

Please log onto to Seesaw for further information.

Statutory Phonics Screening Check

Schools are usually required to screen all Year 1 pupils in Phonics annually in the summer term. Due to Covid-19, this statutory check is now implemented in the autumn term (once the pupils are in Year 2). Last year, we were delighted with the outcome of 96% of our pupils passing the Phonics Screening Check. This was despite a disjointed year due to the pandemic. This year our target is 100%! All pupils in Hazel Class have now taken the screening check and achieved at least the 'working at' score from previous years, with many pupils scoring the full 40 marks! Well done to the staff and pupils.

Thank you

Yesterday, I thanked the staff for covering classes and picking up responsibilities for other colleagues during their absence. The number of Covid-19 cases have fallen amongst the pupils however I am seeing more staff falling ill with the virus.

To date, I have managed to keep all core aspects of school operational plus offer remote learning for our pupils at home. This has increased the workload for all staff and indeed some members of staff are working in many different roles in order to keep the school open. It has been a difficult few weeks. I have not taken the decision to stop after school clubs earlier than planned or switch to virtual Christmas performances lightly, but with reduced staffing capacity, it has been necessary to do so.

The staff and I very much look forward to being able to offer a full range of enrichment activities once again after Christmas and thank you for your support at this time.

Face coverings

Face coverings should be worn in communal areas in all settings by staff, visitors and pupils or students in year 7 and above, unless they are exempt. Pupils or students (in year 7 or above) should continue to wear face coverings on public and dedicated school transport, unless they are exempt.

I would just like to wish all of our pupils, staff and parents who might be feeling ill with coronavirus a speedy recovery. We look forward to all of our school community being back together soon to enjoy the end of term activities.

Kind regards

Mrs Dean
Headteacher