

Dear Parents,

We can't believe that we have already come to the end of this half term!

Thank you to all those parents that have had their parent teacher consultations this week. If you did not manage to speak to your child's class teacher, please message them via seesaw to arrange a suitable time for after the half term.

Please see below important reminders for the start of the new term. The school reopens to the pupils on **Tuesday 22nd February**.

Please note that Early Birds and Night Owls will run as normal.

February Half Term Newsletter

Please see attached this terms newsletter.

Paid Enrichment Clubs

Please note that the paid Enrichment clubs will recommence from **Monday 28th February 2022**

Also please ensure that you top up your child's Scopay club account ready for the new term.

After School Club Collection

Our school office will close at **4.30pm**. If you are picking up your child from After School Club after this time, please use the bell at the school office entrance, and either Mrs Kassam or Mrs Mahal will come to meet you and fetch your child from the club.

If you have rung the bell and there is no answer please kindly call 07814 021729. This will only be likely on the occasions that the children are taken outside to play. We appreciate your patience and support with this.

Bringing Children to School

Your child should arrive at school by **8.45am**, the school gate opens from 8.35am so you can drop your child at their year group entrance from this time onwards. Please ensure you support your child by ensuring they arrive on time and ready to learn. Any late arrivals should need to report to the main school office.

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please inform the school office by **8.30am** using our automated telephone service and choosing option 1.

If you need to drop your child off earlier than 8.45am, please book them into our Early Birds breakfast club, which costs £3 per session and includes a healthy breakfast. You can bring them to Early Birds from 8am onwards.

Collecting Children from School

Your child should be collected from school at **3.45pm** unless they are staying for an after school club. If you need to collect your child later than this, please book them into our Night Owls after school club. This costs £5 per hour, which includes a healthy snack, and runs until 5.45pm.

Lateness, at either end of the school day, is disruptive and can make the children anxious. Please make every effort to arrive at school on time to help your child have the best school experience possible. Persistent latecomers (more than three episodes) will be referred to Mrs Dokal and, if the lateness is not then resolved, will be passed onto the Education Welfare Officer for further action.

School Meals

Parents have the choice of sending their child in with a packed lunch or booking a school meal, which is freshly prepared on the premises. The cost of a school meal is £2.35 per day for children in Years 3, 4 and 5 (or free if your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium).

Please ensure your child's lunch is booked at least a week in advance using the ScoPay system, and ensure their account payment is topped up on a regular basis.

Queries for Individual Teachers

Please remember that, between 8.55am and 3.45pm, our teaching staff are busy ensuring that your child's learning is the best it can possibly be. If you need to contact your child's class teacher for any reason, please do so initially via SeeSaw.

Club/Dinner Payments

Could we kindly request you to top up your child's dinner accounts if you pay for them.

Also please kindly clear any outstanding balances on Scopay for any clubs they are attending and ensure that these accounts are topped up regularly.

Polite Reminders Parking

We would like to say a big thank you to all those parents that have been very mindful to the local residents when parking.

Please can we urge you all to continue to support the school and be aware of not blocking local residents driveways and double parking.

COVID-19 Update

As there have been a number of COVID 19 cases throughout the school, we would like to remind you of the following information.

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19 as per government guidelines.

- The individuals who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce the isolation period after five full days if they test negative with an 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 school 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 test 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.
- The new rules also apply to people who are already isolating – so if someone was already isolating before Monday 17 January, they can take LFD tests on day 5 and 6 and if they are both negative and they have no temperature they can end their isolation.
- 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.

If you develop COVID-19 symptoms, self-isolate immediately even if your symptoms are mild. This is because many people experience mild symptoms from COVID-19, but may still pass on the virus to others.

The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

Self-isolation exemptions

In most cases, you're not required to self-isolate if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated
- you're below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- you've taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Please note: As Government guidance is being reviewed regularly, the above measures can be subject to change.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Hot Chocolate

Please see attached Hot Chocolate winners for this week.

First Day of New Term

Please note that the first day of term will be on **Tuesday 22nd February 2022**.

We hope you all have a safe and restful half term break!