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Newsletter- Week 25

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter which is full of very important updates. Let's get started!

Coronavirus Update: Thank you for your ongoing support regarding the current, very complex medical situation which may change frequently on a day by day basis now. We have now had 2 special assemblies about hygiene and good practice around health and safety without using any vocabulary that may worry our children. Class teachers have also backed up these vital messages regularly. We continue to follow the guidance set out by the DfE and BMBC. In summary, we are advised that schools should remain open and that all children should attend unless they are unwell- as is normal practice. Children presenting with either a new, continuous cough or a fever/temperature above 37.8 degrees, should stay away from school and are furthermore, encouraged to self-isolate at this time. All staff are fit and well as things stand. We do have a contingency plan for if the advice, or our circumstances, should change. We will communicate, immediately, any reported or confirmed cases in school-pupils, family members, staff or visitors- we **can** operate on a reduced staff if needed and we do have access to cover teachers where required. Furthermore, we have encouraged all staff to have contingency curriculum plans- key websites, books, worksheets, etc, should they be required. All of these will be shared by staff if or when required.

This week's events: As you have hopefully already noticed via text messages and tweets we have made the early, and difficult, decision to postpone some of our events this week. This decision hasn't been taken lightly. My thinking is that, as the current medical situation develops it makes sense to keep our school business as limited as possible. We haven't had any direct cases with children or their parents reported but some families will have members who are self-isolating and our special events may create situations where families feel unable to attend OR where they attend with a threat to our children without knowing. With so much of the school year left it seems unnecessary to risk the health and wellbeing of pupils, staff and parents and mass attendance events appear to be something that we should all avoid if necessary.

The Y1 assembly, EYFS Mothering Sunday presentations and the P4Sport event this week will be missed but they can all be rearranged or adapted at a more suitable time. We are contacting the London visit organiser each day for updates and we will contact families should there be any news. As it stands we are told that the London visit will go ahead as planned. I have stressed that I am keen to take the group but only if the full and agreed itinerary can take place and it is deemed safe to do so. As stated for other reasons at both parental meetings, our staff are willing and able to attend unless we are told otherwise by the organisers. If any parents do not wish for their child to travel then we do have staffing covered back at school so parents are welcome to cancel their child's place but this would be their choice and without refund. The KS1 Visit this Thursday is expected to go ahead as planned- please remember to order a grab-a-bag or send children with their own packed lunch.

Walking Bus: The Walking Bus has been a real success once again, despite some pretty horrendous weather! Thank you to Mr Venus and everyone for getting involved! It will run every Tuesday morning from 8.25pm on the trail but the two later stops will now collect 5 minutes earlier at Green Road and Greenacres respectively.

Sports Relief: Wow! What an amazing effort! Everyone contributed so much and we smashed our target- reaching the 2020 miles at 3.11pm on the final day! Staff, parents, Governors, pupils and even the Toddler Group contributed! We also raised over £200 on the day through your kind donations! Another reminder that our school serves a very special and caring community. Thank you. A special mention for our cricket coach Chris Schofield who completed a marathon on our

playground as our children joined him to run and cheer his amazing efforts whilst also donated his coaching fee to the cause! Incredible!

Robinwood: It was a pleasure to visit the Y6 pupils and our staff last week at Robinwood. The children had a ball...and the staff seemed to enjoy it too! As ever I was very proud to receive outstanding feedback from the activity centre staff and leaders- they say it every year about our children but it never feels any less special or less important to share! Well done everyone! A big thank you from me to the staff who gave up their family time and thank you to everyone who covered in Nursery- our little ones had an amazing week too!

Dinner Menu: We jumped the gun a little last week...sorry! The current dinner menu will run until the Easter holidays and we look forward to sharing our new menu with you soon. The new menu will start straight after the Easter Holidays. We do have a special themed menu for the final week of term (please see the separate poster advertising an 'Easter Brunch'. If your child has a special dietary requirement please ensure that you return the form as early as possible so that your child can take part.

Book Fair: Our book fair will be open from 8.30am and immediately after school on Monday and Tuesday this week. Thank you for your incredible support so far! We have sold over £900 worth of books in just the first two days! That means that school can order a significant amount of new books for our classrooms and library! Wow- thank you once again!

Governing Body Update: Thank you for your votes for the new Parent Governor. We will count the votes- with candidates present, should they wish to attend- and announce the new Governor next Thursday evening on Twitter and next week on our newsletter.

Pupil Premium: A reminder that some of our families are, or may be, eligible for what is called 'Pupil Premium.' This is a funding opportunity where schools receive some extra funds to support children throughout their time in school. The three ways to receive this funding for your child are if you are or were a member of the armed forces, if your child is adopted or if you qualify for benefits to support free school meals. The link below should help and if you need further information please contact the school office and speak to Miss Chapman. If you would like more information about how we use the Pupil Premium please check out our website or contact myself via email or catch me on the playground soon!

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/children-families-and-education/schools-and-learning/free-school-meals/>

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Kind Regards

Mr L McClure

Headteacher

Week 24 Information	2019/20 Average	Week 25 Diary Dates
Attendance: 98%	Attendance: 97.3%	All week- Wellbeing Week Monday 16 th : Y3/4 give staff their names of children for London rooms Tuesday 17 th : Walking bus- 8.25am and various 'pick ups' Thursday 19 th : New Governor Count Thursday 19 th : KS1 Visit to Eccelsall Woods (9am-3.15pm) Friday 20 th : Star of the Week (whole school), Y5 swimming AM
Late marks: 0	Late marks: 0.7 per week	
GREEN LIGHTS: 98.3%	GREEN LIGHTS: 99.2%	
Class of the Week: Y3 'Heroic Higinbothams' with 100%		

THIS WEEK'S SCHOOL DINNER MENU IS WEEK 2