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Newsletter- Week 3

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Dear families,

The new term continues to be very positive indeed and everyone is fully 'settled in' now! It really has been a great start to the new term despite the many and significant challenges to staff, pupils and parents! Well done everyone, I'm very proud to lead this very special school. School is now as close to 'normal' as it can be and we're delighted with the feel of school so far.

Sun cream: We are expecting a week of pleasant weather so we wanted to remind parents of the importance of applying sun cream before school. Children in KS2 can bring in some cream to self-apply, please ensure that the cream is labelled with your child's name and class. On extremely hot days we will keep EYFS/KS1 out of the sun in the later afternoon. As ever in Penistone, it is best to prepare for all four seasons in one day! Please ensure that children have a coat for rainy days and layers for cold days as the COVID plan demands that all windows are left open for ventilation and we will always head outside to play to allow time and space for extra cleaning in the day time.

Clean hands: We are using regular hand washing with soap regularly supplemented with our new hands free sanitiser stations in all areas of school to keep hands safe. Children are allowed their own sanitiser (labelled with their name if possible please) in school too if preferred. Our products comply with health and safety guidance but we have seen that some children experience very dry or sore hands in the past. If your child has any skin condition or you become concerned about the impact of such regular cleaning/washing of hands, perhaps where a different routine or product would help, please make us aware and we can discuss this.

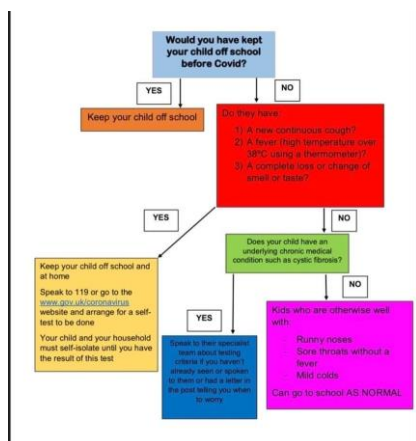
Y1 parent meeting: This Thursday we have a zoom meeting for parents about how we support children in Y1 in Literacy and maths. The meeting will run from 5.30 to 6.00pm and we will send all Y1 families the link on Thursday afternoon. Please leave video and sound off so that the quality of our voices is good. We will share a Powerpoint on screen and then we will email the content out for anyone who couldn't make it. Please do join us as you will have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Behaviour Policy: It's that time of year again...we are due to review our behaviour policy. It is working beautifully so we don't expect to make major changes but we do need to add a section on COVID safe behaviours so we will email the policy out for consultation very soon. As a key policy in school we always encourage your views, feedback and ideas. The GOOD to be GREEN texts have been in place for 3 years now, any ideas to improve the system or freshen up the rewards we have are welcome!

Pupil Premium: A gentle reminder that any families who have experienced changes to their employment status might qualify for the Pupil Premium. This funding supports school to provide free meals and milk as well as some annual funding to provide additional educational support for pupils. Please ask Miss Chapman if you require more information.

Safety Updates: The member of staff who tested positive for COVID has improved significantly over the last few days and her period of self-isolation will end later this week. Quite a few children have stayed away from school due to coughs and colds and some have taken tests after parents were concerned about the presence of a key symptom. All tests have returned negative and pupils are safe to return. Last week was a very demanding week on office staff and leaders as many parents were seeking advice about whether or not to attend/book a COVID test. The table below should help parents. Almost the whole school seems to have a runny nose or some type of mild cold, please don't worry, this is natural after returning to school. We do, of course, understand how confusing much of the guidance is and how delicate a situation this is. We appreciate the vigilance of parents and taking a safety first stance but children do not need to stay away unless they have one of the three key symptoms. Last week's newsletter clarified additional guidance on coughs and what type should trigger a test and period of isolation.

"a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours" (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)



This is also attached to the email.

Safe Collection: Our systems have all been updated now and we would like to thank families for sharing so much information so that we can keep your children safe and in the correct places at the correct times at our very busy school! Please remember to make school aware of any one off or emergency changes to the normal plan so that staff can safely hand over children, we do occasionally still have attempted collections that aren't on safe lists and this can create issues and delays. Our safety lists have now been printed as final copies so that all staff have the correct details.

Music Tuition: We still have a few final spaces for music tuition lessons. Please contact Miss Chapman for further information, prices or to book. Y4 will have weekly ukulele lessons on a Thursday afternoon and their instruments will stay in school between sessions. Regarding individual and small group teaching, these will happen on a Monday or Thursday (see email from Miss Chapman last week for precise timings.) As ever with our music lessons, we must stress that practice between sessions is the key to progress and, ultimately, success!

Clubs: Our clubs begin this week- please see the attached club list noting where to collect pupils from (see the colour coded chart). Pop Shop sadly had to be cancelled due to very low numbers. All other clubs will go ahead. We have spaces in all clubs and some clubs have had to be subsidised to keep them on so any extra bookings will be helpful. Please call the school office if you would like to add your child as registers have already been printed. All clubs finish at 4.30pm now. Please don't arrive too early to collect as we are trying to avoid groups in and around the school site.

SMSA role: We will be launching an advert today for relief SMSA staff to join our team to further increase the excellent, new lunchtime plans in school. The turnaround for applications is quite quick as we would like to expand the team as soon as possible. If you are interested and would like more detail please let us know.

School Uniform: Vortex, our uniform provider, will now be collecting orders and dropping off every fortnight rather than weekly. Online orders are preferable.

Autumn Term Diary Dates: Lots of our Autumn events will sadly be cancelled this year but we hope to adapt some of the bigger events like Christmas shows, Harvest and parents' evening to replace them with safer versions. More details on those three particular events next week! Below are some dates that we hope will go ahead!

- Friday 25th September: Dress Down for Macmillan Cancer Care (family donation)
- Monday 28th September: Y5 at Murton Park
- w/c Monday 5th October: Online Safety Week
- Thursday 8th and Friday 9th October: KS2 Shakespeare workshops
- Monday 12th October: Friendship Week
- w/c Monday 19th October: Kindness Week and Y5 bikeability
- Tuesday 20th October: launch clubs for Autumn 2 (11am)
- Friday 23rd October: deadline for secondary school applications (online applications only)
- 26th-30th October: Half-term holidays

Have a great week everyone, it is great to be back! Kind Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

Week 2 Information	2019/20 Average	Week 3 Diary Dates
Attendance: 94.5% Late marks: 0 GREEN LIGHTS: 99.8%	Attendance: 96.1% Late marks: 0 GREEN LIGHTS: 99.8%	Monday 14 th : Clubs begin Thursday 17 th : Y1 parent meeting on zoom (Literacy and maths) 5.30-6.00pm Friday 18 th : Star of the Week
Classes of the Week: Courageous Colonel Moore's with 99.3%		

