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Week 8 Newsletter

Monday 18th October 2021

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter!

COVID update: Last week we encountered our highest number of cases, mostly concentrated in the Y3 class. We have had 6 new cases reported since the last newsletter was issued. We always email families about ANY case that could affect their child (a class contact or close contact within the 48 hours prior to developing symptoms and/or testing positive) so that you can be aware and vigilant. Staff are working hard in class but we are hopeful of getting some remote learning organised within 24 hours. Please note that we will only send this where requested as we do not wish to stress out families/children who are feeling unwell with unrealistic expectations to complete work when they are unwell.

School News: A huge well done to our winning enterprise team in Y5, the whole class loved their special day learning about team work, communication and business skills. Our KS1 footballers were outstanding- the yellow team won in Y1 and EVERY child scored their penalty (one or two took a deflection off the referee or needed VAR to make sure it was on the spot) to cap an impressive performance. The sporting attitudes and effort on show were superb. The Y2 game was full of energy and skill and it ended in a thrilling 4-3 result! Well done to everyone involved! Our wellbeing and musical foci for the week are working well and we are finding that children enjoy the thematic approach. This month we are featuring prominent people from black history and black musicians to promote Black History Month and our ongoing drive to teach about inspirational people and their stories. Our wellbeing theme this week is 'kindness' where staff, pupils and families are encouraged to complete random acts of kindness to keep each other smiling. This is timed to perfection as we share our harvest packages this week! Our musicians of the week are Otis Redding and, as you might have heard on the grapevine, Marvin Gaye.

Meetings for F2/Y1 parents: A reminder that we have meetings for Y1 and F2 families this week. Y1 on Zoom at 5pm tonight (the link has been sent out already on emails) and the meeting on Thursday is in the hall and on Zoom too (this one has a face to face option as there are more resources to show you in person) the children can attend with you and we will supervise them so that you can concentrate on the meeting. Please enter via the hall doors.

Harvest Show: Well done to our marvellous children for their latest Harvest Show! Feedback from parents and community members so far is very positive indeed. Huge thanks to Brian and all at Penistone FM for helping us to have a Harvest event in these complicated times! The show is available for the next five days on the following link (you will have to scroll/click through to find Friday 10-11 show) <https://www.penistonefm.co.uk/listen-again/...enjoy!>

Sharing Images: Please be reminded that any images taken at school events (football matches, etc) that include any child but your own should not be shared on social media as per our safeguarding and image policies. Where parents provide us with media release consent it is always limited to certain types of media release, all of which are carefully monitored by school leaders.

Half-term Break: A reminder that next week is half term. We have an INSET day on Monday 1st November and we return on Tuesday 2nd November at the usual times. Parents' evening launches online on the INSET day at 5pm sharp and the event is on Thursday 4th November between 1.30-7.30pm. More details on what parents' evening looks like this year to be confirmed soon!

Clubs: All of our current batch of clubs end this week. Our next batch of clubs are being launched on Wednesday this week at 2pm. Where clubs are indoor and have more than 1 class involved children will be kept apart and use separate resources to help to prevent the spread of COVID. Have a great week everyone and a fantastic half term!

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

School Statistics- Week 7

Attendance: 92.5% Class of the Week: Y4 with 99.2% Late marks: 4 GOOD to be GREEN: 98%

Mini Diary- Week 8 (Well-being theme: Kindness/Music of the week: Otis Redding/Marvin Gaye)

Monday 18th October: Cross country finals (PM)

Wednesday 20th October: 2pm clubs launch (Autumn 2)

Thursday 21st October: 5-5.30pm meeting for F2 families (Zoom link or in the hall)

Friday 22nd October: Break up for half term, 4-5pm prospective parents tours, deadline for secondary applications

