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Week 18 Newsletter

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. The term is now in full swing and we have lots of news to share!

Latest COVID update: We have had 7 new cases reported to us since last week (1 staff and 6 pupils) so numbers remain fairly consistent at the moment (a group of 5 have just returned) but cases locally and nationally are still a serious concern. Please note our latest Risk Assessment and the key information we sent out last week for families- mainly around adhering to drop off and pick up times and wearing a mask if you need to come in to school for any reason. Could we also remind everyone of the need to follow the one-way system, even at the end of after school clubs please? The email sent alongside this newsletter as a useful summary of the very up-to-date guidance- it includes the new 5 day isolation rules.

School News: A huge well done to some Y3 pupils who were magnificent at the latest P4sport event on Thursday. Their energy, talents and outstanding team work/behaviour were a joy to see. This week we have 12 Year 2 pupils at PGS for a similar event and our Y5/6 girls at the South Yorkshire Regional Final! Good luck to you all! We are delighted to report that we have secured the services of a new School Counsellor, an experienced and skilled lady called Val Cortese. Val will visit us every three weeks on a Friday morning when she will work with pupils to provide a range of support. Parents will be contacted if we feel that this support will be beneficial to their child. Val will be introducing herself on the next newsletter!

Safeguarding: Please note that we have had a very positive safeguarding review in school recently but we are always working hard to keep up to date with the latest best practice. Safeguarding is a vital part to keeping pupils safe and happy in school. All of our safeguarding policies and documents are online. Please do continue to work with us and communicate any concerns around welfare/safeguarding relating to children or family members in our area. Local services (council, police, social workers, etc) are really working hard to develop the systems to support schools so that all children feel safe in school and at home. An example of this partnership work includes a new initiative called Operation Encompass. This system alerts schools to any incident of domestic violence in the home so that we can ensure that the child is supported and protected too. If you would like to discuss any aspect of our safeguarding work please do get in touch.

Music Lessons: We have lots of pupils signed up for music lessons this term which is great and it would be great to see a few more giving it a go. We still have some spaces available for Violin, Trumpet, French Horn, Cornet, Trombone, Cello, Double Bass, Flute, Clarinet and Saxophone. If your child would be interested in keyboard, drums, guitar or ukulele please also get in touch as we have a waiting list for these instruments and we can add their name to list. Lessons are charged at £54.50 per term (+ £15 instrument hire if required). Lessons are available at a reduced cost if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium. Please get in touch with the School Office by **Friday 21st January** if you would like to sign your child up for lessons in the Spring Term.

Topics for this half term:

In the EYFS our topics change regularly and they are adapted to meet the needs and interests of the pupils.

KS1: Castles, Knights and Dragons **Y3/4:** The Vikings **Y5:** Polar Regions **Y6:** Our Changing World

News nuggets:

- Attached to the email with this newsletter are our pupil questionnaire results completed in school before Christmas. These have been analysed and shared with all staff and Governors to target further approval in all areas.
- Please note the email/tweets about our School Council Lego Competition- no theme, all welcome to have a go!

Our Have a great week everyone!

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

School Statistics- Week 17

Attendance: 96.1% Classes of the Week: Y3 with 99.3% Late marks: 2 GOOD to be GREEN: 99.7%

Mini Diary- Week 18

(Well-being theme: Road Safety- Respect for the environment and property/Music of the week: Elton John)

Dinner menu: Week 3

Monday 17th: Special music assembly (Mr Roberts) and Tag Rugby Club (Y3/4) begins

Thursday 20th: Selected Y2 pupils at PGS for Sports Hall Athletics event- 4-5.15pm, Y5/6 girls football- S Yorks final at Honeywell and Y5/6 games club begins

Friday 21st: Star of the Week assembly

(Please note there is no Patchwork Club this week and it will be covered across two lunchtime sessions)

