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Week 20 Newsletter

Monday 31st January 2022

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We have seen a number of pupils and staff returning to school from COVID absence and no new cases reported over the weekend so we are hoping that things settle down for the final weeks of this term. Please note that, in-line with the latest Government guidance, we have removed the need to wear a mask when you enter the school building. You may still do so, of course, if you would prefer to.

School News: A big well done to our Y5 pupils who took part in the latest sports event at PGS on Thursday. The team was hit by COVID but they worked really well together and achieved some wonderful scores. Most importantly, they conducted themselves brilliantly and had so much fun. It is lovely to see families sharing achievements out of school on Twitter so frequently now as well! We have a special new display in Nursery to share achievements from out of school (as well as the many wow moments we experience ourselves) so please feel free to tell us what your child has done that made you say...wow! I also wanted to say well done to the Tag Rugby group who tried a new sport and were pretty remarkable at it for their first ever try (no pun intended)!

Parents' Evening: Please note that bookings open for Parents' Evening tonight at 5pm. You will receive a text and email. If you are isolating or unable to get a suitable time to attend in person you can request a telephone call instead. The event will be held in the same way as November with work out to view for F2 to Y6 pupils. All meetings will be held in the school hall unless parents request otherwise beforehand. We look forward to meeting with you...the focus will be on attainment and progress. Nursery and Reception are having an extra afternoon of appointments to help to spread the time as they have more pupils/more to discuss. The teachers will contact you if they would like you to come on the extra afternoon.

News nuggets:

- Photographs- please note that class photographs and individual photos for new nursery pupils have been moved back one week to Thursday 7th April.
- Learning Logs- wow...the engagement with learning logs is higher than ever and we can clearly evidence our ethos in action...thank you so much! We will send out reminder texts where pupils' logs are not filled in or parents haven't commented. As ever we are striving for 100% of the school to be on board with this drive to see progress in reading for EVERY child!
- Punctuality- we have had a growing number of late marks in school since late November and we are concerned about the impact that this is having on the pupil themselves and the learning time of the whole class. Our morning timings and routines are well established and clear and we hope that every parent can prioritise getting children in school, on time and ready to learn. Thank you for the excellent punctuality rates for most of the year and now we all make sure we get this winter time back on track!
- A reminder that we have a special meeting this Tuesday for parents/families in Y6. We have already sent out the Zoom link on email. Please do not share this any wider. We hope that you can join us to discuss the SATS assessments, the Y6 residential in March (we are delighted that all 32 pupils are signed up to come along!) and our approach to transition called 'Steps to Secondary!' We will send out as much information as we can after but it is really important that families attend if they possibly can, even if you have had pupils in Y6 before.

Have a great week everyone!

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

School Statistics- Week 19

Attendance: 94.8% Classes of the Week: Y4 with 97% Late marks: 7 GOOD to be GREEN: 98.7%

Mini Diary- Week 20

(Well-being theme: Friendship /Music of the week: Indian- Bollywood)

Dinner menu: Week 2

Monday 31st: Parents' Evening booking opens at 5pm

Tuesday 1st: 5-6 Y6 parent meeting (SATS, etc) on Zoom

Thursday 3rd: Selected Y5/6 pupils at PGS for basketball event- 4-5.15pm, Y5 Arctic Angels special lesson, F2 special dental/oral hygiene workshop

Friday 4th: Star of the Week Assembly, new counsellor begins working with the school (Val Cortese)

