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Week 23 Newsletter

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter and to the second half of the Spring Term! We trust that everyone has enjoyed some time away from school and we hope that everyone has had fun! There have been some key changes to the COVID regulations in England during the half term break and we have updated our risk assessment accordingly (please see attached to the email carrying this newsletter and/or on our website). The changes however are largely irrelevant to us here at school- the expectation is still to keep children away from school if they have COVID symptoms or test positive. Whilst this is not a legal requirement any longer it is still a sensible and socially responsible thing to do, of course. Daily testing for close contacts, the need to update families of any single/low level cases in school and the need for twice weekly routine testing have all now been removed. With these changes in mind and the recent low case rate in school we have brought back whole school assemblies (with classes distanced) and the 'old style' playtimes with Y1-Y6 outdoor at the same time now. This means that they can mix outdoors and access a wider range of zones and activities. **We are also planning to scrap the one way system from Monday 7th March but please look out for more information on this in the coming days.**

Parking and Safety: We wanted to say a huge thank you for the considerable difference in safety around the drop off zone at school on the final week of term following our most recent newsletter. Thank you and let's keep it nice and safe!

School News: A huge well done to our School Council for organising a wonderful, new competition for everyone to enjoy! The number of entries and the quality on display were lovely to see and every child talked about how much fun they had making them! We hope that they all made it home safely too! Well done to our winners- Toby in Y6, Isabelle in Y3, Dylan and Idris in Y5 and Y3, Seth and Flynn in Y5 and Y2, Oliver T in Y1 and Daisy in Y2! Well done to everyone who played in the football event on the final day- well done to the Man City team who triumphed in the end! We also enjoyed 3 great Valentine Discos and raised a whopping £290 in the end for our defibrillator! Wow!

Uniform price rise: Please note that we have been informed of a price rise in the coming days or weeks at Vortex, our uniform provider. We thought we would warn anyone ASAP in case people were due some extra uniform and wanted to jump in at the current prices!

Sickness guidance: Please note that we have been informed by the health authorities that all schools must enforce a 48 hour rule (from the final symptoms of illness) for all cases of viral sickness and/or diarrhoea. We will enforce this rule in school from today.

Reminders:

- Clubs for this half term launch tomorrow at 2.30pm for online booking. We have a wide range of excellent clubs again to enjoy! Pupils who receive the free school meals can sign up for one free school based club.
- Learning Logs are working really well this year- please continue to log reading and add a weekly comment!
- Y6 residential will take place soon- please ensure that we have any forms returned ASAP.
- Y5 swimming starts this Friday- pupils need their swimming kit and we need written permission ASAP!

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

School Statistics- Week 22

Attendance: 97.3% Classes of the Week: Y4 with 100% Late marks: 2 GOOD to be GREEN: 98.3%

Mini Diary- Week 23

(Well-being theme: School Council Updates/Music of the week: Elvis Presley)

Dinner menu: Week 2 No clubs this week!

Monday 28th: INSET day- school is closed

Tuesday 1st: School Council Presentations in assembly, 2.30pm Spring 2 clubs launched

Wednesday 2nd: Special netball session (selected pupils) 3.15-4.15pm, F2 and Y6 height and weight checks

Thursday 3rd: Selected Y5/6 pupils at Boccia (PS) 4-5.15pm

Friday 4th: World Book Day (dress up or dress down, no donation) and Y5 swimming session, Y5/6 girls football PM

Spring Term Diary Dates- Reminder (and new dates)

March

Tuesday 1st: Return to school and some Literacy events to promote reading/World Book themes

Wednesday 2nd: F2 and Y6 height and weight checks (public health)

Thursday 3rd: Selected Y5/6 pupils at Boccia (PS) 4-5.15pm

Friday 4th: World Book Day (dress up as book character or wear PJs/onesie)

Friday 4th: Y5 swimming lessons begin (every Friday except INSET/Sports Day)

Friday 4th: Y5/6 Girls Football 1.45-2.45pm at Shawlands

Monday 7th: WW2 theme day in Y3/4 (optional dress up day)

Monday 7th: 5-5.30pm Y2 parent meeting on Zoom about SATS and supporting pupils at home

Monday 7th: Y5/6 Football (selected pupils) v Cawthorne 4-4.30pm

Wednesday 9th to Friday 11th: Y6 on Residential

Thursday 10th: Selected Y3/4 pupils at PGS for netball event

Friday 11th: Y5/6 Girls v Y5/6 Boys Football

Monday 14th: KS1 Wise Owl Experience visits school

Monday 14th to Friday 25th: 10 day active travel competitions

Thursday 17th: Selected Y1 pupils at PGS event (multi-sports)

Friday 18th: Sports Relief- wear sports clothing all day

Friday 18th: Girls football finals- North of England- at Liverpool. Leave at 9.30am and back at 4.30pm

Monday 21st: DT Day in Nursery

Monday 21st: Selected Y5 writers out of school at event

Tuesday 22nd: DT Day in Reception

Wednesday 23rd to Wednesday 30th: Book Fair in school- see letter closer to the time

Thursday 24th: Spanish Dance Day- KS2

Thursday 24th: Y5/6 Netball at PGS

Friday 25th: Y5/6 Football afternoon (various games/groups) 1.30-3.30pm versus Churchfield (home)

Friday 25th: Y3/4 football after school

Friday 25th: EYFS Mothering Sunday gifts and messages out to families

Thursday 31st: KS2 Get Mucky event at PGS

Thursday 31st: Mr Kilner's last day

April

Monday 4th: School Council meeting

Thursday 7th: Class Photos and Individual Photos for new nursery pupils

Thursday 7th: KS2 Field Archery (selected pupils) at PGS

Friday 8th: Easter Egg Competition and art contest judged

Friday 8th: Break up for Easter

Easter Holidays: Monday 11th to Friday 22nd April

Return to school on Monday 25th April (no INSET Day)

New dates for Summer Term (not already published):

Thursday 28th April: Musical Instrument Evening (all music learners can perform- not including Y3 ukuleles as they perform later in the term at the Metrodome in a concert)

Wednesday 4th May: Wellbeing evening for parents (on Zoom) 6-7pm with lots of special guest speakers