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Week 26 Newsletter

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter! We have had a really tough week in school attendance wise and COVID has sadly become very prevalent again amongst staff and pupils, as it has in many other local schools. Y6 has been particularly badly hit and we have had 13 new COVID cases reported in during the last week alone across the school. We have made some adjustments to our COVID plans to minimise the spread of COVID between different classes including adapting playtimes, assemblies, how children are seated at clubs, etc. We will continue to adapt as necessary when cases rise in any class. We are regularly asked when a pupil can return following a COVID case and we have summarised our approach that starts today below:

1. When your child tests positive (or starts with COVID related symptoms) they should stay away from school and this is called day zero.
2. You then count forward 5 days from that point (when a child has tested positive on either a lateral flow or PCR test- if you have a positive lateral flow you NO LONGER require to confirm this with a PCR)
3. If your child has two negative lateral flow tests- 24 hours apart- on any day from day 5 and 6 or later, they can return to school
4. If your child continues to test positive on lateral flows after day 5+ they can return after the 10th day of isolation unless their temperature remains high (they can return with the other symptoms if they are well enough to attend)

So, if your child started with symptoms on a Friday (day zero) they would stay at home Saturday to Wednesday (days 1-5) but start testing on the Wednesday. If they had negative tests on the Wednesday and Thursday they can return to school on Thursday. If not then they stay at home. If they continue to test positive then they could return to school on the following Tuesday (as day 10 is Monday!)...I really hope that helps! A further reminder that parents need to inform us ASAP if your child is well enough to work so that we can send work home.

Walk and Wheel: For the next two weeks we will be promoting walking to school or using bikes and scooters! We also encourage park and stride to families who live further afield. Pupils will tell us their travel method and Mr Venus will log the methods of travel and have prizes and rewards for the best classes! It would be lovely to see the cycle and scooter parks packed now that the sun is shining a little more often! A gentle reminder to please dismount from scooters and bikes on school property to avoid an accident/injury. Thank you!

School News: We say it every week, but...WHAT A BUSY WEEK! We raised a whopping £180 for Comic Relief (thank you all!) and had a bake sale to support the EYFS class pets Fish and Chips after a very stressful week for our little superstars and their staff which raised well over £200! Families have been so, so generous and supportive always...thank you! Sadly, Fish passed away after the surgery on her eye but we have found Chips a new friend who will be introduced to the class, and named, very soon. The staff have handled the whole situation superbly to support the emotional wellbeing of the children.

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Sports News: Four of our amazing Y5 pupils attended the KS2 South Yorkshire Boccia finals and brought home the trophy as champions- well done boys! A huge well done to our Y1 multi-skills team as well who came fourth. Their enthusiasm, skill and team work were a joy to behold for such young people- well done! Lastly, the South Yorkshire girls' football champions attended the North of England Girls' Football Finals on Friday at Liverpool FC! They were absolutely fantastic and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We managed to draw 2 of our six games and the standard of teams was incredibly high. The children will remember the experience forever and I'm so proud of their achievements this year! We are excited to confirm that the Sports Awards will return this Summer too after a COVID affected few years- a date will be confirmed in due course- we will have much to celebrate! This week we have football opportunities to play in-house matches for Y1, Y3 and Y4. See an email sent earlier today and please sign up on the 'forms' team so that it saves lots of emails flying around!

News Nuggets:

- Art competition- the art competition runs all week and ends this Friday! We have prizes for the top three pieces and space for all of them to go on display in our art gallery! It is open to all ages and the theme is portraits (A4 or A5 please) of inspirational women or people who help us! Please hand any entries to us ASAP.
- Next Friday we will have a little video on Twitter for our EYFS families to celebrate Mothering Sunday and pupils will be making a little treat for parents in their special DT days. Nursery parents please note that children will make one if they attend on Monday- pupils who do not normally attend on a Monday need to let us know if they are attending please.

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

School Statistics- Week 25

Attendance: 92.7% Class of the Week: F2 with 100% Late marks: 3 GOOD to be GREEN: 98%

Mini Diary- Week 26

(Well-being theme: Family and Friends and music of the week: Tchaikovsky)

Dinner menu: Week 3 All clubs on this week!

Monday 21st: Y5 able writers out of school at event and Nursery DT day

Tuesday 22nd: F2 DT Day

Wednesday 23rd: Book Fair arrives- see timetable on emails

Thursday 24th: Selected Y5/6 pupils at Netball (PGS) 4-5.15pm and Y3-5 Spanish Dance Day

Friday 25th: Y5 swimming session, EYFS Mothering Sunday messages on Twitter and gifts come home

Friday 25th: Y1 Football 2.30-3.15pm and Y3-4 Football 3.15-4.15pm

LAST CHANCE TO TAKE PART IN THE ART COMPETITION!