



Newsletter 16th March 2020



I need to start this newsletter with a couple of very important but not so nice items but please do you read through to the end!

COVID – 19 Virus

We are getting updates from the DfE on a daily basis and we are continuing to follow the advice currently provided. At the time of typing this newsletter schools have not been directed to close. If you have any concerns in regards to your child's health; NHS 111 have an online advice system where you can provide specific details of your concerns. As a school we cannot advise you on your child's symptoms and the subsequent actions; NHS 111 guidance should be followed. Please do not phone them unless it is an emergency.

Advice update:

Self-isolation should mean staying at home and as far as possible and staying away from family members in separate rooms.

The advice is to self-isolate if you display any one or more of the following symptoms which are:

- A new continuous cough
- High temperature
- Shortness of breath - likely to follow after the first two symptoms.

Please note the advice is for a new cough. The self-isolation period is for 7 days unless symptoms worsen in which case you should contact the NHS 111.

The latest guidance states that it is not necessary for other family members or siblings to self – isolate unless they too are displaying symptoms. We will need to keep a log of all pupils self - isolating so please let us know if this is the case.

As a school we really appreciate the support you are giving us in these challenging circumstances.

Parking

It has been brought to my attention again that there has been both dangerous and inconsiderate parking surrounding the school which is putting children and families at risk. As a result of this we have contacted the Parking Wardens from South Essex Parking Partnership. They will be carrying out spot checks on the parking situation around the school. They have also clarified the following information:

Parking on the Zig zag lines by zebra crossings:

Parking wardens will issue an instant fine of £70. (This can be paid within 14 days at reduced rate of £35.) Police officers will issue an on the spot a ticket at a higher rate than parking wardens for dangerous parking/causing an obstruction and can issue points on your licence.

Parking on Yellow lines:

Parking wardens will issue an instant fine of £70. (This can be paid within 14 days at reduced rate of £35.) You may be given a 5 minute observation if they see you are unloading heavy items however this is not legal and especially round schools this may be instant. Police officers will issue an on the spot a ticket at a higher rate than parking wardens for dangerous parking/causing an obstruction and can issue points on your licence.

Picking up time

For the safety of your child, please could you ensure that younger siblings stay with you on the playground at pick up and drop off times. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Ok, on to the nice stuff!

World Book Day

Mrs Jones and I had such a lovely start to the day welcoming everyone into school dressed as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas. The children all looked amazing and we really appreciate you supporting this event. We were lucky to be visited by a professional story teller, Kate Millner who told some fantastic stories with puppets and props and then supported the children to make up their own stories. The creativity and love of stories your children demonstrated was inspiring.

Class Assemblies

I have had the pleasure of watching Percy Park Keepers and Jolly Postman Class Assemblies and Mrs Jones enjoyed watching Peter Pan Class. All classes put on a fabulous performance to a full audience. Thank you to everyone who attended. Your support is always appreciated.

Balanceability

Last week we took 16 Year R children to a Balanceability Festival at Chelmsford Sports and Athletics centre. They participated enthusiastically in a carousel of activities linked to coordination and balance. They all had an amazing time and were a credit to the school. Well done Charlotte, Max, Lewi , Joshua, Alice, Isla, Lexi, Alice, Charlie, Alfie, Robyn, Alice, Nysa, Vian, Archie and Maximus.

Classroom Snapshots

Our classroom snapshots continue to be very popular and we really enjoy giving children the opportunity to share their learning directly with you. Again the support shown for these sessions is very much appreciated and we look forward to planning our summer term sessions. Miss Gell and Miss Haque's sessions will be re scheduled at a later date.

Parent Consultations

It was a pleasure to see so many of you attend a consultation session with the teachers last week. We value working in partnership with you and the children have made fabulous progress this term. Lots to celebrate!

Year 2 SATS Workshop

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 2 SAT's workshop and we hope you found it useful. The PowerPoint has now been put on the website if you unable to attend or would like further information.

Phonics Workshop

We had very positive feedback from our phonics workshop and again attendance was very positive. Apologies for not making it clear this session was for Year 1 parents!