

Happy New Year

It was so lovely to welcome the children back to the classroom yesterday for the start of the spring term. We are looking forward to the term ahead. For information about what your child will be learning this half term, please remember to look at the subject areas on our website. The class pages will also shortly be updated with a short video providing information about our topics and learning for the term ahead. Let's hope this is a more settled term for all our classes.

Remote Learning

At present, we have a number of children who are off school with confirmed cases of Covid. If your child does test positive for Covid and has to isolate, we can set assignments for them to complete in line with our remote learning policy, which is available on our website, if they are well enough to do so. This will be set via the Teams platform and your child should complete assignments set and hand them in via this platform daily so the teacher can provide feedback. We will be inviting children who are isolating to join us for some live sessions on Teams, again only if they are well enough to do so.

There is no expectation for your child to complete work if they are unwell.

Please just keep in touch and let us know so that we can ensure your child is as involved as they are well enough to be. Once we are notified, we will ask whether your child is well enough to receive work or not. As soon as they are, please let us know so we can ensure they can continue learning.

I know this can be a difficult time for all our families so please don't hesitate to get in touch if we can help in anyway.

Holiday Dates 2022-23 & 23-24

Holiday dates for the next two academic years are available to view on the school website under the parents tab, term dates.

Newsletter

Friday 7th January

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Dates for your Diary—for dates further ahead, please visit the calendar on the school website.

Mon 10th Jan	Class 1 visit to Blackpool Zoo
Tues 11th & Weds 12th Jan	Class 3 parent meetings (Re-arranged dates) Telephone Appointments
Weds 12th Jan	Pre school 'Story time in the Forest'
Fri 21st Jan	Class 3 Swimming—Start of C3 swimming block (10 weeks, consecutive Friday's)
Fri 11th Feb	School closes for half term—3:30pm
Mon 21st Feb	School Re-opens for Spring 2
Wk Beg: 28th Feb	Book Week
Thurs 3rd Mar	World Book Day—Details TBC
Thurs 3rd Mar	Class 4—CPR Training with Millie's Trust
Wk Beg: 14th / 21st March	Assessment Weeks
Tues 22nd Mar	Class Photographs
Wk beg: 28th March	Parent Meetings & PDR Meetings
Fri 1st April	School Closes for Easter—2:30pm Easter Service TBC

Covid Updates

Over the Christmas period there have been a number of key Covid updates and new advice:

- **Changes to isolation period** - Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason. Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8.

- **Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19** - People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time. Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts.

- **PCR Tests**—From 11th January, PCR tests are no longer required to confirm a positive LFD test. The result should be reported via the reporting portal. This is for asymptomatic twice weekly or daily testing. If you or a family member has symptoms, you should arrange a PCR test as is currently the case.

PE Days / Feel Good Friday

PE this half term will continue to be on a Monday across school. It will also be on a Friday for class 3 and year 5. PE kits can be kept in school, in lockers and will be sent home at the end of the half term.

It will be Year 6 in Forest School for the first half of the spring term so children should bring clothes appropriate for Forest School every Friday in a bag. Year 6 will be receiving a Forest School letter with further details.