

# Headteacher's Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are well.

Please remember to keep your children at home if they are ill and, if they, or anyone in the household, has any of the following symptoms then please make sure that they get a Covid-19 test: a new, continuous cough, a high temperature or a change in or loss of their normal sense of taste or smell. Please contact school if you have any questions about this.

## **Please note the following information:**

- As I walk around school, it is really pleasing to see the children concentrating well and working hard. This week. Some classes have had the opportunity to take part in outdoor learning activities – this will become a regular feature of learning across school. Some Year 5 children have just come back into school and told me that their learning outside was amazing – which is exactly what we want!
- The menu for school lunches can be found on the school website
- If your child is isolating then please do not bring them to school at pick up and drop off time. Please contact school and we will discuss alternative arrangements with you.
- Thank you to those parents who are wearing face coverings on the playground – this is almost everyone now. If you are choosing not to wear a face covering then we request that you do so.
- A small number of parents have expressed their concern at the classroom doors being open. Government guidance is very clear on this – rooms must be well-ventilated to reduce the possibility of air borne transmission. Therefore we have to ensure that classrooms are ventilated well which, where possible, means we will have classroom doors open and certainly windows. When it is wet or very cold we will close the outside doors. Children do not catch colds from being cold.
- We have carried out some assessments with the children to gain a good understanding of gaps in learning. It is very clear where children have been supported well at home – thank you for this. An important area with which parents can support is with reading. Many children have fallen behind with their reading skills. We are focusing on this in school and I would ask that you read with your children as much as possible at home. We have bought more reading books so that children can have more than one book at home and we ask that you read every day with your children.
- We will not be having parents' evenings this term because of Covid restrictions. We will be sharing children's progress and attainment with parents and carers in a short written report instead.
- May I remind you that parents/carers should not bring their cars onto the school drive for dropping off children. There are some specific exceptions to this which have been agreed with school otherwise cars should not drive through the school gates.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

With kind regards  
Mrs H Edge