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'Placing learning at the heart of everything we do'

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Staying Safe

A period of beautiful sunny weather, talk of enjoying a summer with less restrictions and we get taken back down to earth with a bump last week!!!! So far, we have had a number of positive Covid cases amongst the children of our Year 5 & 6 setting. This has resulted in those classes and the adults associated with those classes having to isolate as well as a positive case in our Teal Class setting.

Vaccinated or not, please, please, please can we all remember to be careful and stay safe. Face masks and social distancing continues to be requested on the school site and we do not expect to see unsupervised children on the school site before their start time.

It has also been brought to my attention that symptoms such as headache, sore throat and runny noses are now also possible symptoms to look out for in children with the new variant.

PH Wiltshire have also pointed out the following with regards to the use of Lateral Flow Tests:

Lateral Flow Testing points to note

- The LFD test is:
 - is intended to detect asymptomatic cases
 - is **not** to be used on people displaying symptoms. People with symptoms must book a PCR test.
 - is for use by adults in a household with children and **not** for primary or younger children
- Any LFD test must be followed up by a confirmatory PCR test. In this case the PCR test result will override any LFD result.
- The whole household will need to self-isolate in the case of a positive LFD in line with [stay at home guidance](#)

As I have said, myself and staff will be doing everything we can to ensure safe practices within school. I implore each and every one of you to do the same however inconvenient some of our rules might be to you as an individual. Our continued, safe operation relies upon everyone working together. I urge everyone to act responsibly.

Smoking

Can I please take this opportunity to remind everyone that the school is a non-smoking site, and this includes the use of any type of electronic cigarettes.

School Dinners

When booking school dinners please can I remind everyone to order their children's hot dinners by midnight on the Tuesday prior to the week required. Can I also ask that you keep track of your hot dinner and packed lunch days as well please.

Reporting Absence

Please can you leave a message on the school answer machine before 9.15am if your child is going to be absent. We will require the child's name, class and a specific reason for absence. (We need a little more information than just ill or poorly please).

Residential Trips

It has been amazing to see the uptake for this Year 5/6 Residential in November, I think at the last count I saw more names than ever on the list. It's a trip that personally I thoroughly enjoy sharing with the children, its fantastic few days of adventure. Maybe not quite a week all-inclusive on a beach somewhere warm but I'm along with the children already looking forward to our usual chilly, wet Welsh week!!!!

An update with regards to our usual Year 3/4 Residential Trip to Llansteffan. As I reported in the last newsletter, unfortunately this centre has fallen foul to the pandemic, however we have been actively scouting for replacements and it looks like we have found a new one, so stay tuned for more information soon.

The last day of term

The last day of the school year will on **Thursday 22nd July and we will finish at 1:00pm.** Lunch on this day will be a picnic, therefore can I ask that everyone provides a packed lunch and those entitled to free school meals order a packed lunch on ParentPay for that day. (This will still show a hot dinner, but main will be a ham sandwich and vegetarian will be cheese)

Summer Reading Challenge

We're so excited to reveal the theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2021! Introducing...Wild World Heroes! Get ready for **Wild World Heroes**, arriving **online** and in your **local library** this summer.

Pack your bags, we're headed for Wilderville! It's a pretty cool place, but there are lots of things that the Wild World Heroes can do to make their town even better for the people and animals that live there. Join the Wild World Heroes for the Summer Reading Challenge and discover how **you can make a difference** to the environment too.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Summer School - FUEL

Wiltshire Council has been given Department of Education funding to deliver the Holiday Activity and Food programme to children eligible for benefits related free school meals in Wiltshire. The programme is being delivered in Wiltshire using the brand FUEL.

We are pleased to be able to confirm details of our summer FUEL offer, which is now open for registrations. The summer programme comprises of ten face-to-face holiday activity camps, delivered in areas of the county where there is the greatest need for the programme. Our location is:

- Calne – Kingsbury Green Academy

Please see letters attached for further details as how to apply for a place.

Return to school in September

The children will return to school on Thursday 2nd September, with Wednesday 1st being a Teaching Development Day. School start times etc will be confirmed nearer the time.

Finally

I have been so, so impressed with the children's ability to carry on learning with a smile on their faces. My walks around the building have seen all classes engaged, with good listening and a great can do 'Spikey' attitude. Well done, Priestley!

Priestley & Proud

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