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COVID Cases at THT

As I stated on the letter sent out to you yesterday, you may have noticed that staff are once again wearing masks / visors in and around school.

I'm afraid that the number of positive cases at THT has risen over the weekend and we have a few staff and children who have tested positive for COVID 19.

Mr Skinner and Mrs Flowers have tested positive as has Mrs Birkby. Miss Iddon tested positive last weekend and is still isolating, and a small number of children in Years 1, 4, 5 and 6 have gone for PCR due to positive lateral flows test results. Seven children have since had their results returned as positive. Please note that if you are suspecting that your child has symptoms (or we notice them in school) - please book a PCR test ASAP. Mr Skinner and one child in Year 6 **did not** test positive on a lateral flow test - but did on the PCR.

Due to the rising numbers, we have also made the following decisions about the running of the school for the next two weeks (longer if needed):

- Please can we ask parents / carers / grandparents to wear a face covering (mask / visor etc) when on the school grounds (unless you are exempt).
- Please limit coming into school as much as possible - i.e. phone or email the office rather than 'popping in'.
- For the next 2 weeks we are cancelling all face to face IEP (Individual Education Plan) meetings - these will be done by phone call instead.
- Next Wednesday's Parents' Evening will be done by phone instead of Face to Face.
- Whole School Worship will revert to 'recorded' Acts of Worship which can be played in classrooms rather than gathering together in the hall. We will also be asking parents / family members not to attend Celebration Worship.
- All after school clubs (football / netball / Ninja Club etc) are cancelled for the time being.
- All community clubs are also cancelled (Yoga, Hiit Classes and Women's Institute).
- Before and After School Club will continue as normal - but will revert to a bubble system.
- We are not (as yet) running 'bubbles' in school - but may have to move to this if needed.

We hope these restrictions will only be in place, as I said, for the next two weeks - but of course this may change according to the number of cases at THT. Talking to other 'Heads' in the area - numbers of positive cases in Primary Schools seems to be on the rise at the moment, so 'watch this space'.

Extra Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Don't forget, THT will be closed on Friday 26th November in honour of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

If you remember (Newsletter 1 of this year), to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, there is to be an extra Bank Holiday for the 2021/22 academic year. The date set for the Country is Friday 3rd June 2022. However, as many schools are already on holiday during this time, schools are allowed to designate another day during the year to mark the holiday. We have therefore chosen to have a longer weekend in November to break up the long Autumn term.

Children in Need

The BBC Children in Need Appeal takes place this Friday (19th November). The new School Council and Year 5 have asked if the Children could dress up with a theme of 'Superheroes' on the day...but if not...any Non Uniform will do. Simply bring £1 on the day or click on the following ParentPay link to make your payment.



<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4030>

Year 5 are also running a colouring competition to design a new bandana for Pudsey. Colouring sheets will be coming home with the children over the next couple of days. If your child would like to enter the competition simply send the completed sheet back into school (with name and class on the sheet) with a £1 entry fee. Please have all entries in by 12 noon on Thursday 18th November. All donations, of course, go towards Pudsey's Piggy Bank!!

Celebration Worship

Last Friday, we held another one of our Celebration Worships. Well done to all those who made it to the bench!! They were...

Reception	Rodrigo
Year 1	Joseph
Year 2	Amelia
Year 3	Henry
Year 4	Jessica S
Year 5	Lawrence
Year 6	Amber
Head teacher Award	Henry in Year 2

This Friday we will have another Celebration Worship - but this week it will be recorded and played in class - I will put the link onto ClassDojo for all to watch!!

Co op Local Causes

Don't forget to log onto your Co op Card account and choose us as the Charity you would like to support this year... choose us and even tell your family and friends!! <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes>

This Week's Worship

Anti-Bullying week 2021

Parents' Evening

The Autumn Term Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 24th November and Thursday 25th November, and we hope that the evening will prove to be useful and informative for you. Unfortunately, due to the rise in positive COVID cases at THT the Wednesday session will no longer be face to face. We have decided to make both of next week's parents' evenings telephone conversations only.

Wednesday's is from 5 until 8pm and Thursday's is from 3.35 until 5.30pm

Bearing in mind the change of 'plans', if you wish to change your appointment please submit your choice of time and we will then take your more recent request. Do not forget to include the telephone number that you would like to be contacted on.

Christmas Lunch

The Children's Christmas Lunch is now available to order on ParentPay. For KS2 (Years 3 to 6) the cost of the Lunch is £2.35. If you would like your child / children to have a lunch please book their meal as soon as possible and no later than 12 noon on 1st December. If your Infant Child does not usually have a School Dinner - please can you also book this on ParentPay - don't forget that School Meals are free to all infants!! (See the Christmas Menu below.) I'm afraid that we will not be inviting Parents / Carers to join us for Christmas Lunch in 2021 (for obvious reasons)...sorry!!

School Lunch - Week 2 of the Winter menu - Week beginning 22nd November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese Panini with Tortilla Chips and Salad	Cottage Pie with Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Vegetables	Beef Burger in a Bun with Ketchup, Paprika Potato Wedges	Crispy Battered Fish with Chips and Peas
or	or	or	or	or
Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta with Garlic Dough Balls and Vegetables	Crispy Fish Finger Wrap with Potato Wedges and Peas	Vegetable Curry with Mixed Rice and Naan Bread	Veggie Sausage Roll with Paprika Potatoes and Baked Beans	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Chips and Sweetcorn

The Christmas Infant Nativity

With some of the Infant Children being off - and Mrs Birkby - it is unlikely that we can 'put together' an Infant Production for this year...and it is unlikely that we would be able to have a 'live audience' attending the shows.

However, because the children have been working hard to learn the words of the songs for 'Shine Star, Shine!' we will be sending a recording of the children home for you to enjoy nearer the end of term. Apologies once again!!

A Message from Friends

Thank you to everyone who has ordered a veg box this month. These will be available to collect from Alice Murphy this Thursday 18th November at 3.30pm in the staff car park. Don't forget your mask (please)...

Are You Applying for School Places for September 2022??

Do you have a child who has a 4th birthday between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 - then for Lancashire resident families you need to apply for a school place, even if an older brother or sister is already attending your preferred school.

The means of application is via Lancashire's on-line system at:-

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools (then click on School Admissions and "Apply for a school place")

This went live on 1st September 2021. It is quick and easy to use and offers an e-mail receipt of all submitted applications.

Please ensure that you hit the "submit" button when you are ready to send in your completed on-line application. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your on-line application.

The closing dates for applications for September 2022 are at 11-59 pm on:-

Primary school applications - 15th January 2022

As always...thanks for reading...stay safe...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith
Head teacher

Did you know...

According to one website, the 16th November is:

Button Day, Fast Food Day and Clarinet Day. It is also the day to have a party with your Teddy bear!!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH.

Roast Turkey
with
Chipolata Sausage
or
Roast Quorn Fillet
with
Veggie Sausage

served with
Sage & Onion Stuffing
Roast & Creamy Mashed
Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
&
Gravy
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Seasonal
Biscuit or
Cup Cake



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