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Covid-19 Update

Following a decline in COVID cases over the last 10 days we are delighted that we are able to step down some of our COVID measures in school and return to a more normal way of operating.

From Monday we will

- ✓ Return to key stage playtimes (no bubbles)
- ✓ Resume clubs run by external providers (Football, French, Mr H)
- ✓ Return to Key Stage Assemblies in the hall
- ✓ Resume mixing in Rainbow Wraparound (no bubbles)
- ✓ Return tables to groups in class (not rows facing forward)

We will also keep the following measures in place

- ✓ Additional hand sanitising / hand washing for children throughout the school day
- ✓ Some staff may choose to continue to wear masks on the playground and in school
- ✓ If cases remain low then we will resume clubs led by staff after half term.

Please help us to limit the spread of the virus and limit disruption to learning and staffing by

- booking a PCR test if you or your child are experiencing any symptoms, no matter how mild, including any respiratory symptoms such as the onset of a cold or any severe or prolonged headaches.
- using Lateral Flow Tests for asymptomatic testing only. They should not be relied upon if your child is displaying any symptoms, no matter how mild.
- Ensuring children who return on day 6 (if they have returned a negative LFT on day 5 and 6) do not have a temperature

Many thanks
Mrs Lamb



Happy New Year to those of you who are celebrating Chinese New Year and the Year of the Tiger.

Early Years and KS1 have been very crafty making lanterns. KS2 have been learning how Chinese New Year is celebrated over two weeks and the significance of each of the days.

Early Years will be continuing with dragon dancing and noodle tasting next week!





Please see attached January's edition of the DOSE Mental Health and Happiness Newsletter. Kalmer Counselling and DOSE Magazine have worked together to create a Free Newsletter with insights and tools for parents to help their children manage their happy hormones, mental health and wellness. For further information and more free resources check out www.dosemagazine.co.uk



Healthy School

Newcastle's Metro service have launched a new map which displays the walking distances between stations. It's a great idea if you want to explore more of an area without having to double back on yourself or simply want to get off a station early to build some extra activity in to your day. Did you know that you can also take standard bikes on the metro too at certain times of day and to most stations (you could easily bike between the sections where they are not permitted) – an easy way to get to, or get back from great cycle routes further afield. Find out more at <https://www.nexus.org.uk/metro/guide-metro/walking-map> where there are also links for information on taking bikes on board.

Mrs Wells

External Clubs

Mr Hymus will resume his Outdoor Learning club on Tuesday 15th February with the final session being held after half term on Tuesday 1st March.

Madame Baldasera will resume her French Clubs next week. There are still a few places left in our French lunch clubs:

Year 3 & 4: Wednesdays from 12:00 till 12:30

Year 1: Wednesdays from 12:30 till 13:00

Year 2: Thursdays from 12:30 till 13:00

If you are interested or want to find out more, please contact Mrs Baldasera on 0191 6490696, 07815 115 468 or by email

rachelbaldy@gmail.com

Graeme Doyle will be restarting football from next week. Booking forms will be sent out via Parent Pay.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb



Thank you to all parents who have sent in their final payment for our up and coming visit to Robinwood next month. The deadline for final payment was Wednesday this week (2nd Feb). If you haven't already paid please can you do so as soon as possible, thanks. We will be holding a meeting in the school hall on Monday 14th February at 6:15 to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

Because of COVID rules we are asking that only one member per family attends this meeting so we can limit numbers, therefore no children will be able to attend. This would mean we would have 45 adults in the hall with sufficient space.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Mrs Wilson

Attendance

Whole school attendance so far this academic year is 94.7% - the same as last week.

Our Class of the week is **Orange Class** with 99.3% attendance. Well done!



Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking on the streets surrounding school.

- ✓ Park considerately
- ✓ Park safely
- ✓ Make sure pedestrian routes are clear
- ✓ Turn off engines while waiting
- ✗ Do not block drives
- ✗ Do not park on grass verges

PTFA Meeting

It was lovely to meet with some of our PTFA members last week to discuss the successful events that took place last term and to plan ahead for the remainder of the academic year. Thanks to your generous support the PTFA raised £1105 in total from our Christmas events.

We will be holding a bake sale on the last Friday of this half term (more info in next week's newsletter) and are busy planning Easter Fun activities with staff which we will share with you soon.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb



'Mathletes of the Week' this week are Orange class – well done all of you!

Well done to Sahib D, Alfie R and Ava U for your wonderful work this week on Mathletics.



Well done to everyone earning lots of coins this week – our top earners are:

Blue – Oliver T

Green – Evie T

Indigo – Muhammad H

Orange – Alexander G

Violet – Hania P

Yellow – Alexander T

Miss Gasper



Thank you so much to Seccombe family for the lovely donation of books – a great selection, the children will love them!

Ava Underhay in Orange class is our Oxford Reading Buddy this week. Well done Ava, you are making amazing progress through the levels, keep it up!

Mrs Lambert

Covid-19 Update

We are continuing with our current Covid-19 protective measures which have been reviewed in consultation with Newcastle Public Health.

Although we know that with the new variant, symptoms are much milder, we have had an increase in cases this week and are keeping the following restrictions in place to limit transmission and disruption to learning in school.

- Staff will be wearing face coverings in corridors and communal areas, including on the doors when greeting children in the morning
- We will be limiting the mixing of children within school and therefore;
 - ✓ Children will be separated into 'bubbles' on the playground
 - ✓ Non-essential lunchtime and after school clubs will be paused
 - ✓ Children will remain with their own classes for lessons and assemblies
 - ✓ Assemblies will be virtual
 - ✓ Children attending Rainbow Wraparound will be separated into 'bubbles' and spaced out in a large, well-ventilated area
 - ✓ Children in KS1 and KS2 will be seated in forward facing rows
 - ✓ Additional hand sanitising / hand washing for children throughout the school day

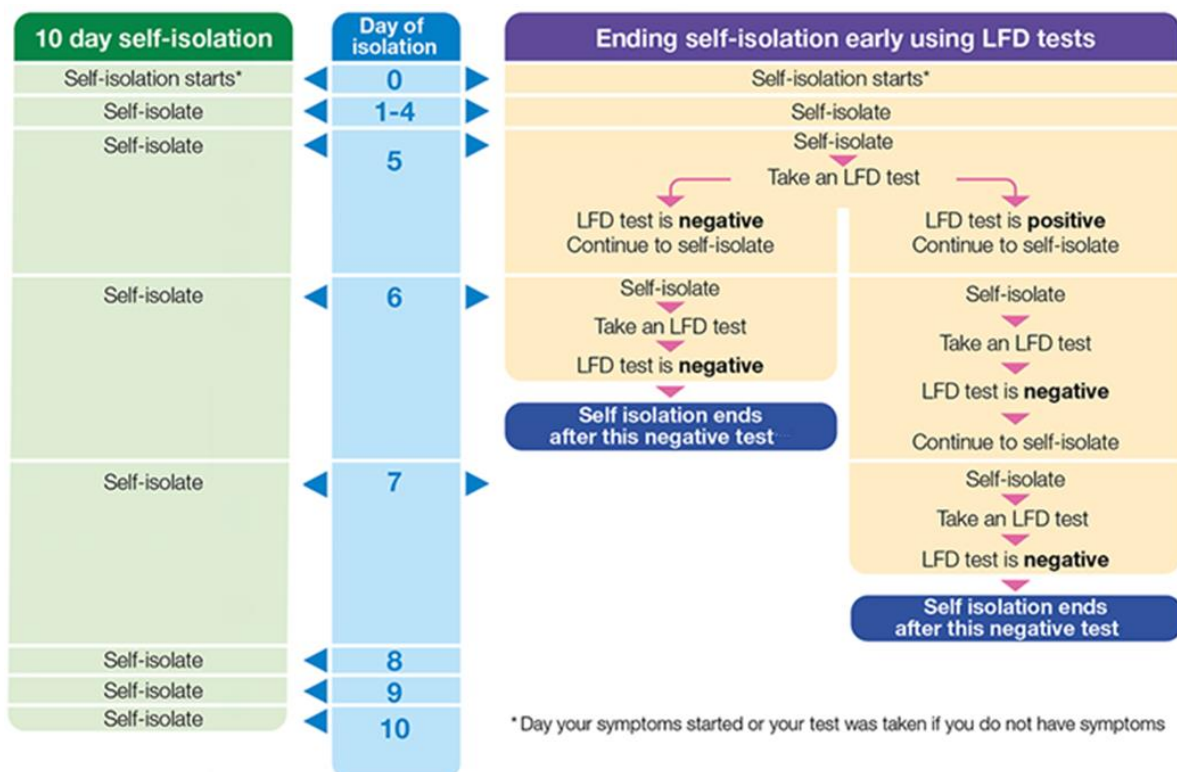
If your child is absent from school for COVID-19 related reasons, and they are well enough to work, we are setting work via Tapestry (EYFS) and Seesaw.

People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with an LFD test on both day 5 and day 6 and **they do not have a temperature**. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.



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**FEB SOCCER
CAMP. MON
21ST TO FRIDAY
25TH (5 DAYS)**

**Venue:Blue
Flames
Sports
club.Benton**



**9.15 -3.30.
£15.00 per day.
Special
discounts
available**

**Contact
Graeme Doyle
for details:
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Advanced Notice of Dates

Updates will be added in red

Monday 7th February	Visitor in school Online Safety sessions for all classes
Tuesday 8th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 15 th February	Violet Class to El Torero – Spanish Food Tasting
Wednesday 16 th February	Blue Class to El Torero – Spanish Food Tasting
Thursday 17 th February	Indigo Class to El Torero – Spanish Food Tasting
Friday 18th February	School Closes for Half Term Holiday
Monday 28th February	School re-opens
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day – Best Bedtime Books – wear your PJs and bring a book!
Thursday 3rd March	Simon Bartram author visit all year groups
Tuesday 8th March	KS2 trip to Vindolanda
Tuesday 8th March	International Womens’ Day
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th March	STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day/Sports Relief – come in sports kit e.g. football, rugby, judo or your PE kits for sports activities.
Week beginning 21st March	The Big Pedal – cycle or scoot to school as much as you can this week!
Monday 21st March	World Poetry Day
Monday 21st March	KS2 Vivian French author visit “Talking Poetry”
Tuesday 22nd March	KS2 trip to Washington Wetlands
Wednesday 23rd – Friday 25th March	Year 4 to Robinwood Residential
Friday 8th April	Break up for Easter Holiday
Tuesday 10 th May	KS1 trip to Washington Wetlands
Monday 23 rd May – Friday 10 th June	Year 4 Swimming – every afternoon