



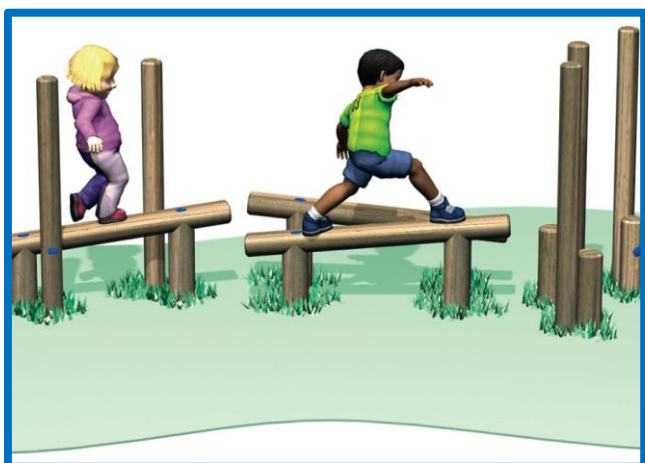
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As a lovely way to end our Space topic for this half term, children in Reception have a very exciting trip to the Centre for Life to look forward to on Friday 18th February. Please see ParentPay for details regarding the trip. We will also need some parent helpers on the day, if you are available please could you let the office staff know.

Miss Coughlan



May we kindly remind all parents that the grass area and trim trail etc is not to be used in wet weather by children before or after school. The children know this rule and we have talked about this in class and in assemblies.

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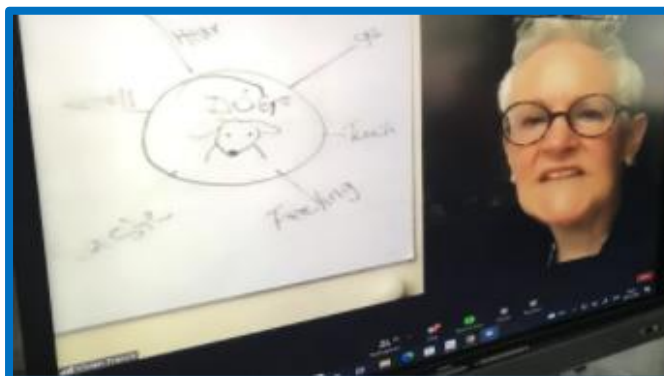
Mrs Lamb



Literature Works in the North East

KS1 were very excited to have a virtual author visit from Vivian French - especially as we spotted one of her books on our class bookshelves! Vivian showed us how to plan some non-fiction writing all about her dog - Hooper. It has inspired us to write our own information booklet all about animals. Thank you so much to Literature Works for arranging this and to our wonderful PTA who very kindly support events like this in our school. Let's hope we can resume our in-person Author visits soon.

Mrs Lambert





Healthy School

You may have noticed the new TV adverts for the NHS food scanner app mentioned in last week's newsletter. If you haven't had a chance to download it yet, or navigate it fully, it's worth exploring. It can not only help you to find healthier food swaps, it also has an info tab which has links to a range of excellent family friendly recipes and information on the better health website. In the app store, you may also spot that the NHS has another app called 'Easy Meals' which has yet more meal ideas and advice.

Mrs Wells

Number Day 2022

Friday 4th February

Remember – it's NSPCC number day in school next Friday.

We are asking for a donation of a minimum £2 on ParentPay, which will all go to the NSPCC.

Children can come to school in number-themed non-school uniform on that day.

Miss Gasper

Attendance

Whole school attendance so far this academic year is 94.7%.

Our Class of the week is **Indigo Class** with 96.2% attendance. Well done!

Mathletics

Violet class have been working hard this week, you are our 'Mathletes of the Week' Well done to Sahib D, Maisie R and Alex N have been our Mathletics superstars this week – wonderful work.



This week I have looked at the top studio speeds in school Well done to Hania P, Leo T and Aleks C for their amazing speeds on TTRS!



Our Oxford reading buddies this week are Jacob Mancini in Indigo class and Alfred Robinson in Reception BW - Well done - keep up the good work!



Congratulations to Dax who won the Hooton championship in IAME Bambino Karting and Vesper came 3rd in the cadet category!



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

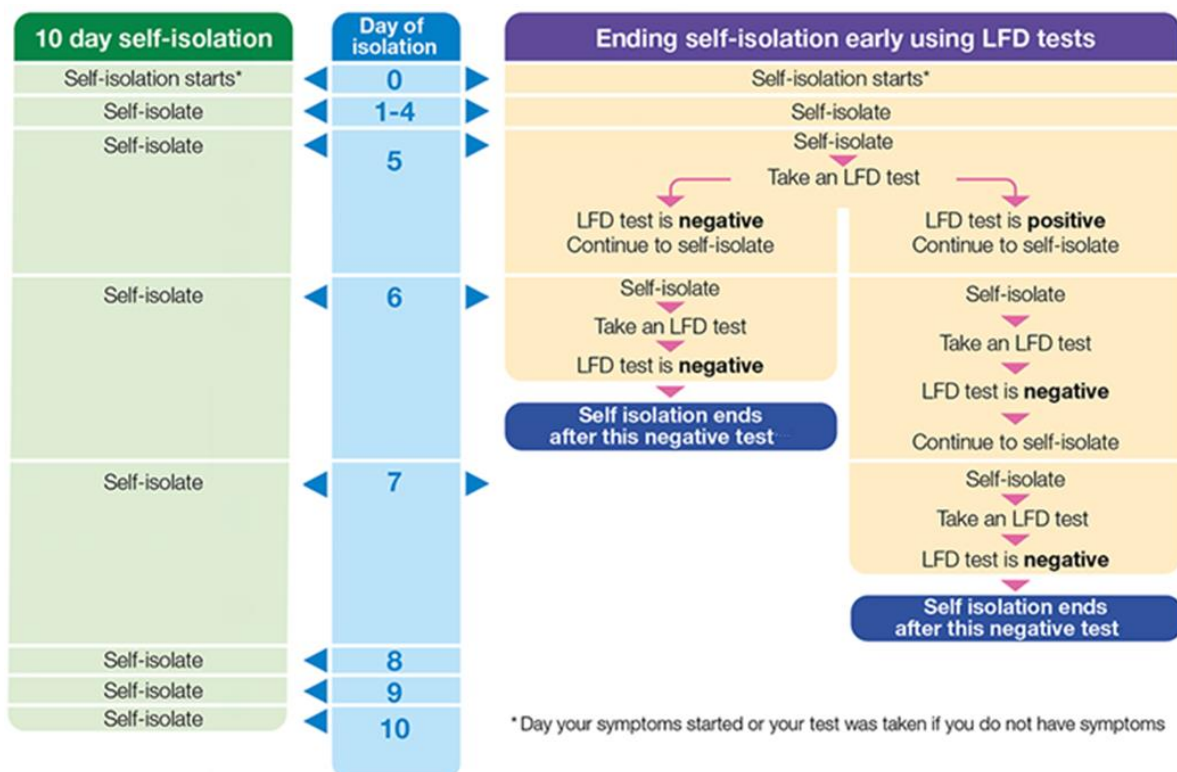
If your child is absent from school for COVID-19 related reasons, and they are well enough to work, we are setting work via Tapestry (EYFS) and Seesaw.

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.



Advanced Notice of Dates

Updates will be added in red

Tuesday 1 st February	Chinese New Year
Friday 4 th February	NSPCC Number Day
Monday 7 th February	Visitor in school Online Safety sessions for all classes
Tuesday 8 th 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 18 th February	School Closes for Half Term Holiday
Monday 28 th February	School re-opens
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day – Best Bedtime Books – wear your PJs and bring a book!
Thursday 3 rd March	Simon Bartram author visit all year groups
Tuesday 8 th March	KS2 trip to Vindolanda
Tuesday 8 th 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 21 st March	The Big Pedal – cycle or scoot to school as much as you can this week!
Monday 21 st March	World Poetry Day
Monday 21 st March	KS2 Vivian French author visit “Talking Poetry”
Tuesday 22 nd March	KS2 trip to Washington Wetlands
Wednesday 23 rd – Friday 25 th March	Year 4 to Robinwood Residential
Friday 8 th 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