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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

20/11/2020

No: 011

Dear Parents and Children,

### **New CV19 Guidance on Face Coverings in Schools**

Adults in primary schools are not encouraged to wear face masks under the current guidance and, we, as a school believe this is the reasonable. However I wanted to make sure I shared a quote from the Director of Public Health which says, *"I'd also ask you to consider wearing a face covering when dropping off and collecting your children as an additional measure to help reduce the risk of Covid-19 spreading. This doesn't replace social distancing but is an extra recommendation to reduce the potential risk of transmission"*. We believe that as long as parents continue to follow all of our protocols, especially leaving promptly at drop-off and pick-up we will continue to be safe. However, we do want to make sure that if parent does want to wear a face-covering during these times that they feel confident to do so.

### **The most common symptoms of coronavirus are:**

- a new continuous cough
- a fever/high temperature (37.8C or greater)
- loss of/change in sense of smell or taste.

A new continuous cough is where you:

- have a new cough that's lasted for an hour
- have had 3 or more episodes of coughing in 24 hours
- are coughing more than usual.

A high temperature is feeling hot to the touch on your chest or back (you don't need to measure your temperature). You may feel warm, cold or shivery.

Some people will have more serious symptoms, including pneumonia or difficulty breathing, which might require admission to hospital.

If your child or anyone in your households display 1 or more of the above symptoms, then it is vital that the household self isolates and the school is immediately informed.

**All absences must be reported to the school office by 9am.**



Reminder – We have a NO NUTS policy in school please due to severe allergic reactions – Thank you

### **TITANIC - WHOSE FAULT WAS IT? (Juniors)**

What a great week the Juniors have had. This week they have been working incredibly hard putting together a debate on whose fault it was that the Titanic disaster happened. I have watched the children grow in confidence as the week has gone on and really develop their speaking and listening skills. When it got to Thursday and children were coming in saying 'I can't wait for this afternoon', I was incredibly proud at their enthusiasm for learning. So it came to Thursday and all their hard preparation work was put to the jury. Each group carefully put forward their statement as to why it wasn't their fault followed by prosecution and defence lawyers questioning them with quite tough enquiries. Each group defended themselves well and did so with confidence and great knowledge of their view point. So court was adjourned and the jury came back the next day to give their verdict. The overall guilt was put on White Star Line the company that owned the Titanic although the decision was close with all groups being assigned some blame. Myself, Miss Coleman and Miss Middleton thoroughly enjoyed watching the children argue their case and really show great skill in their arguing! A wonderful week!



### **SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH - WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December we have arranged for a whole school Christmas lunch provided by the school lunch company to make up for missing out on our traditional Christmas lunch. Lunch will be served to the children by staff unfortunately due to the current pandemic no parents/guardians can attend. The lunch will be paid for by the school. If your child would like the school Christmas lunch please complete attached slip by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November** so we can make arrangements and send off figures.

### **PHOTOGRAPH PERMISSION.**

Please see below a copy of our photograph permission slip, Please can I ask all parents and Guardians to complete this and return to school by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020**.



### **BAG2SCHOOL - textile collection to raise money for the school! Monday 07<sup>th</sup> December.**

If you've had a Spring clean over the summer and have any clean unwanted, adults and children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together), handbags, hats, bags, scarves, ties, jewellery, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels, bedding covers (but NOT duvets, pillows or cushions) and would like to donate please bag them up and drop them to the rec on 7<sup>th</sup> December. No uniforms please, and nothing ripped or dirty. The collection will take place after 9am on Monday 07<sup>th</sup> December. Funds raised go to the school, so every bag helps. Thank you!



### **READING RECORDS.**

In school we will be keeping a regular record of who has read when. We would like you to continue to record your child's reading at home in an effort to win a book prize. Book prizes are given every 2 terms. We will be working towards the end of Christmas term. In order to achieve a book prize, children need to read 5 times a week for 10 weeks (not consecutively). Please can you record your child's reading on the attached worksheet. We would like this then sent to us weekly. This could either be via email as an attachment or the children can take a photo and upload to seesaw. This is so we can keep an eye on reading at home as well as in school. We're hoping to have a record number of reading prizes given out at Christmas so get reading!



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## STREET TAG.

Miss T has created a team for our school on the street tag app for our school.

Street Tag - participants record the distance they walk, run, or cycle by collecting **virtual tags** with their smartphone at various locations, watching their total distance accumulate to climb up their District Schools leader board; steps are converted into points by syncing their steps into the Street Tag app. This is designed to encourage families to walk and cycle to school, to be physically active, to connect with green spaces, and is an opportunity to rediscover their local area as well as earning rewards for their school. Please check out the videos below and information attached on how to join.

**Cholsey primary are currently top of the leader board! Can we beat them???**

<https://youtu.be/kcU17-GAsSq>

<https://youtu.be/u7B2jm22d3g>

## VENTILATING CLASSROOMS.

Public Health England (PHE) advice for schools is that we keep the rooms well ventilated. This will assist with keeping the air flowing and not becoming stagnant and stuffy, thus reducing the risk of virus transmission. It is, however, getting noticeably colder as the weather turns. We are conscious that leaving windows and doors open will impact the temperature in the classrooms. If your child would like to wear additional layers underneath their school uniform, we are happy with that at present. We still expect FULL school uniform to be worn over the top of any extra layers so that the children look neat and tidy. Acceptable additional layers are:

- White, Dark Grey, Navy Blue or Black Long sleeved top to be worn **under** White school t-shirt/shirt.
- Dark Grey, Navy Blue or Black Leggings to be worn under Trousers/shorts or Skirt
- P.E days - P.E kit as usual additional layers are allowed and raincoat also required.
- Trainers or boots throughout the week
- Fingerless gloves while learning



## FLU IMMUNISATIONS.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020



## CORONAVIRUS

For up to date information please see: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

CORONA VIRUS - GOVERNMENT UPDATES DAILY FROM 2PM ON

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

## SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION.

Often this is the term that the weather deteriorates, so in preparation, please find details below of our school closure procedures. We only close the school under extreme circumstances, and this can include staff unable to reach the school, the emergency services unable to reach the school and/or no heating/electricity.

School Closure information is outlined below, and we will endeavour to inform everyone by 8am wherever possible.

School closures will be announced on the following radio stations

**HEART (Thames Valley) - VHF/FM 102.6/97.4/102.9/103.4**



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BBC RADIO OXFORD – VHF/FM 95.2  
JACK FM – VHF/FM 106.8

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/emergency-school-closures>

Fingers crossed that we do not need this information, but better prepared than sorry!



### PA NEWS.

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

#### **Parents Association AGM**

Regretfully, the school Parents' Association has had to cancel the annual South Stoke Bonfire Night this year, due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Last year Bonfire Night raised £6k for the school PA and provided vital funds to enrich the pupils' school experience. Earlier in the year we also had to cancel the South Stoke May Fayre, which raises a further £4k for the school.

PA funds are put towards paying for our brilliant sports coaches, school trips, in-school workshops, swimming lessons and much more.

Without the income from our two main fundraising events, we will have very little to spend this year on extracurricular activities for the children, so we have set up a GoFundMe page to ask for donations from families and the local community. Any donation will be gratefully received, so please pass on the details to your families and friends and let's raise plenty of money to enhance our children's experience at South Stoke.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/south-stoke-primary-school-fundraiser>

#### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS.**

Sports Club will run on a Thursday and Friday 3.15pm – 4.30pm



#### **Term Diary Dates 2020/21:**

**23<sup>rd</sup> November**

**16<sup>th</sup> December**

**18<sup>th</sup> December**

**Flu Immunisations**

Whole School Christmas Lunch

**End of Term 2 – 1.30pm Finish**

**4<sup>th</sup> January**

**5<sup>th</sup> January**

**12<sup>th</sup> February**

**INSET**

Start Term 3

End of term 3

**22<sup>nd</sup> February**

**31<sup>st</sup> March**

Start of term 4

**End of term 4 – 1.30pm Finish**

**19<sup>th</sup> April**

**30<sup>th</sup> April**

**3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**4<sup>th</sup> May**

**5<sup>th</sup> May**

Start of term 5

FS/Y6 – Height & Weight

**Bank Holiday**

**INSET**

School Photos – (8am start)



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28 <sup>th</sup> May	End of term 5
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of term 6
21 <sup>st</sup> June	End of Term 6- 1.30pm Finish
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET

#### Term dates 2020-2021 - Current Year

TERM	DATES
Autumn Term	3 <sup>rd</sup> September - 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
October half term	26 <sup>th</sup> October - 30 <sup>th</sup> October
Autumn Term	2 <sup>nd</sup> November - 18 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas holiday	21 <sup>st</sup> December - 1 <sup>st</sup> January
Spring Term	4 <sup>th</sup> January - 12 <sup>th</sup> February
Spring half term	15 <sup>th</sup> February - 19 <sup>th</sup> February
Spring Term	22 <sup>nd</sup> February - 31 <sup>st</sup> March
Easter Holiday	1 <sup>st</sup> April - 16 <sup>th</sup> April
Summer Term	19 <sup>th</sup> April - 28 <sup>th</sup> May
Late Spring half term	31 <sup>st</sup> May - 4 <sup>th</sup> June
Summer Term	7 <sup>th</sup> June - 22 <sup>nd</sup> July

#### INSET DAYS

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020  
 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

#### Term dates 2021-2022 - Next Year

TERM	DATES
Autumn Term	2 September - 22 October
October half term	25 October - 29 October
Autumn Term	1 November - 17 December
Christmas holiday	20 December - 31 December
Spring Term	4 January - 18 February
Spring half term	21 February - 25 February
Spring Term	28 February - 8 April
Easter Holiday	11 April - 22 April
Summer Term	25 April - 27 May
Late Spring half term	30 May - 3 June
Summer Term	6 June - 21 July

#### INSET DAYS

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021  
 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022



**SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

My child/ren ..... Would like to have a school Christmas lunch on  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Meat option ☐

Vegetarian option ☐







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Occasionally we may take photographs of the children at school. We use these images as part of our school displays and sometimes in other printed publications like Learning Journeys, topic work and school sports updates. We will also use some on our school website, social media and promotional purposes. We sometimes share these with other parents within newsletters or emails.

To comply with new data protection laws we need parents' permission before we can photograph or make any recording of their children.

Please read the school's consent form regarding the use of photographs in school. All parents are required to have completed a consent form and completed forms are kept centrally in the school office for reference; even if they are not giving permission for photographs to be used.

If a parent wishes to change their level of consent they should complete a new form and return it the school office to inform the school of the change.

If we use photographs of individual pupils, we will not use the name of that child in the accompanying text or photo caption. If we name a pupil in the text, we will not use a photograph of that child to accompany the article. If a child has won an award and the parent would like the name of their child to accompany their picture we will obtain permission from the parent before using the image.

Learning Journeys (Foundation children only) are used to celebrate your child's progress throughout school.

Photographs of individuals, groups or classes of children may appear in these records.

From time to time, our school may be visited by the media who will take photographs or film footage of a high profile event. Children may appear in these images, which will sometimes be published in local or national newspapers.

To comply with the Data Protection Act 1988 and General Data Protection Regulations 2018, we need your permission before we can photograph or make any recordings of your child.

Please answer the questions overleaf, then sign and date the form where shown and return the completed form to the school.



Name of Child:

Please circle your answer

I give permission for my child's photograph to be used within school for display purposes.	Yes/No
I give permission for my child/ren's image to be used on the schools social media i.e. Twitter and Facebook	Yes/No
I give my permission for my child's image to be used in Learning Journeys/Records of Achievements belonging to other children	Yes/No
I give permission for my child's photograph to be used in other printed publications.	Yes / No
I give permission for my child's image to be used on our website.	Yes/No
I give permission for my child to appear in the media.	Yes / No
I give permission for my child to have a school photograph taken. I understand this printed/digital photograph can be purchased by parents.	Yes/No
I give permission for my child to appear in newsletters.	Yes/No
I give permission for my child to appear in email updates to other parents.	Yes/No

I have read and understood the conditions of use below.

Parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print name \_\_\_\_\_

*Conditions of use*

*This form is valid indefinitely from the date you sign it. However, a new form will be issued each academic year.*

- *We will not re-use any photographs or recordings a year after your child leaves this school. Historic photographs will remain on our school website.*
- *We will not use the personal details or full names (which means first name and surname) of any child or adult in a photographic image or video, on our website, in our school prospectus or in any of our other printed publications.*
- *If we use photographs of individual pupils, we will not use the name of that child in the accompanying text or photo caption.*
- *If we name a pupil in the text, we will not use an individual photograph of that child to accompany the article.*
- *We may include pictures of pupils and teachers that have been drawn by the pupils.*
- *We may use group or class photographs or footage with very general labels, such as 'a science lesson' or 'making Christmas decorations'.*
- *We will only use images of pupils who are suitably dressed, to reduce the risk of such images being used inappropriately.*
- *Websites and social media platforms can be viewed throughout the world and not just in the United Kingdom where UK law applies.*

