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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Children,

Due to the current changes to the COVID-19 restrictions and the cold season fast approaching making sense of the guidance is getting more complicated I would like to remind you of what to look out for if your child becomes unwell.

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. A simple flow chart is attached to help support your decisions.

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





HARVEST.

Thank you for all the lovely donations that will go towards a local foodbank. We are still taking donations next week so feel free to bring in next week to. Thank you!

JUNIOR NEWS.

A big well done to the juniors who have been working so hard in English, writing a story based on a picture book looked at in class. Miss T has filmed the children reading this story which she will send out a link to for you all to watch. They are very proud of their individual writing too so copies of this will be coming home also for you to read. They have really enjoyed the story and it been lovely to share these lessons with them. We have been really impressed with how they have all come back and got cracking in class. We hope to share lots more of our work so keep an eye on seesaw where Miss T and Miss Coleman will upload some work and pictures over the rest of term.

Some children have been forgetting to take spellings home and due to not having reading records currently it has been tricky to keep little pieces of paper safe. We will continue to send home paper copies of spellings for the children but these are also uploaded to seesaw for the children to access also.

WILLOW STRANDS.

Over the next few weeks we will be doing a project with willow strands could we kindly ask if anyone has a willow tree in their garden or pass any whilst out walking to possibly collect some and drop them into Miss T or Miss Hearne at school please.



FLU IMMUNISATIONS.

We have been given a date for this year's flu immunisations which is 23rd November 2020, as soon as we get all the relevant information on opting in & out Miss Baines will send it out. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Baines who will try to resolve them for you.



P.E

Infant PE will be on a Thursday. Juniors will be having PE on Mondays and Fridays. Children are to come to school on these days wearing full, correct PE kit please. If you're unsure on PE kit please contact the office for more information. **Can we please remind parents to either remove earrings or tape over them.** We are still seeing a lot of children without earrings covered or taken out.



READING RECORDS.

This term we won't be having a home school reading record to save on items being transferred between school and home. 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!



CORONAVIRUS

Guidance on this issue is changing regularly but '**anyone with a "new or continuous" cough, high temperature or loss of taste and smell is now advised to get tested and self-isolate for Ten days.**'

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
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.

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



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



Term Diary Dates 2020/21:

1 st & 2 nd September	INSET
3 rd September	Start of Term 1
23 rd October	End of Term 1
2 nd November	Start of term 2
23 rd November	Flu Immunisations
18 th December	End of Term 2
4 th January	INSET
5 th January	Start Term 3
12 th February	End of term 3
22 nd February	Start of term 4
31 st March	End of term 4
19 th April	Start of term 5
3 rd May	Bank Holiday
4 th May	INSET
28 th May	End of term 5
7 th June	Start of term 6
22 nd July	INSET
23 rd July	End of Term 6

