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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.



## SCHOOL READING BOOKS - JUNIOR CLASS.

Please can we ask all juniors to check at home for school reading books, we had a lot go home before lockdown that don't seem to have been returned.

#### 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  $23^{rd}$  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.



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 earnings or tape over them. We are still seeing a lot of children without earnings 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!



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: <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/</a> CORONA VIRUS - GOVERNMENT UPDATES DAILY FROM 2PM ON <a href="https://www.gov.uk/quidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public">https://www.gov.uk/quidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public</a>

#### 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!



# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS.

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



# Term Diary Dates 2020/21:

1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Start of Term 1
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	End of Term 1
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Start of term 2
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Flu Immunisatio
18 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term 2
4 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET
5 <sup>th</sup> January	<mark>Start Term 3</mark>
12 <sup>th</sup> February	End of term 3
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Start of term 4
31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of term 4
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of term 5
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET
<mark>28<sup>th</sup> May</mark>	End of term 5
<mark>7<sup>th</sup> June</mark>	<mark>Start o</mark> f term 6
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	End of Term 6

