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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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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



BAG2SCHOOL - textile collection to raise money for the school! Monday 07th 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 7th December. No uniforms please, and nothing ripped or dirty. The collection will take place after 9am on Monday 07th 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!

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-GAsSg>

<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 23rd 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

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>



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS.

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



Term Diary Dates 2020/21:

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

Term dates 2020-2021 - Current Year

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

INSET DAYS

2nd September 2020
4th January 2021
3rd & 4th May 2021
22nd July 2021



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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

1st & 2nd September 2021

4th January 2022

8th April 2022

21st July 2022

