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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Children,

I'm aware we may sound like broken records but can we please remind ALL parents that drive to and from school not park and get out of the car to walk your child into school, we are trying to follow strict COVID guidelines and allow a smooth flow of traffic through the village. We appreciate this can be difficult but at the moment this is what we must do. If your child needs any help with getting in and out of the car, please mention this to the adult escorting them to and from the car. Can I also kindly remind parents if there is an issue please contact Miss Rogers or Miss Baines via email or phone and we will try our best to resolve them, it is not appropriate to discuss this on social media.

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.



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

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.**



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

In our risk assessment we have planned how to continue teaching on a skeleton staff or remotely if required. We are following all the current government advice and we encourage children to wash their hands regularly (whilst singing Happy Birthday twice!). In addition to the normal evening cleaning, we are regularly disinfecting door handles, cupboard handles and other hard surfaces throughout the day. Therefore, there will be no need for hand sanitisers in school please. Any brought into school will not be permitted and will be stored in the school office and returned to parents at the end of the day.

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.



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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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS.

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



Term Diary Dates 2020/21:

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

