

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families and Friends,

It has been great to see everyone back full of energy, enthusiasm, and, most importantly, feeling safe and well. We have had a productive first week back, with lots of hard work in all subjects, however, one of the highlights this week was our first session on fire lighting at Forest School! Some of the older pupils even got chance to light fires with adult supervision! We reiterated the message that this is a skill that should only be done with an adult and their permission, especially during firework season

As you are aware, the government announced a national lockdown from Thursday. This has not affected our school's provision and we will continue to operate in the same, safe manner. Primary school children are very unlikely to come to harm from COVID-19 according to the most recent data and with the preventive measures we have in place, as well as parents/carers continued common sense approach out of school, we should continue to maintain this safety.

In the future, like many local schools, we may have to ask some pupils to isolate, should a student or staff member test positive. The individuals that will need to isolate will be those pupils/staff that have come in 'close contact' with the person who tested positive. 'Close contact' is defined by government guidance as coming within 2 metres for a period over 15 minutes within the last 48 hours. This means, should a positive case arise, we would ask the entire class to isolate as it is very likely members of the same class would have come in contact with the person who tested positive.

We would also allow parents/carers of children in other classes to voluntarily isolate their child should they be worried about the contact they may have had (however, it is very unlikely they would have been in contact with a child in another class for this length of time at this distance). Any child/parent/staff member who tests positive will remain anonymous.

Children who are isolating must make every effort to access home learning via Zoom in the form of live lessons. This has worked successfully with a number of students who have had to isolate recently. If you require technical support, please get in touch as we may be able to provide devices or help, to ensure every child can do their lessons from home.

Next week, we have a very charitable theme! We will continue to collect any Christmas shoeboxes (if parents/carers cannot take them to Irton Garden Centre – see details below). We will also continue selling poppies and other Remembrance Day items up until 11th November. Finally, we will be marking Children in Need week with a range of fun fundraising activities revolving around the 'Five to Thrive' themes of: Give, Active, Connect, Take Notice and Curiosity.

PTO for details!



We will take part in mental and physical health related activities, such as Joe Wicks 5-minute workout, trying something new every day and using our class feelings charts. We will also complete some fun friendship related tasks in some of our lessons. Finally, on Friday, we will be having a Spotty Dress-up Day! Children may come to school in spotty clothing or uniform with spots attached. For this, they should bring a suggested **£1 donation** for Children in Need. Children, if they wish and with parental permission, may also bring an **additional £2** to take part in a Children in Need Duck Race, which will be broadcast live at 1pm nationwide, for the chance to win a prize if their duck wins!

Finally, next week, it is also Maths Week. With all the activities going on in school already, we are having a low-key celebration of this event (as we will celebrate Maths Month in March). However, we will be turning a lot of our activities and learning to be maths related. It would be great for parents/carers/students to share what they have done at home to mark Maths Week!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper (Interim Headteacher)

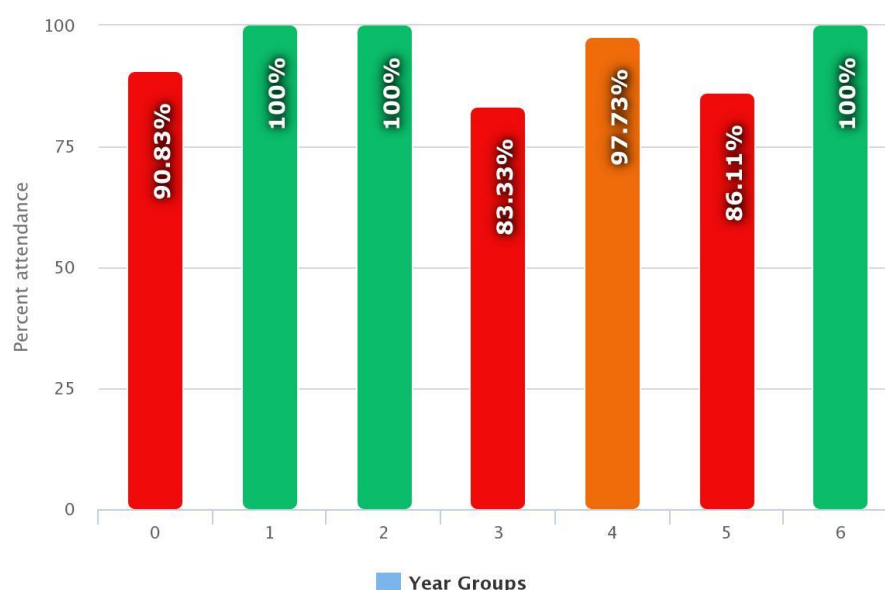
Headteacher Interviews

The vacancy for a permanent Headteacher has now been advertised and candidates have been shortlisted. Interviews will be taking place on w/c 16th November. Some of the children will be involved in the interview process throughout the day on Monday 16th.

Bill Ford, our chair of governors, has provided the following update. 'The school governors are now in the process of making a permanent appointment to the post of headteacher and expect to have made a final decision by the end of the week starting Monday 16th November.'

Please note there will be no Film Club on Monday 16th November 2020

This Week's Attendance w/c 02.11.20



Next Week Activities w/c 09.11.2020

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| Monday | Meatballs in Tomato sauce (NOT burgers) Film After School club ends 4.30pm |
| Tuesday | Chicken Fajitas Art After School Club ends 4.30pm Dance After School Club ends 4.30pm |
| Wednesday | Savoury Minced Beef & Dumplings Sign Language Lunchtime Club Forest Schools – can come to school in Forest clothing and school jumper Golf After School Club – att Snainton golf centre 4-5pm |
| Thursday | Roast Pork PE Yoga After School Club ends 4.30pm |
| Friday | Mrs Strouds Surprise! Spotty Day - £1 donation suggestion Children in Need Duck Race at 1pm (Ducks £2 donation) Sports After School Club ends 4.30pm |

Term Dates (Academic Year 2020-21)

| | Break up | Return to School |
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| AUTUMN TERM 2020 | | Wednesday 9th September |
| OCT HALF TERM 2020 | Friday 23rd October | Monday 2nd November |
| CHRISTMAS 2020 | Friday 18th December | Tuesday 5th January |
| FEB HALF TERM 2021 | Friday 12th February | Monday 22nd February |
| EASTER 2021 | Friday 26th March | Tuesday 13th April |
| MAY BANK HOLIDAY 2021 | Friday 30th April | Tuesday 4th May |
| MAY HALF TERM 2021 | Friday 28th May | Monday 7th June |
| SUMMER 2021 | Friday 23rd July | Wednesday 8th September 2021 (TBC) |

Teacher Training Days 2020/2021 :7th & 8th September, 4th January, 12th April and 26th July **Please avoid booking holidays and other non-essential term-time absence during these term dates.** **Pick-up and Drop-off Times (all from the main school gate)**

Class 1 and 2

Drop-off: 8.45-8.55am

Collection: 3.20-3.30pm

Class 3

Drop-off: 8.35-8.45am

Collection: 3.30pm

Parents with children in multiple classes

Drop-off: 8.35-8.55am

Collection: 3.30pm

Brompton Buddies: please come to school back blue door and use doorbell as usual and collect or drop-off at your desired time (7.45am-5.30pm).





NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK

9TH TO 16TH NOVEMBER 2020

Due to Covid restrictions the Samaritan's shoebox appeal has added additional ways in which to donate.

Option 1

Pack and drop off a shoebox as usual.

Continue to pack a shoe box as normal for either a boy or a girl and by choosing an age range.

Deliver your shoebox to **Irton Garden Centre** anytime between 9th and 14th November.

Option 2

Donate a shoebox online.

Choose whether you wish to make up your own shoebox by choosing the items you wish to be included

Or

Send a pre-packed shoe box

Please visit the link below to start putting your shoebox together -

<https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk>

