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New Parent

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New Pupil (Year R, 2)

Headteacher's Weekly Email 05.10.2020

Monday 5th October 2020

Good Afternoon!

SELF ISOLATION

Please let us know if your household is doing this so we can monitor our school community. We have not been notified of any positive Covid-19 tests at this school.

REMOTE LEARNING STRATEGY

Our strategy has been finalised and is available on our website under Covid19 Resources – Isolation Learning.

There are different procedures:

- 1. If your family is **self isolating** and your child is required to be home for a short period eg. a family member is waiting for test results then you will be directed to 'self isolation learning guidance'.
- 2. If your child's **class/year group bubble has been sent home**, then you will be provided with work for the first 3 days and then have direct daily contact with the teacher from the fourth day.
 - Both of these scenarios rely on internet access and the use of a suitable device. It is also vital that you activate your Tapestry account and are able to use Zoom.

Families who are not able to do this should contact us **now** to discuss any provision that can be made. Fingers crossed that we will not need these, but let's be prepared.

GOVERNING BOARD

On Wednesday evening our Governors met remotely to receive updates about the start of the school year and plan their work ahead. Liam Cottrell and Darren Newland were re-elected as Chair and Vice Chair and we were pleased to welcome Ben Chilcott and Mike Smith as new appointments to the board. Our Governors work together as a board to fulfil the following statutory requirements:

- Set the vision, ethos + strategic direction
- Hold leaders to account for educational performance and performance management of staff
- Oversee financial performance including pupil premium

Dates and minutes of all meetings are available on our website. Please contact the school office if you wish to attend any meetings.

INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED 14.10.2020

This school will be closed for staff training on Wednesday 14th October.

OCTOBER HALF TERM

This is in 3 weeks time, from Monday 26th October for 1 week.

FLU VACCINATIONS

General flu vaccinations are due to be given on Wednesday 21st October. An email was sent in June, but if you missed this, permission can be given via this link; https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon

Vaccinations are never given without parental consent.

REMINDER - BAG 2 SCHOOL

Bags will be collected in 2 weeks on Monday 19^{th} October from the outside classroom in the morning.

BIKEABILITY

All the Year 5 children took part in this activity last week - out in all weathers!

There were some notable successes, particularly those children who learnt to ride independently in a couple of days -well done!

A basic requirement for all children is that they wear a helmet at all times when cycling. Parents need to enforce this before their child leaves home in the morning and we will remind them at school.

ENTRY TIMES

THANK YOU to the vast majority of parents who are coming singly to drop off/collect children, not staying on the playground and keeping their children with them and off the play equipment. However, we have received a couple of complaints that not everyone is following this and I would appeal to your collective responsibility to stick to the current rules.

TAVISTOCK COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

Tavistock College is offering Y6 children and a parent the opportunity to visit on 14.10.2020. You must book via 01822 614231 Ext.214

There is also a new virtual prospectus and tour on their website.

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This is a very easy way to give donations to 'Tavistock Community Primary HSA' as you shop online. Just order via the website or download the mobile App to ensure your donations are made every time.

Best wishes,

Lynnette Selbie