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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your families are well. The news on possible vaccines has been ray of light in these difficult times as thoughts turn towards winter. Talking of rays of light, your children continue to give everyone reason to be optimistic about the future with the enthusiasm, care and kindness they show on a daily basis in school. Whilst being in school is very different to the way things were before COVID-19, they have taken everything in their stride.



COVID SYMPTOM STUDY APP

We have signed up as a school to the new School Community feature of the COVID-19 Symptom Study APP, which enable parents to input information on a daily basis about their children's health to help understand how the virus affects children and how it is spread. All information shared is completely anonymous. The app provides a daily update for both schools and parents. To help with the study we need as many parents as possible to sign up to the app. Whatever information is gleaned from the app, we will still follow the current PHE guidance with regard to isolating any groups, following the notification of a positive case. More information and details about how to sign up are attached.

As you will be aware there is still a great deal of uncertainty around what will happen after the current period of restrictions end. The rate of infection around Chester is higher than the national average – the following link has a map where you can drill down to a very local level should you wish to do so and gives you an idea of the current rate in our own community. I know you are all doing your bit and I want to thank you for continuing to be sensible with social distancing/ wearing face coverings when dropping off and picking up your children.

<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/interactive-map>

Nasal Flu Vaccine

The Nasal flu vaccine is booked for the 9th December. School Health will be in school all day and will be working through the whole school. Information and consent forms will be sent out shortly, we are hoping to receive these from School Health in the next week. Please find attached guidance from Public Health of possible symptoms following the nasal flu vaccine.

Christmas tree

The school indoor Christmas tree will be put up and decorated by Claire Fletcher (Jackson's mum) on the 2nd December after school. The Parish Council Christmas Tree will be delivered and put up in the school grounds on Friday 27th November and decorated by the Parish Council members on Saturday 28th November. We are also hoping to decorate some of the larger trees around the school grounds with the help of the children (making decorations), Claire Fletcher and the PTA.

Lunches/ Break times

The children are enjoying being back in the school hall having their school dinners. It gives them a chance to see and wave to buddies/brothers/sisters/each other, even if it's through a perspex screen! We are also pleased to be serving the children hot meals again, particular at this time of year.

Sarah Cadman, the cook, is running a competition for the children to get creative and use their imaginations. She has asked if the children could create an A4 Christmas theme picture, using paints, crayons, glitter etc. There will be 2 small prizes (1 x KS1 and 1 x KS2). Entries need to be handed into the class teacher by Wednesday 16th December latest.

I recognise that the children are probably getting a little muddier than usual as we continue to use the school field to separate some of the classes. I'm sorry for any inconvenience that this may be causing with extra washing, although I know the children are enjoying playing out in their wellies!

Attendance

If we remove any absences related to COVID, our attendance is 97.5% this term, which is the same as it was at this time last year. Considering that many of you had worries about children returning or starting school, this is very encouraging news.

Year 6 Charity Day

A separate letter has been emailed out today explaining next week's charity day, being organised by our year 6 pupils. This is in part to replace the fundraising year 6 do, when organising a games room at our Christmas Fair. Friday 27th November will be a non-uniform day and children can bring in any donations that are listed on the information sent out. All donations will be gratefully received.

Speaking of Christmas, we do have plans to create an Infant Christmas Show, along with other Christmas treats, although things will be a little different to previous years for obvious reasons. More details will follow soon!

Yours sincerely,

S A Talbot

Simon Talbot
Head Teacher

Attachments:

Covid-19 App
Guidance on Nasal flu vaccine and possible symptoms