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Learn, Discover, Achieve

Friday Flyer - 2nd October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is a very autumnal day indeed and the weather serves as a reminder that time is moving quickly forward – October has crept up quickly! The children have continued with the first term well and the school is very much feeling like it is getting back into a good routine of learning and playing together, albeit with the 'new normal' arrangements. Thank you again for your support with these!

School Crossing Patrol

The signs have been installed on the A29 to advise drivers that Mick, our crossing patrol officer, will be wearing a camera to record the passing traffic. The camera has been donated by The Ellie Thornton Foundation and we are very grateful to this local charity. It is hoped the use of the camera will encourage road users to drive past the crossing in a safe and responsible way.



The Ellie Thornton Foundation is a charitable organisation in memory of Ellie Thornton, aged 11, who died in March 2017 after a road traffic accident as she walked to school. The Ellie Thornton Foundation has a website that you may wish to visit for further details about the charity. <https://elliethorntonfoundation.org.uk/>

Morning Registration

Attendance continues to be a priority for both the school and the Local Authority. With this in mind, may I remind you that the morning register officially closes at **8.55am**. If your child arrives after this time, they will be marked in as late. Thank you for your cooperation with ensuring the children arrive promptly.

News From The Classes

In each Friday Flyer, I would like to share something from one of the classes to showcase what they have been learning or doing in class. This week, I am sharing work from Yew Class.

Every morning when the children come in, they are given a short morning activity to make sure that they are learning from the moment they arrive. The activity can vary from being English-based to being Maths-based to being philosophically challenging!

On Tuesday, the children wrote a response to the picture below. All the writing from the children was excellent; it was full of lively vocabulary, creative ideas and intriguing



thought! The two examples below are just a small taste of the talent that we have in Yew Class!



'I was standing with no movement. I felt the breeze flow through my body. I could smell my life was at risk. I could taste danger was here. I walked into the old ancient house with a rusty old handle. With a shining light on the path, I walked to the front door. I knock high on the red door. An old lady opened the door and let me in. Her house was dark; her eyes were darker than the room.'

Eden

'The mist was making me feel uneasy. The footpaths had weeds growing out of the tiles, I could feel them trying to pull me in. An ominous ring was rushing round my head, blinding me a bit. I could faintly hear piano music in the distance. I finally came up to the house after a couple of minutes – but it felt like hours. The porch was very rotten; it felt like it could fall away at any moment. The door was tempting to open...so I did...'

Ben

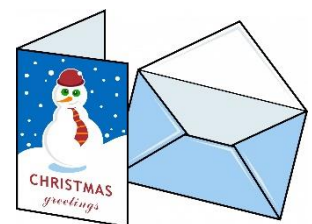
Relationships and Health Education

The teaching of this part of the curriculum is of great importance but we are aware it is an area that causes concerns with parents. As a school, we will be launching a consultation with parents about this curriculum area in the Spring Term. However, in the meantime, if you would like to read any more information about it, please follow the link below to the DfE website concerning Relationship and Health Education:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

Christmas Cards

The Friends of St James' (FoSJ) have very kindly offered to organise Christmas cards for us again this year. In October, the children will design Christmas cards during lesson time and the designs will be sent home for parents to view. Parents will be able to order their child's design on keyrings, magnets, wrapping paper as well as cards. Funds for the Friends will be raised through buying these items. I know that this has always been a popular fundraising activity as, after all, which grandparent can resist a Christmas card designed by their lovely grandchild!



Local Offer

The West Sussex Local Offer website has many events, groups and services for families of children with special educational needs or disabilities. Full details can be found by clicking the following link <https://westsussex.local-offer.org/>

Do you think you may be eligible for free school meals?

Families on a low income and in receipt of certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. If you think you may be eligible, please visit the following website to check.



<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

Families of children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 who already receive Universal Free School Meals should still register, as St James' will be able to claim valuable "pupil premium" funding for your child. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you need any assistance in applying.

COVID-19 Information

We regularly received updates and information from West Sussex County Council and Public Health England and we passing this information onto parents. The most recent guidance is attached at the end of this newsletter and is a very helpful summary of what to do in a number of different scenarios.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Martin
Head of School

Important Dates for your diary:

Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th October 2020	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November 2020	Individual School Photos
Tuesday 3 rd November	Flu vaccinations (nasal spray) for Reception to Year 6. Please return the consent form if you have already done so.
Friday 18 th December 2020	Last Day of Autumn Term
Monday 4 th January	Inset Day
Tuesday 5 th January	First Day of Spring Term – Children return to School
Monday 15 th to Friday 19 th February 2021	Half Term
Thursday 1 st April 2021	Term Ends
Monday 19 th April 2021	Term Starts
Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June 2021	Half Term



COVID-19 INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE IF THEY HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS
Visit: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test to book a test online, or call 119 if you don't have internet access

YOU SHOULD BOOK A TEST FOR YOUR CHILD IF THEY HAVE ANY OF:



A HIGH TEMPERATURE

This means they feel hot to touch on the chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature)



A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)



A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE OR SORE THROAT, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED. THEY AND THE REST OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE (UNLESS SOMEONE ELSE IN THE HOUSEHOLD HAS SYMPTOMS OR HAS TESTED POSITIVE, OR YOU HAVE OTHERWISE BEEN ADVISED BY NHS TEST AND TRACE).

YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE IF THEY ARE WELL ENOUGH TO DO SO.

WHAT TO DO IF...

YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS	YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19	SOMEBODY IN YOUR CHILD'S HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS	SOMEBODY IN YOUR CHILD'S HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE ▶ Whole household begins self-isolation (10 days for a person with symptoms and 14 days for household contacts) ▶ Book a COVID-19 test ▶ Inform nursery/school/college immediately about test results <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>They can return if the test is negative – providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours, and haven't been advised to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE ▶ Inform nursery/school/college immediately about test result ▶ Your child and all household/support bubble members should self-isolate as advised by NHS Test and Trace (anyone with symptoms should book a test) <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>They can return after 10 days of isolation, even if they still have a cough/loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last several weeks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE ▶ The household member should book a COVID-19 test ▶ Whole household begins self-isolation (10 days for a person with symptoms and 14 days for household contacts) ▶ Inform school immediately about test results <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>They can return if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and your child hasn't been advised to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE ▶ Inform school immediately about test results ▶ Your child and all household/support bubble members should self-isolate as advised by NHS Test and Trace (anyone with symptoms should book a test) <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>They can return when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.</p>

<p>CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED YOUR CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE ▶ Your child should self-isolate for at least 14 days, as advised either by NHS Track and Trace or by Public Health England (via their educational setting) <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>They can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms.</p>	<p>YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Attend nursery/school/college as normal ▶ If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities 	<p>YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE ▶ Self-isolate for at least 14 days in line with quarantine advice <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>They can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms.</p>
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* If your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19, or has returned from travel abroad and is self-isolating, they must self-isolate for 14 days – even if they have a negative COVID-19 test result.

For further information on COVID-19 in educational settings (including a guide for parents and carers) see: www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare