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## Newsletter – Wednesday 26 January 2022

### Dates for your Diary:

**Fri 18 Feb:** last day of half term

**21-25 Feb:** HALF TERM

**Mon 28 Feb:** Back to school

**School arrival time:** staff will welcome children into classrooms from 8.50am with school officially starting at 8.55am. Arrival after this time will be classed as late to school. Some of our older children arrive at our school site unattended. If this is the case for your child, please ensure they are not on site before 8.50am. We have noticed that some of the older children are arriving on site early. It is great they are keen to come to school but please ensure they are not arriving until 8.50am when they will be invited into the classroom. If families are arriving on site prior to 8.50am, please ensure your child is fully supervised and under the care of an adult.

**COVID-19 update:** I am currently isolating at home after testing positive for COVID-19. Interestingly, I did not test positive on an LFD test initially but positive on a PCR. As many of you have experienced, an initial sore throat was the only indicator with none of the typical 3 symptoms. Our Senior Leadership Team, Mr Moore, Mr Herring and Mrs Hyde will continue to be on site if needed and I will look forward to coming back to school next week.

**Current COVID-19 cases in school:** we currently have 41 positive COVID-19 cases within Rec (2), Y1 (8), Y2 (10), Y3 (7), Y4 (4), Y5 (7) and Y6 (3).

**Mask wearing:** although the government guidance changes for communal areas/shops etc. and masks are no longer required, we will continue to be wearing masks in communal areas due to the rising cases of COVID-19 in our school. With primary-aged children currently not being vaccinated, the virus will continue to spread in primary schools. Mask wearing for staff in communal areas will continue as part of our risk assessment for times when we are not in our own areas and we request that if you need to speak to a member of staff, please wear a mask (unless exempt). We will keep this under review.

**Action for happiness calendar:** Friendly February 2022, link to the new calendar: [https://www.actionforhappiness.org/media/1086452/feb\\_2022.pdf](https://www.actionforhappiness.org/media/1086452/feb_2022.pdf)

**Emotional Logic – free online training session for parents:** Wed 2 Feb, 7.30-8.30pm, see the attached flyer

- Know how to help your child build inner strength to adapt to the changes and challenges in life
- Explore new ways for your family to communicate and talk about tricky emotional issues
- Find new ways to deal with others when they feel angry, anxious or stuck

**Dogs on the school site and outside of the site:** whilst I am a huge dog lover, we are seeing an increasing number of dogs being left unattended tied up outside of the school grounds whilst people collect their children and an increasing number of dogs being carried on to the school site. Please refrain from leaving





**Nits:** Unfortunately we are currently experiencing an outbreak of nits in the school. Head lice are very common amongst primary school children and can easily be transferred by head to head contact. Prevention is the key and we therefore recommend that all long hair is tied back and you check your child's head on a weekly basis. Unfortunately head lice are becoming more resilient to chemicals and we have found the most effective treatment is to apply lots of conditioner and comb through thoroughly using a nit comb before rinsing out.





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