



## Autumn Update 4

Dear Parents and Carers

As we continue to move through the term at pace and with the Christmas break now only five weeks away, I thought I would write with a few updates before the business of the last few of weeks takes over.

### **Covid Cases**

The half term break did provide us with the time we needed to reduce the number of known positive Covid cases in school and I am pleased to report that attendance is back to our usual levels again.

That being said, I am still aware of a couple of positive cases across the school and would ask all of you to remain vigilant to symptoms and if there is any doubt at all, get tested.

Of course, we need pupils to be in school as much as possible and the government advice remains that if a child shows no symptoms, even if they have been identified as a possible close contact, they should attend school and seek a PCR test to confirm. I am grateful for the pragmatic approach taken by families to date and it is through this proactive approach we have been able to keep cases across the school to a minimum.

Should a child be told to isolate and they are well enough to access it, online provision will be provided by the class teachers. Again, this has been particularly effective to date and I have just been chatting to a Year 3 pupil who can feel very proud with all he achieved during his enforced time at home.

### **School Events**

I will attempt to keep the school website as up to date as possible in relation to school events. Decisions to go ahead or postpone are made in a timely manner and with the best interests of our school community in mind.

Parents of pupils in Year 6 will have seen that we have taken the decision to cancel the 'Revolution Day' planned for the morning of 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

We are still planning to run with live performances of the Year 3 production as we can limit audience numbers for each of the shows. I will be writing to parents of pupils in Year 3 imminently to invite you to request tickets. The more choice you give me in terms of your availability, the more chance we have of making this work. We proved this last summer with our Year 6 production. There will be a strict limit of two tickets per family for this event.

### **Kahlo Class Parent Consultations**

I am hoping that we will soon be in a position to confirm the dates of the Autumn Term consultation evenings for Kahlo Class. Mrs Bailey and I are grateful for your understanding and patience with regards to the original postponement of these and we are determined to get them in before the Christmas break. A separate letter will be sent home soon with details of how to book your appointment.



### **Meat Free Monday**

The Junior Leadership Team have asked me to pass on their thanks for your support with this and for encouraging your children to try one of the hot options on a Monday. It has been interesting to see in the local and national press how many schools are participating in this scheme, in an attempt to do their bit for climate change and sustainability.

It will certainly be something the team can include in their submission for the Green Eco-Flag award they are working towards.

### **School Christmas Lunch**

The date planned for this is 8<sup>th</sup> December and Mrs Lanni will be writing separately with details soon. On this day, I would invite pupils to wear a festive jumper or decorate their school top should they wish to. But of course, there is no pressure to do so.

### **Friends' Association Raisin Boxes**

Don't forget the Friends' Association 'Fund-Raisin' challenge which was launched recently. Thank you to those families who have already returned their boxes filled with loose change. If any remaining boxes can be returned by Thursday, the committee will collect and start counting.

As always, thank you all for your continued support of the school. The circumstances in which we find ourselves continue to challenge and I am grateful to the staff for all their hard work in ensuring the education your children receive is broad, balanced and interesting.

Please do keep an eye on twitter and also my weekly blog for updates and last minute changes. Communication is key so we will use as many channels as we can to keep you all informed.

Kind regards,



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