

Autumn Update 5

24th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Following on from communication sent out over the weekend, I can now update you on where we are at and what we are thinking about, moving forward.

Covid Management

We continue to be in discussion with the Local Authority over the recent outbreak in school and have fully implemented our management plan across the school. From today, we have reverted to separate playgrounds for different year groups to enable them to have as much space to play as possible. We have also implemented separate lunch sittings for the four year groups, similar to how we ran lunches prior to the summer break.

I am tracking cases across all four year groups and am grateful for the proactive and measured approach you are taking in relation to this. Communication is imperative and ensures we have a good understanding of who is off and more importantly, why. At this time of the year, children often get ill with colds and sniffles and this is taken into account when looking at the absences. Thank you for keeping the school updated; something that enables me to have a secure picture of what is going on.

Let's remain vigilant and I am sure we can steer through this current period.

I would like to commend the pupils in Year 5 for the way they have handled the last couple of weeks. Whether in school or joining lessons from home, they have been mature and remained cheerful which has enabled the teaching team to deliver our blended learning. I must also thank the teaching team for adapting, in an instant, to this approach.

Can I remind you that when coming into the school building for any reason, you wear a face covering (unless exempt).

Year 3 Production

I will make reference in my blog tomorrow about the way the Year 3s are rehearsing for the planned Christmas production. It is still our intention to run the show this side of Christmas but obviously we do need to have a back-up plan, just in case.

I will write separately to families of our Year 3s early next week to offer tickets for one of the three shows and there will be details of how we can make this work, with your support. Each family will be offered a maximum of two tickets.

Should we have to postpone, at the eleventh hour, then we will advise you of the revised dates, likely to be in the week before the spring half term break. The pupils have been working so hard that everyone involved wants the children to have the opportunity to be on the stage with a live audience and so a postponement is better than, for example, releasing a film from behind closed doors or cancelling completely. I am sure you would agree.

Run Up to Christmas

There will be additional communication in the run up to Christmas for sure, but as I was asked earlier, we will still be offering the pupils the opportunity to bring in Christmas cards to be distributed by our Year 6 'elves', in the week commencing 6th December.

As always, thank you for your continued support; it is appreciated.

Best wishes,

Steve Mills

Headteacher