

## Newsletter 2

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### COVID-19 Update

We are really grateful for your ongoing support. We know that we are all now suffering from information overload and the messages seem to get muddier every day. The biggest confusion seems to be around testing, symptoms and school attendance. As a summary, and based on your most frequently asked questions, here's what you need to know:

- Children with symptoms should not be in school, ring us if you are unsure
- Everyone with symptoms should have a PCR test – booked online
- A LFD test (home tests) are not suitable for people with symptoms – they do not reliably tell you that you don't have COVID
- Children are presenting with different symptoms to the three listed NHS symptoms, so caution around symptoms is advised
- We will let you know when we have had a confirmed case in school but we no longer inform you if we think your child has been a close contact
- If someone in your household has COVID, other people in the household can attend work and school – they will need a PCR test but don't have to self-isolate while waiting for the result
- We will change our practice and introduce new measures if we meet the thresholds set out in our contingency plan (available on the school website)

**I hope that is helpful – please ring us if you have a question and we will do our best to advise you.**

### Information and Reminders

#### Coffee Morning Presentations

We hope that you found the coffee morning presentations useful. We will send you a form to complete to let us know that you have viewed it and to give you the opportunity to ask any questions. Please return the form, even if you don't have any questions, before Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Thank you.

#### Harvest



We are hoping to have a very scaled down, but still wonderful, harvest celebration this year. The Year 4 children are going to present the harvest assembly, as they usually would, and one parent/carers from each Year 4 family is welcome to attend. Other children in school will not be part of the audience. Parents and carers will be able to enter and exit directly to and from the hall and we will

try to space out the 45 chairs as much as we can. We will ask you to wear a mask (unless exempt) as the guidance for schools states that we should wear masks in school in busy environments when we are mixing with others with whom we wouldn't usually mix/work.

We will still continue to have a food collection for the Salvation Army and the West End Food Bank and the whole school will be able to see all of the collection in the hall as we will have KS assemblies during the week and will share the important messages of gratitude and sharing.

The Y4 Harvest is planned to take place on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 2.45pm**. If we have to change these plans, we will let you know immediately. Fingers crossed!

All children can start to bring food (eg. tins, packets, jars) in for our collection from **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. Thank you.

### Coming into Classes

Classes 4, 5, 6 and 7 have got the entry to school each day down to a fine art! They all say goodbye to their parents and carers and come into school quickly and safely and are settling well in their classrooms, ready to start the day. We would be grateful if parents and carers could support us with this when coming into other classes too. Rather than forming a queue, please say goodbye to your children on the yard and let them take the last steps into school independently. We think everyone is ready to do this now and it will help everyone to get off to the very best start each day. If you need to talk to your child's class teacher, please do so by making a phone call or wait until the end of the school day when it is easier to talk. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Times Tables Rock Stars



Key Stage Two children now have access to Times Tables Rock Stars and are able to use this resource in school and at home. Their usernames and passwords are in their planners and they should know how to log on as we have been working on it in school over the last couple of weeks. It is a super fun way of engaging with the multiplication tables. They can also challenge their friends and even their teachers with enjoyable activities linked to their times tables. The children earn coins when they answer calculations correctly and are able to purchase new instruments and outfits with these coins. It is an excellent resource which aids their learning in a key objective for maths in Key Stage Two. We hope that you are able to enjoy it at home too. Thank you.

### Trips and Residential

We are delighted to be able to start booking some trips and visits and we already have some bookings for the year ahead. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Y4 Residential visit for this year as we were uncertain of what the guidance would be for the winter and did not want to take the financial risk as well as the other risks as a result of covid infection. We have made a provisional booking with Robinwood for late in the Spring term and the school office will be in touch with parents and carers in Y4 later with more information and to get an expression of interest so that we can confirm the booking. Exciting times ahead!



## Uniform and Lost Property

Items of clothing are starting to build up in our lost property again. Please make sure that everything is named, including PE kits. You don't need expensive labels, a biro works just as well! Thank you.

## Medication in School

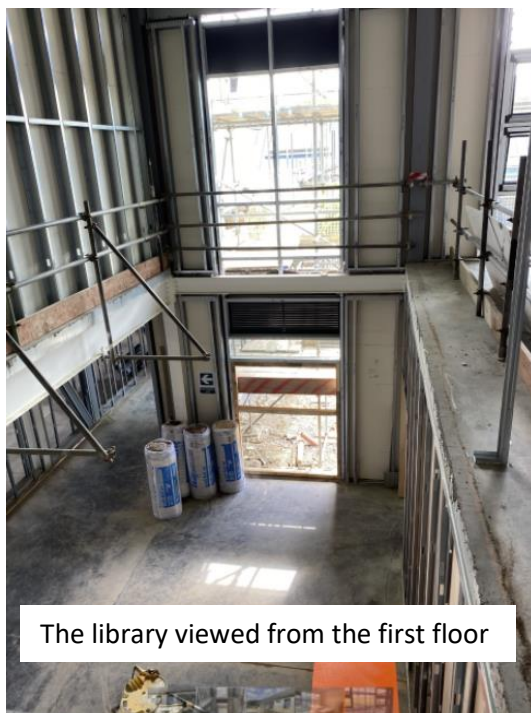
If your child needs medication to be stored in school, please ensure that you have returned it to us with the care plan. There are still a few which have not been returned since the summer holidays. Please also ensure that all medication has the original prescription label attached. Thank you.

## New Build Update

We continue to be amazed at the rate of progress of the building. On our site visit last week, we could really see how the rooms are taking shape as lots of the internal walls are now in place. The building is going to be light and spacious and we particularly love the double height library space.

We have started to plan some curriculum opportunities and teachers will be visiting the site soon to meet with Robertson's and to get inspired for our spring term whole school topic which will be based on the new school. It is a great opportunity to have a real focus and purpose to everyone's learning. More information will follow!

The Pupil Design Team (PDT) are meeting next week to look at the logo for the new school. We have been bouncing ideas back and forwards with the graphic designer since the PDT decided, with the help of their classes, that we should have a new design but keep the sunshine so that we retained some of our important identity. We can tell you that the logo is predominantly green but that the Broadway East sun remains and is set against a blue sky. There will be a big reveal once we get the final digital copies!



As always, please get in touch if you have any questions. Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

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