



Newsletter 24
19th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with regret that we had to close two year group bubbles this week so soon after the whole school return. When we have positive cases we are required to work in liaison with Public Health England (PHE) and complete a risk assessment with them before taking a decision on who to ask to self-isolate. We are obliged to follow their recommendations which is what we have done. This included self-isolating nine members of staff. PHE's main concern was to avoid any further spread of Coronavirus and let us pray that everyone's efforts and sacrifices have had this effect.

We are very conscious of the impact this has on children and families and the knock on effect it has on lives. We were able to revert to remote learning immediately but we would rather children were in school. We were following all the guidelines to minimise contact between classes but these were widened in this case. In order to avoid a repeat of year group closures we have now moved to class bubbles even though it puts increased restrictions on pupils.

This means that:

- Classes will continue to be separated in the dining hall
- Playgrounds will be split into class zones
- There will be no year group face to face assemblies or events (music, sports) during school time.

Extra-curricular clubs outside of the school day and after school care are permitted to run as they have been, following their own risk assessments and guidelines. Clubs run by APEX are permitted to continue in Year group bubbles. Obviously if there is a positive case within a club, all in the club would need to self-isolate along with just the one class contacts.

We keep all those suffering the effects of Coronavirus in our thoughts and prayers and wish them a speedy recovery.

Please continue to be vigilant and take your child for a test should they have one of the symptoms – **high temperature, a new continuous cough, loss or change to your sense of smell/taste**. Please inform the school of the result – positive or negative.

We encourage all children to be in school but we do ask that, if they are unwell, that they are not sent into school until they are fully fit and well.

Rainbow Day

The PA will be holding Rainbow Day on Friday 30th April. This is a very popular day when children are invited to wear as many different colours to school. They are asked to get sponsorship from relatives and friends for the number of colours they can show. Since our last Rainbow Day two years ago, Rainbows have become more significant as a symbol of thanks, hope and solidarity and we want to embrace that. We would like the money raised to go towards developing our Memorial Garden as a Rainbow area – specifically with a water feature and with an area to remember and celebrate the lives of families and friends who have lost their lives during the pandemic. Please see the attached flyer from the PA. The sponsorship forms will be attached to next week's Wednesday email.

Reminders

End of term - there will be no early finish at the end of term next Friday. We will be finishing at the normal staggered times.

Parent Consultations – April 20th and 22nd – these will be remote on Google Meet. The signing up sheet will go out at the start of next term and you will be sent a link.

Show Racism the Red Card workshop for 6 Johnson – Tuesday 23rd March. Please could parents complete the consent form sent out this week and return it on Monday at the latest. This can be done electronically.

Dates

March 26th – Diocese of Westminster Mass for School 10am (Pupils will livestream in school)

May 4th – 7th Shakespeare Week

May 11th – Class photos and Year 6 individual photos

July 5th - 9th – School Journey – PGL

July 16th – Leavers' Mass in school

More events will be added to when we have a clearer idea of when restriction will be lifted.

Sports Clubs

Mr Collingwood is running a Year 6 football club on Monday

APEX will be running as normal.

Celebrations

French Certificate

Congratulations to Ellis Hawes who was awarded this week's French certificate for his good participation and increased confidence.

Head Teacher Awards

We are very proud of the community spirit and actions to help others in our wider community. Well done to 4 Attenborough's **Ciara Corkery, Mabel Goodwin** and **Sofia Khodadoost Ramirez** for achieving Blue Peter Badges for activities related to saving our

planet and caring for others. Special congratulations to Poppy Griffin for achieving a Silver Blue Peter Badge – her fifth – this week.

Congratulations

We are delighted to share news of a new baby in our community. Year 3 teacher Miss Ryan gave birth to a healthy baby boy this week. We send her our very best wishes.

We look forward to welcoming Year 3 and Year 5 back in school from Tuesday.

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher