



Newsletter 17
14th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back at the start of the new term. It has been great to have the school buzzing with activity and learning. Thank you to all our parents who have followed our guidance in an effort to make the school the safest it can be during a pandemic. As of today we have four children nearing the end of their isolation period and the picture is looking very positive. I realise this could change very quickly but feel that we are working together to keep children and staff in school. Please do continue to follow our updated guidance below in order to keep it this way and let us know if your child has a positive LFT or is a close contact. This can be done via email to admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk or by phoning our office on 01442 253347. The updated guidance is also on the website under Covid-19 updates.

Important change to self-isolation from this Monday (January 17th)

The Government advice on self-isolating is changing. Please read in detail the Government information below as it does not mean that your child returns to school on day 5. Please note day one is the day **after** your child's positive LFT. The Government have advised us:

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#). If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Government advice on PCR tests: *Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will*

mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

Situation	Action	Isolation
Your child has symptoms and tests positive on a LFT	Take next day as Day 1 of isolation.	10 days isolation unless negative LFT on day 5 and morning of day 6. If both LFTs are negative child can return on day 6.
Your child is non-symptomatic but tests positive on a LFT	Taking next day as Day 1 of isolation.	10 days isolation unless negative LFT on day 5 and morning of day 6. If both LFTs are negative child can return on day 6.
Your child is a close contact of a person with a positive LFT or PCR test.	Take next day following initial close contact as Day 1 of isolation. If later child has a positive LFT, isolation period starts again – next day Day 1.	5 days isolation unless negative LFT on day 5 and 6. Return day 6.
Your child has had Covid in the last six weeks and is now a close contact of someone with Covid	Take daily LFT and, if negative, continue to attend school.	No isolation, unless positive LFT.
You do not have enough lateral flow tests	Apply via government website / get code and collect from Pharmacy.	You need to continue isolation for full 10 days (no early release).

Those children isolating will be supported with work via their Google Classroom. This will be in the form of work relevant to what other children are working on in school.

School life

In school, we are enjoying life as “normal”. Interventions are beginning again and, if your child is part of an intervention, you will be getting a letter next week.

Epiphany Mass

Year 3 led the whole school in Mass on Monday, celebrated by Fr Brian. With three classes in the Hall, the rest of the school took part remotely. Year 3 are commended for their excellent participation, particularly reading so clearly and with respect. Their singing was beautiful. Well done Year 3.



Merit Certificates

Well done to the following children who have been selected by their class teacher for being shining examples of our Mission Statement – *Growing together in love and learning as followers of Jesus.*

3Anning	Caitlin Corkery	For supporting her friend during Epiphany Mass and bravely taking on a new role.
3Nightingale	Ella Stewart	For her fantastic contribution to our Epiphany Mass and for focusing on her learning this week.
4Jemison	Chantelle Gunasekera	For outstanding sticky learning in grammar knowledge and application in her work.
4Attenborough	Freya Bentley	For her outstanding effort and focussed learning attitude resulting in some work to be very proud of.
5Mandela	Rosi-Mai Gimmi	For her outstanding learning attitude this term. Keep up the great work.
5Einstein	Jack James	For a fantastic imaginative piece of research homework on Shakespeare. Well done.
6Johnson	Enosh Fernandes	For all his hard work with division this week and never giving up, even when things are tricky.
6Martin Luther King	Lexie Thompson	For displaying fantastic learning behaviours this week in all subjects – a great start to the new year.

Head teachers awards

Riley Gorman (4A) – for amazing progress in his handwriting that shows all his hard work is producing great results.

Alexander Harris (6MLK) for his punctuality this term and his attitude to learning.

4J were a focus of awards for achievement at the end of last term:

Hana Sobota (spelling); **Leo Sweeney** (times tables); **Finn Whiting** (spelling); **Mateusz Zalewski** (arithmetic); **Teo Woda** (handwriting).

Music success

Congratulations to Maja Kelly for passing her ABRSM Grade 3 Music Theory exam taken just before Christmas.

Caritas Ambassadors

Caritas Westminster leader Frances Moore meet with Year 5s today to discuss their leadership on caritas in school. This follows our whole school initiative last term on Human Dignity. Year 5 are now embarking on a project that will enable them to become Caritas Ambassadors.

Shakespeare Week

We are excited to be welcoming back the Young Shakespeare Company for our annual workshops. Each class will have a half day workshop on a play. These have proved very popular with pupils each year and provide excellent support for their learning in English. The

workshops will run from Monday to Thursday, starting with Year 3 on Monday; Year 4 Tuesday; Year 5 Wednesday and Year 6 on Thursday.

Sports Fixtures and Events

Boys' Football Fixtures

Thursday 27th January - Away at Lime Walk

Friday 4th February - Home to St Mary's

Tuesday 8th March - Away to Potten End

Girls' Netball Fixtures

Friday 28th January v St Barts (Venue to be confirmed)

Thursday 24th February -Year 6 Slam Jam Basketball Tournament - After School at Longdean.

Wednesday 9th March - Year 4 and Year 6 Girls' Football Tournaments at Longdean - Daytime

Wednesday 16th March - Year 3 Tag Rugby Festival at Camelot - Morning

Tuesday 29th March - Year 6 Boys' Football Tournament at King's Langley - Daytime

Wednesday 30th March - Year 4 Boys' Football Tournament at King's Langley – Daytime

Parent Consultations

Please be aware that these will be held on February 8th and 10th in school between 5 – 8pm.

PA AGM

The Parents Association AGM is being held remotely next Thursday at 7.30pm. A member of the Parents Association will circulate a zoom meeting link to parents via the class WhatsApp groups. All parents are invited.

Vacancy

Our site manager Mr McKinnon is sadly moving on to a new challenge after half term and we are looking for a new caretaker/site manager. The advert is now on the Teach In Herts website and can be found using this link: https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,caretakersite-manager_69623.htm where there is a job description and application form. If you would like to visit the school to understand more about this role, please contact our school office.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes

Mrs Smith

Head Teacher