



Newsletter 18
21st January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Shakespeare Week has been a truly inspirational week. The children have been actively engaged and enjoyed learning about A Midsummer Night's Dream (Year 3); Romeo and Juliet (Year 4); Hamlet (Year 5); and Macbeth (Year 6). Our thanks to Fiona Penney from the Young Shakespeare Company who has brought Shakespeare very much alive in the school. Look out for some inspired writing from your children following these workshops.



Yr6 Macbeth

Yr5 Hamlet



**Yr3 A Midsummer
Night's Dream**



**Romeo and
Juliet (Yr4)**



Important message regarding Covid Guidance

This term, our policy of children who are close contacts staying at home and staff/adults wearing masks in school has, so far, helped the school setting avoid being a source of infection / outbreak of Covid.

We have several examples of children who are close contacts going on to have positive tests after isolating. Parents co-operation has significantly helped prevent spread in school.

As a school we have decided to continue, certainly for the time being, to request that pupils who are close contacts continue to isolate unless they have recently had Covid themselves.

From next Thursday, the requirement to wear masks is lifted but staff and visitors are requested to wear masks in communal areas (as it was last term) as appropriate both for their own and others health. Unfortunately, Covid is still with us. All your actions and those of our school community have helped keep this to a relatively low level and we want to keep it this way.

We hope that with these measures in place, the education of pupils will not be affected by staff and pupil absences. We will continue to support children absent due to Covid with work on Google Classroom.

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 (ie someone in your household) 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.	Five days isolation – taking LFT on day 5 and 6. Return day 6. If a positive LFT in the 5 days, start isolation again.
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).

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	Dominic Jana	For helping others, working hard and coping with change in such a positive manner.
3Nightingale	Jesse Jenet-Kings	For working hard in lessons and communicating well with his peers.
4Jemison	Ellis Hazlett	For his determination in spelling and handwriting, for being a thoughtful learning partner and a true friend.
4Attenborough	Riley Gratton-Cobb	For his dramatic performance and enthusiastic contribution to the Shakespeare workshop and class learning.
5Mandela	Alexander Thomas	For being such a positive and kind member of the class. Also, for his brilliant understanding of equivalent fractions.
5Einstein	Liam Carter	For his positive attitude to learning this week, especially in our Hamlet writing lesson.
6Johnson	Mollie-Mai Halden	For her resilience and perseverance in long division this week and her shining performance as Lady Macbeth.
6Martin Luther King	Cavan Massey	For his enthusiastic engagement in our Shakespeare workshop and his perseverance with long division.

PA AGM

Last night the PA held its AGM. It was amazing to review how much has been done despite the restriction on events.

This has been another year without precedent and I am amazed and enthused by the continued contribution of the PA and, in particular the committee. Thanks to all parents' generosity the PA has continued to raise vital funds for the school – particularly for areas that enrich children's experience of school.

One initiative was to purchase the red hearts that are now on the Cross in the upper playground – the children have written names of loved one they have lost during the last few years. The cross is part of our Rainbow Garden – a quiet area where children can reflect.

Some of the funds raised will now go to rejuvenating our stock of i-pads. There is an increased demand for i-pads in school (and lots of great educational APPs) and classes will be excited to have more access to this form of technology.

All the fund-raising by the PA is only possible thanks to the efforts of the PA committee – so I would like to make an urgent plea for parents who are willing to give some time to help our dwindling committee. As we have a four year roll over, we are hoping that some of our Year 3 and 4 parents will step forward to help.

The PA committee will be putting out a flyer at our Parents Evening (Feb 8th and 10th) in the hope that you can join the PA team. They are a great group and would make you very welcome.

Dates for your diary:

10.2.21: Happy Bags can be dropped off in the afternoon for collection on Friday 11th. More details to come on what can go in the bags from the PA soon.

25.3.21: Mothers' Day Gift sale and a second-hand book sale.

Sports Fixtures and Events

Letters have gone out today for a Year 4 girls' 7-a-side football tournament in Watford (Watford FC Sports Trust run) next Friday morning.

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 – Home to St Bartholomew's

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 Kings Langley - Daytime

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

Vacancy

We are still looking for a new caretaker/site manager to start after half term. 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.

Parent Consultations

Sign up for Parent consultations is now open via the website (see Wednesday email for instructions if needed) on February 8th and 10th in school between 5 – 8pm.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher