

Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a lovely week at school and with the weather warming up slightly it has been wonderful to see classes taking their learning outside with a focus on continuing the work initiated on the Children's Health Project last week. We have been auditing our outside provision and have been planning this week on how we can further develop our EYFS area and Forest School – a really exciting project! Following last week's news bulletin, we have had parents come forward to help in our Community Allotment so thank you to those volunteers. We will be in touch when we have a timetable and plan for starting.

This week we have had some classes where cases of Covid have emerged but we are pleased to say numbers still remain incredibly low. You will have received a courtesy email if a positive case applies to your child's class. We will send follow up emails to classes where cases seem to be rising significantly to keep you informed. As mentioned below we have had a number of queries this week regarding what to do in certain Covid circumstances – we've therefore attached the flowchart (revised following government isolation guidance) for your reference. I hope you find this useful.
Have a lovely weekend,

Samantha Hill
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2022:	
Monday 31st January	Girls Football vs St Georges
February 2022:	
Wednesday 2nd February	KS2 Sportshall and Sportsability athletics
Thursday 3rd February	Netball- Sports Village
Friday 4th February	U11'S football at St Giles School
Monday 7th February	Year 3- Rabbits Swimming
Tuesday 8th February	Year 4 Roman Soldier visit- in school.
Monday 14th February	Year 3- Rabbits Swimming
Tuesday 15th February	National Child Measurement Programme- Year 6
Wednesday 16th February	National Child Measurement Programme- Reception
Friday 18th February	Break up for half term!
Monday 28th February	PD day
March 2022	
Tuesday 1st March	Back in School
Thursday 3rd March	Balance Bike training for Nursery and Reception Children- Week 1
Thursday 3rd March	Roctopus in school for Year 3,4,5 & 6.
Thursday 24th March	Year 6 parents SATS information workshop
Wednesday 30th March	Easter Disco!
April 2022	
Tuesday 5th April	Year 3/4 Easter Performance in Church
Wednesday 6th April	Year 3/4 Easter Performance
Friday 8th April	Break up for Easter Holidays!
Monday 25th April	Back in School
Monday 25th April	Year 4 Pioneer Trip
Wednesday 27th April	Year 4 returning from Pioneer Trip

Eco School Update:



Biodiversity:

In Eco Club this week, we have planted some leek seeds which will hopefully be ready to harvest in the summer. Keep your fingers crossed!

We have planted 3 different types of leeks so that we can compare them when they grow. We have watered them and left them inside to grow until it is warm enough to go outside. We are hoping to put them in the community garden soon so watch this space!

We are planning on growing some more seeds throughout the year to develop our community garden further. Please do not stand on the beds of the community garden (beside the track) as we are preparing them for planting soon.

Litter Free Lunch Day

Eco Club are starting to think about hosting a 'Litter Free Lunch Day' which will take place later on this term (date TBC). Here are some suggestions to make your packed lunches and snacks more eco-friendly in the meanwhile:

- Buy fruit from the supermarket which doesn't come in a wrapper e.g., bananas, apples, oranges
- Bring reusable bags or tupperware for your sandwiches rather than single-use plastic
- Buy a larger bag of healthy snacks and portion into reusable tupperware
- Avoid buying snacks with individual wrappers

Let us know if you have any further ideas for reducing litter around the school.

Upcoming Dates:

28th – 30th January 2022 – Big Garden Birdwatch – Check your child's Seesaw page for more information or check online at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

Values and Worship:

This week in assembly we have considered the links between Faith and Courage. We began to read the story of Gideon and discussed how even though we might not feel brave, if we believe in ourselves we can overcome our fears and be successful.



REMINDER & NOTICES

- Headlice. We have had some cases reported of headlice within school. Please ensure you check your child's hair regularly.
- Covid update: We are receiving a number of calls from parents unsure of what to do if their child has symptoms. NHS guidance remains that if you have any of the symptoms, even if they are mild, your child should stay at home and arrange to have a PCR test. You do not need to take a PCR test if you have already taken an LFD test and the result was positive. LFD testing is intended for asymptomatic cases only and so any symptoms should be checked with a PCR please.
Also, just to clarify regarding the self-isolation guidance for positive cases - it is now possible to end self-isolation after 5 full days if you have 2 negative LFD tests taken on consecutive days. We are sending out the flowchart on what to do in a variety of circumstances for your reference.
- Residential: The payment schedules for the Pioneer Centre trip for Year 4 in April have now been set up on School Money. If you have any problems with this please contact admin. Letters detailing plans for the Year 5 and 6 residential taking place in July will be out before half term.
- Attendance: Please ensure you ring and leave a message for school each day your child is absent or email attendance@oak.mmat.co.uk Thank you.

Life Skills and Laughter club:

Teaching your child, the essential life skills is necessary for sufficiency, self-care and developing healthy self-esteem. These life skills will go hand in hand along with your child's overall development.

- Adaptation and problem-solving
- Basic first aid.
- Preparing meals.
- Basic craft making.
- Basic personal care.
- Independence.
- Decision-making.
- Basic sewing and Woodwork.
- Household and cleaning chores.
- Communicating with the people appropriately.
- Money management.
- Gain confidence/ Resolve conflicts.
- Manage stress and anxiety.

Time will be given to any child that wishes to discuss any worries that they may have.

Nanny Sally's kitchen.
Tuesdays 3.20-4.30pm
£2.00 per session.
Val Jackson (CBT therapist)
Jess Watkins Volunteer (DBS Checked)