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Newsletter Wednesday, 26th February 2020

Dear Parents

This week's news items.....

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Coronavirus is getting a great deal of press attention currently so we wanted to update parents about the school's position.

First, our youngsters can be quite good at hearing snippets of information and often just the most disturbing pieces of information – so I would ask that all parents help by giving children the advice they need but reassuring them about how unlikely it is that they will encounter any problems.

From a school perspective we are keeping a close eye on the advice from Public Health England about the virus. Children have been spoken to and we have put up around school posters encouraging good hygiene practice – catch it, bin it, kill it and an emphasis on good handwashing.

In addition we would ask parents to help us by ensuring they follow advice

If you travelled over the half term holiday to any of the areas currently seen to be at risk – Iran, 'special care zones' in South Korea as designated by the Government of the Republic of South Korea, Hubei province (returned in the past 14 days) or the following areas of Northern Italy

Lombardi region, which includes: Codogno, Castiglione d'Adda, Casalpusterlengo, Fombio, Maleo, Somaglia, Bertonico, Terranova dei Passerini, Castelgerundo, San Fiorano or in the Veneto region - Vo 'Euganeo

If you have been to these areas you should immediately:

- stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu
- call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the area

Please follow this advice even if you do not have symptoms of the virus.

If you have returned from other areas of Northern Italy (defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini) since 19 February **and develop symptoms of the virus**

You should immediately:

- stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu
- call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the area

Please note: you do not need to follow this advice if you have no symptoms

Please contact school if you have any queries.

Staffing in Year 1

Unfortunately Mrs Cook is currently absent from school. In order to provide some continuity I have asked Mrs Owen to take the class and she will work closely alongside Miss Paul who will support planning etc. This means that the planned rescheduled Parents' Evening for Mrs Cook's class will now not take place. If you have any queries about anything specific then please do arrange to see Mrs Owen. We will ensure that we find a time before the Easter break for parents to meet with school staff, once we have more details of Mrs Cook's return to school.

This week Miss Paul has also been absent and I am very grateful that Mrs Owen has taken Class 1HP during this time. Miss Paul is expected to return to school tomorrow.

Parents' Meetings for Class 5MB

A reminder to parents of children in Mrs Baxter's class that we have our postponed parents' evenings on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th March. Appointment times have already been given out – if you need reminding of your time please call the school office or ask your child to confirm the day / time with Mrs Baxter.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

Next Thursday World Book Day is celebrated and we have a range of activities going on in classes across the school. Today children will bring home a reading challenge asking them to try and read everyday for the next 10 days. Homework for children this week will also include an activity asking them to design a badge or hat relating to a favourite book or book character. In addition on Thursday next week we will be holding a book swap where children can exchange books they have read (NB that this is a permanent swap and not borrowing). Next week children will also bring home a World Book Day book token that they can use towards the cost of a new book at retailers who accept them.

Kids Club Charges

It is some time since we had an increase in our Kids Club charges and a review of costs has shown that we need to increase charges in order to cover costs. From Monday 20th April 2020 charges will be:

Breakfast Club £4.00 per child per session

After School Club £7.00 per child per session

Holiday Club £20.00 per child per day. (£10 for a half day session)

Booking Hot School Meals

We have a number of parents who are trying to book meals via the school office. Please remember that meals can only be booked via our school meals website

<https://hotmeals.st-john.lincs.sch.uk/>

Booking must be made by Thursday evening and bookings by this Thursday are for the week beginning Monday 9th March.

This letter is also being e-mailed to all the parents registered with our Teacher2Parent mail service. If you do not get an emailed copy please tell the school office so that we can check your details.