



Message from Mrs Richmond

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Parent / Teacher Meetings

Feedback regarding teacher / parent meetings which took place last week was very positive. Teachers have reported that some parents were concerned where their children's results showed a dip in attainment when compared with the autumn data. If this is the case with your child, please do not be overly concerned. This is the picture across the country and it is important to keep everything in context and remember that many children were out of school for nearly three months. SLT will be working with teaching staff to ensure that any gaps are closed.

SLT and Headteacher Recruitment

As mentioned previously, myself and Miss Patrick are continuing to work with the SLT to ensure a smooth transition when the substantive head is in place. This will involve ensuring that the SLT have all the necessary opportunities needed to ensure the smooth day to day running of the school. As such, members of the SLT may take on tasks on behalf of myself or Miss Patrick from time to time, for example Mrs Wall was asked to complete the newsletter last week.

The Governing Board will keep parents informed in regard to the progress of the recruitment process.

Pyjamarama Book Trust

On the 14th May, all children are invited to wear their pyjamas to school in support of the Book Trusts national fundraising event. Parents will be asked to make a donation of £1 and further information in this regard will follow from the office.

Have a lovely week,
Mrs Richmond



Little Stars!

This week we are celebrating the achievements of the following children who have received awards for exceptional work and wonderful behaviour or attitude to learning.

Head Teacher's Award

Yr R

- Ianthe
- Aoife

Yr 1

- Oscar T
- Liviah

Yr 2

- Rayyan
- Emlyn

Class Teacher's Award

Yr R

- Leonie
- Alexander P

Yr 1

- Jack H
- Callum

Yr 2

- Jacey
- Betsy

Well done to these children!

House Teams

The school house teams have now been finalised. Children will be told by Thursday which team they are in. The team names will be linked to Dojos and can will also be used for sports days and other events. The team names were chosen by the children and are as follows:

- Pegasus
- Phoenix
- Unicorn
- Dragons

If you have any questions about the house teams, please contact your child's class teacher.

Inset Day

Our final Inset day of the year will be on Wednesday 21st July. The last day of term for children will be Tuesday 20th July. We will have an early finish on this day, with an approximate finish of 1.10pm.

Mrs Gabbott and Mrs Vaughan fundraising hike for Macmillan

Mrs Gabbott and Mrs Vaughan are training to complete the Thames Path Mighty Hike on Saturday 17th July 2021. They will be walking 26 miles from Windsor to Henley to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. If you would like to support them, the link to their fundraising page is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hairyhikers2020>

They intend to complete the event, even if it is cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

Follow the link to their Facebook page where parents and children can see where they have been training. This will be updated regularly with pics and posts and it will also feature the sponsorship links.

https://www.facebook.com/Gabbott-Vaughans-training-adventures-108021541430600/?ref=page_internal

Class PE days—reminder

Monday: Ruby, Diamond

Tuesday: Silver

Wednesday: Gold, Emerald, Sapphire

Thursday: Emerald, Sapphire

Friday: Gold, Silver, Ruby, Diamond

COVID-19 Tests

We are aware that there is some confusion about the variety of COVID tests now available.

If a member of your family is **showing symptoms** of COVID-19 you must book a **COVID-19 PCR test**, either at a drive through centre or order a postal PCR test kit which is then sent off for PCR analysis. The results of these test normally come back within 24-48 hours.

The lateral flow, rapid COVID-19 tests are **not suitable** for anyone showing symptoms. These tests are for routine use for people who may be asymptomatic.

If any member of your household is showing symptoms you must book a PCR test for them.

If your child is returning to school following self-isolation you must contact the school office, before bringing your child onto the school site. You will need to confirm that a negative PCR test result has been received.

School Lunches

Week commencing 4th May we will be on **Week 3** of the new dinner menu as detailed below.

Week 3 – 3 May

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Red 2 cheese vegetable pizza with jacket wedges & cucumber sticks (v)		Red Chicken & butter-nut curry with rice & green beans		Red Pulled pork in a Yorkshire pudding with roast potatoes, carrots & gravy		Red Lincolnshire pork sausages with mini potato waffles & broccoli		Red Pollock or salmon fish fingers with chips & peas	
Green Roasted spring vegetable tortilla calzone with jacket wedges & broccoli		Green BBQ Quorn meatballs with golden rice & peas		Green Yorkshire pudding filled with roasted vegetable with roast potatoes & spring greens		Green Glamorgan sausages with mini potato waffles & carrots		Green Veggie fingers with spicy wedges & baked beans	
Jacket & cheese		Jacket & cheese		Jacket & cheese		Jacket & cheese		Jacket & cheese	
Jacket & beans		Jacket & beans		Jacket & beans		Jacket & beans		Jacket & beans	
Jacket & tuna with mayo		Jacket & tuna with mayo		Jacket & tuna with mayo		Jacket & tuna with mayo		Jacket & tuna with mayo	
Pudding Oaty banana muffin (v)		Pudding Cheese & crackers (v)		Pudding Jelly with melon slices (v)		Pudding Selection of fruit yoghurt (v)		Pudding Butterscotch cookie (v)	

Reminders

What to do if a member of your household is showing COVID symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

(Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.)

This is a reminder of guidelines sent out earlier in the autumn.

- The person showing symptoms should request a test and the entire household must self-isolate at home pending the test result.
- This means that you should keep your children at home until the result is received. Please inform the school on the first day of absence.
- If the test result is positive your whole household must continue to self-isolate until the date advised by the NHS. Please advise us of this date.
- Please keep in communication with the school and inform us if any other member of your household develops symptoms and subsequently has a positive test result, as this could impact on our school bubbles.
- If the result is negative we ask that you send your child back to school as soon as possible. Please send them in on the day that the result is received if that is practical, or on the next day if that is not feasible. If your child is the one who had the negative result they can return as soon as they are well enough. Please inform the school of the negative test result.

Please follow these guidelines very carefully to help us keep our community safe.

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing (laminar flow test).

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below.

Please share the information below with your parent networks to help answer any questions they may have:

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm. Tests are **not available from schools or colleges**.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Summer Term	
10th May	Class photos (for those who have signed consent forms)	
14th May	All children are invited to wear their pyjamas to school for a donation of £1 in support of the Pyjamarama Book Trust.	
28th May	Last day of term before the start of the half term holiday	Usual staggered finish times 3.05-3.15pm
7th June	INSET Day—school closed to children	All day
Tuesday 20th July	Last day of summer term	Approximate finish 1.10pm (to be confirmed)
Wednesday 21st July	INSET Day—school closed to children	All day

Inset Days 2020/21:

7th June 2021

21st July 2021